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BUILDING INCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS TO MAJOR CHALLENGES

As Asia's rising influence alters the global balance of power, the countries of the region play an even more crucial role in resolving the many challenges that face the international community. Yet Asian perspectives are underrepresented in international institutions, and the Asia-Pacific region itself lacks an institutional architecture that can manage tensions and foster peace and prosperity.

ASPI engages across borders and oceans to emphasize Asian perspectives, and involves leaders from policy and business on equal footing in developing solutions to major challenges affecting Asia and its countries' relationship with the United States. ASPI's Asia-focused policy initiatives emphasize clear-sighted analysis and practical solutions.

Asia Society Policy Institute's policy initiatives include:

- *The Future of U.S.-China Relations* – Promotes a constructive, realistic narrative for the U.S.-China relationship and helps to build trust between the two powers by catalyzing collaboration on issues of mutual interest across bilateral, regional, and global spheres.
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- *India and APEC* – Convenes a high-level, international task force to develop a strategy for India's membership in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, identify the benefits and obstacles to it, and seek to generate support for India's membership in India and among APEC members.

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