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## **Ocean and Fisheries Working Group Proposed Work Plan for 2016**

Purpose: Consideration  
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## **Proposed Work Plan for 2016: Ocean and Fisheries Working Group**

### **1. Proposed Work Plan for 2015 in Response to Leaders/Ministers/SOM/SCE Priorities and Decisions, and to ABAC recommendations.**

In 2016, the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) will conduct a sequence of initiatives that aim to respond to APEC Leaders' Declarations, Ministerial and High-Level statements, decisions of Senior Officials, as well as SCE priorities and, where appropriate, ABAC recommendations. The OFWG will continue to implement the Seoul Oceans Declaration (2002), the Bali Plan of Action (2005), the Paracas Declaration (2010), and Xiamen Declaration (2014).

The initiatives to be taken sit within the framework of the OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018), which establishes 7 priority areas:

- 1. Free and Open Trade and Investment
- 2. Sustainable Development and Protection of the Marine Environment
- 3. Food Security
- 4. Climate Change
- 5. Natural disaster/Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Resilience
- 6. Blue Economy
- 7. OFWG Operations

The OFWG will hold two meetings in 2016:

- OFWG 6 in May in Arequipa (during SOM2)
- OFWG 7 in September in Piura (during APEC Food Security Week)

Through those meetings, its intersessional work, and its projects, the OFWG will:

- 1.1. Respond to Peru's Host Year priority for 2016 for the creation of a 'Regional Food Market'
- 1.2. Take actions to implement relevant actions under the 2015 APEC High-Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Blue Economy's Plan of Action.
- 1.3. Strengthen the role of sustainable fisheries and sustainable aquaculture in food security and related trade, including the promotion of inclusive growth strategies, and combating IUU fishing;
- 1.4. Promote responsible fishing industry and open and fair trade for small scale fishers and fish farmers to be integrated into the global food chain;
- 1.5. Promote Blue Economy relevant cooperation on the basis of the OFWG common view on Blue Economy;
- 1.6. Carry out ecosystem-based management approaches and programs, to ensure the effective sustainable management of coastal and marine environment including biodiversity;
- 1.7. Increase collaboration, develop integrated strategies on the impact of climate change;

- 1.8. Develop a Manual on Good Practices to Improve the Supply Chain of marine products aiming to maintain health of the fish stock, strengthening food security and enhancing trade in the Asia Pacific Region;
- 1.9. Promote enhanced capacity building through further OFWG projects. The group will also explore opportunities for developing self-funded projects;
- 1.10. Continue working to enhance coordination with other APEC sub-fora and refining efforts to mainstream ocean issues, including through participation in the Mainstreaming Ocean-related Issues Steering Council.

**2. Anticipated Activities and/or Proposed Work Plan with outside organizations in response to Leaders' and Ministers' calls for greater engagement with A) business sector and B) Other Organizations/Stakeholders, including the IFIs and relevant international and regional Organizations.**

- 2.1. Private sector  
 TBC: Participation  
 TBC: Identify potential partners as part of the OFWG project submission an evaluation process.

TBC: Identify representatives that could attend the next OFWG meeting (subject to APEC guidelines on non-member participation in APEC activities).

- 2.2. WB, FAO, and regional organizations  
 TBC: Participation  
 TBC : Identify representatives that could attend the next OFWG meeting (subject to APEC guidelines on non-member participation in APEC activities)

TBC : Identify organizations or representatives that could contribute to OFWG projects (subject to APEC guidelines on non-member participation in APEC activities)

TBC : Share outcomes of OFWG project with appropriate organizations

- 2.3. NGOs, Research Institutions, Universities and Public Sector  
 TBC: Participation  
 TBC : Identify representatives that could attend to the next OFWG meeting (subject to APEC guidelines on non-member participation in APEC activities).

**3. Identify cross cutting issues and explain how they will be coordinated across APEC Fora.**

- 3.1 Advance actions under the OFWG Food Security Action Plan in coordination with PPFS and the overall APEC Food Security Roadmap 2020.

#### 4. Capacity building activities planned for 2016

- 4.1 Further promote and enhance the capacity building in the OFWG activities including through its active projects; OFWG 03 2014, OFWG 01 2015A, OFWG 01 2015S, OFWG 03 2015 S.
- 4.2 Encourage APEC Marine Environmental Center (AMTEC), APEC Marine Sustainable Development Center (AMSDC), and APEC Ocean and Fisheries Information Center (AOFIC) to further contribute the OFWG capacity building activities.

#### 5. Updates of OFWG Projects/activities:

Ongoing

- 5.1 OFWG 03 2014 (United States – Coastal Ecosystem Valuation)
- 5.2 OFWG 01 2015A (Peru – Manual of Good Practices for Small Scale Fisheries)
- 5.3 OFWG 01 2015S (Chinese Taipei - The 17th APEC Roundtable Meeting on the Involvement of the Business/Private Sector in Sustainability of the Marine Environment)
- 5.4 OFWG 02 2015 S – (China-4th APEC Blue Economy Forum)
- 5.5 OFWG 03 2015 S – (China-Training Workshop on Coastal Eco-Aquaculture Model for Sustaining Food Security)

Recent

- 5.3 OFWG 02 2014 (Japan – Climate Change).
- 5.4 OFWG 04 2013S (China - APEC Marine Spatial Planning Training Workshop)
- 5.5 OFWG 02 2013S (China- APEC Blue Economy Model Program Initiative,Phase 1)
- 5.6 OFWG 01 2014A (Korea - “Preparedness, Response and Assessment of Oil Spill (PRAOS)” (Phase 1 completed)
- 5.7 OFWG 02 2014S (Chinese Taipei - The 16th APEC Roundtable Meeting on the Involvement of the Business/Private Sector in Sustainability of the Marine Environment)

#### 6. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables For 2016

Expected Outcomes	Deadline
Continue to develop both self-funded capacity building proposals, and proposals for APEC-funded projects.	Ongoing
Enhance coordination among OFWG members to develop and prioritize OFWG project submissions.	Ongoing
Prioritize efforts to facilitate collaboration across APEC sub-fora on oceans issues, including through the MOI Steering Council	Ongoing
Continuing efforts towards information sharing	Ongoing
Continue updating the APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report	Ongoing
Identify opportunities for private sector’s involvement in the Blue Economy	Ongoing

<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
cooperation	
Identify private sector needs on fisheries and aquaculture products trade and services among APEC economies	Ongoing
Identify near-term actions addressing the role of fisheries and aquaculture in various APEC Food Security processes	Ongoing
Invite ABAC, private sector, and other relevant non-members to attend the OFWG meetings, as appropriate	Ongoing
Complete summary report of the 6th APEC Ocean and Fisheries Working Group Meeting	May
Implement, as appropriate, recommendations of the 2015 Independent Assessment of OFWG and report back to SCE before SOM3.	July
Complete summary report of the 7th APEC Ocean and Fisheries Working Group Meeting	September
Draft 2017 OFWG Work Plan	December