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A light brown silhouette map of the Asia-Pacific region, showing the outlines of major landmasses including North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Australia. A horizontal blue band with white diagonal lines runs across the center of the map, serving as a background for the title text.

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1. the 2021 ABAC recommendations

- Prioritize areas (agriculture, non-tariff barriers, services, and investment) for **early progress** towards an eventual FTAAP
- Focusing on **next generation trade and investment issues**
- **Recommit** to achieving FTAAP

2. Issues to be included in the 2022 recommendations

- Maintaining and improving the **quality** of existing agreements
- **Encourage** interested economies as new entrants
- Higher quality rules standards in the **e-commerce chapters**
- Globalize **women and MSMEs**
- Reduce government restrictions on the trade of **medical products**
- Appropriate measures to deal with **climate change** issues

A stylized map of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) region is shown in a light orange color. The map includes the eastern United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, South America, Australia, and New Zealand. A horizontal blue band with a white-to-blue gradient and thin white lines runs across the center of the map, containing the text "Thank you!".

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