APEC Shenzhen: Possible US-China-Russia Trilateral Meeting

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12 November 2026: Discussion is intensifying over the possibility of a rare trilateral meeting of the American, Chinese and Russian presidents on the sidelines of the APEC summit to be held in Shenzhen, China - the US President himself indicated such a meeting was possible, China confirmed that discussions were continuing, while according to the Kremlin preparations are under way but a final announcement is yet to come.

- Proposed meeting: A joint sitting of the three leaders would be rare; work is proceeding through informal channels on mediation and the format of talks.
- Host: China is hosting APEC 2026; the summit is in Shenzhen.
- Backdrop: Amid US-China trade tensions and the Russia-Ukraine war, such a meeting carries diplomatic significance.
- Founded: 1989 - a regional economic forum to harness the growing economic interdependence of the Asia-Pacific region.
- Members: 21 member 'economies' (the word 'economies' is used); India is not a member.
- Working style: Based on voluntary cooperation and consensus; decisions are non-binding.
- Secretariat: Singapore.
- Goals: Balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth; regional economic integration (in the tradition of the Bogor Goals).
- Syllabus link: General Studies - International Relations (regional groupings, multilateral diplomacy).
- Key: APEC uses the word 'economies', not 'countries' - Hong Kong and Taiwan are also members; India is not a member.

Possible confusion: Do not mix up APEC (1989, Singapore secretariat) with ASEAN (1967, Jakarta); APEC decisions are not binding.

Q1: Which city is hosting the APEC 2026 summit?

(a) Beijing(b) Shanghai(c) Shenzhen(d) Guangzhou

Answer and explanation: (c) The host city of APEC 2026 is Shenzhen (China).

Q2: Choose the correct statement about APEC:

(a) It has 27 members and India is a member(b) Its decisions are binding on members(c) It has 21 members and its secretariat is in Singapore(d) It is a military alliance

Answer and explanation: (c) APEC has 21 member economies, its secretariat is in Singapore, and its decisions are non-binding.

Associated Press - Xi-Trump-Putin meeting in Shenzhen under discussion: China

The Japan Times - Trilateral summit at APEC moves closer to reality

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