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Executive Summary - 7th Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation Meeting

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Submitted by: PPSTI Chair



**7th Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and
Innovation Meeting
Arequipa, Peru
10-12 May 2016**

ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION
7TH POLICY PARTNERSHIP ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION (PPSTI) MEETING
AREQUIPA, PERU, 10-12 MAY 2016

Executive Summary

Highlights

The 7th APEC Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation (PPSTI) met in Arequipa, Peru from 10-12 May 2016. Sixteen member economies (Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Chinese Taipei, United States and Viet Nam), ABAC, and 6 guests (APRU; IASP; Macao, China; Mr Yang Tianruo; Mr Gary Urteaga; Ms Irina Rymshina) attended the meeting. The PPSTI-7 Meeting considered the theme “**Science, Technology and Innovation for Quality Growth**”.

PPSTI 7 was chaired by Mr. Chen Linhao (China) with Ms. Karin Fassbender (Peru) and Ms. Christin Kjelland (USA) as vice-chairs and ABAC Principal Advisor Mr. Nicholas Brooke.

Day 1 commenced with opening remarks from the President of CONCYTEC Gisella Orjeda, Chairman Chen Linhao, and speeches from ABAC, IASP and APRU. Peru then presented its 2016 Host Economy priorities. This was followed by reports from the APEC Secretariat and the Economic Committee, the latter detailing its work on Structural Reform and Innovation.

Following presentations on the 2016 ASPIRE prize, PPWE’s project on Women in STEM, and ART 2016, PPSTI discussed the recommendations from its 2015 Independent Assessment. The last presentation of the first half day was by Peru on the potential for a joint PPSTI HRDWG meeting at SOM3.

In the afternoon, PPSTI’s 3 Sub-Groups met on the following sub-themes: A) Building Science Capacity (Chair: United States, Vice-Chair: Malaysia), B) Promoting Enabling Environment for Innovation (Chair: the Philippines, Vice-Chair: United States), and C) Enhancing Regional Science and Technology Connectivity (Chair: Chinese Taipei, Vice-Chair: Peru). PPSTI projects and proposals were presented during the sessions.

Day 2 commenced with the Innovation Policy Sharing Seminar under the theme “Promoting Entrepreneurship for Quality Growth”. Sessions covered (i) educating and engaging a tech savvy youth for the STI job market (ii) encouraging entrepreneurship from the perspectives of government, academic and business and (iii) financing an STI ecosystem.

Day 2 continued with the wrap-ups from the Sub-Groups and a report on the forthcoming APEC Centers Cooperation Conference. The Chief Science Advisors & Equivalents process was also discussed. The ABAC Principal Advisor outlined that he had identified five projects which he considered would be of interest to the private sector and business.

Lastly the group endorsed this executive summary, watched an update on the PPSTI Coral Garden from the Philippines, and looked ahead to the PPSTI 7 Eco-Tour and to PPSTI 8 in Lima this August.

PPSTI-7 Endorsements and Agreements:

1. PPSTI discussed and (re)endorsed its 2016 Work Plan without change.

PPSTI-7 Intersessional Actions:

1. PPSTI members will work with the ABAC Principal Advisor to further develop an initial set of projects which might connect with ABAC and support private sector input.
2. The PPSTI welcomed the presentation by the EC Chair on Structural Reform and Innovation and the important role of innovation in driving growth, and will follow-up with EC on the potential of further cooperation, including a potential joint EC – PPSTI discussion in the future.
3. PPSTI discussed the 2015 Independent Assessment recommendations as outlined in the letter to the PPSTI Chair from the SCE Chair. PPSTI members will provide their final inputs on the recommendations to the Chair and Secretariat by 31 May 2016. The Chair will then produce a draft response to SCE for the consideration of members, with the aim of sending that response to the SCE Chair in July. As it may be necessary to continue to reflect on some recommendations at PPSTI 8, 9, or beyond, the response to the SCE Chair may not be conclusive on each recommendation.
4. PPSTI discussed Peru's proposal for a joint HRDWG – PPSTI meeting at SOM3. PPSTI will further consider this and work with Peru intersessionally.
5. PPSTI will consider sending a representative to the IASP World Conference 2016 in Moscow this September.
6. PPSTI will consider the proposal from Korea and Peru of a back-to-back component of ART 2016 at PPSTI 8.
7. PPSTI's ABAC Principal Advisor will draw to the attention of ABAC the projects he identified for consideration for future collaboration.
8. PPSTI Sub-Group reports remain open for further comments which should be sent to the Chair of the Sub-Group (A – United States; B – Philippines and C – Chinese Taipei) by 31 May 2016. The final reports will then be circulated to members by the Secretariat.
9. PPSTI members are also encouraged to submit any new concept notes for Session 2 2016 to the Secretariat no later than 31 May 2016 so that members can consider them prior to the formal deadline of 22 June 2016.
10. A report will be produced on the outcomes from the Innovation Policy Sharing Seminar.

PPSTI-7 Notation

1. PPSTI welcomed the re-engagement of ABAC with the re-appointment of Mr Nicholas Brooke (Hong Kong, China) as ABAC's Principal Advisor to PPSTI.
2. PPSTI welcomed the presentation from the SOM Chair's Office on Peru's 2016 Host Economy priorities and noted the important role of PPSTI in those.
3. PPSTI welcomed the engagement of IASP and APRU and looked forward to furthering that cooperation.

4. PPSTI welcomed the participation of Macao, China, Mr Yang Tianruo, Ms Irina Rymshina and Mr Gary Urteaga.
5. PPSTI welcomed the presentations on ASPIRE 2016 and ART 2016 as two of the key mechanisms under PPSTI.
6. PPSTI welcomed the presentation of the PPWE initiative on Women in STEM.
7. PPSTI welcomed the report of the forthcoming PPSTI Centers Conference to be organized by Korea and members looked forward to participating.
8. PPSTI welcomed all the presentations delivered during the Innovation Policy Sharing Seminar on Promoting Entrepreneurship for Quality Growth.
9. PPSTI welcomed opportunities for cross-fora collaboration and took note of the need to decide on how to approve and promote cross-fora projects.
10. PPSTI took note of perspectives expressed by some members on the issue of the UN SDGs.
11. PPSTI took note of perspectives expressed by some members on a proposed future PPSTI Ministerial-level meeting.
12. PPSTI took note that the APEC Chief Science Advisors & Equivalent meeting will meet back-to-back with PPSTI 8 in Lima, and that the relationship between PPSTI and CSAE needs to be determined.