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# Letter from the SCE Chair

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2019 APEC Senior Officials' Report on Economic and Technical Cooperation.

The work of the SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) and its fora in 2019 has been guided by the APEC 2019 theme of "Connecting People, Building the Future" and the ECOTECH medium-term priorities.

The SCE continued to guide the work of its fora. A new pilot fora assessment system began with seven assessments completed in 2019. 2020 will see the final five fora assessed. This will allow the SCE to have an entire suite of fora assessments prior to the expiration of Terms of Reference in 2020 and 2021. The Committee of the Whole discussions were again structured to better identify cross-fora issues and opportunities, increase engagement, identify synergies between host economy priorities and fora work streams, and foster more open communication between fora. Guidelines developed in 2017 continue to bring increases in cross-fora collaborations amongst SCE fora and between SCE fora and the Committee on Trade and Investment and the Economic Committee and their fora.

This Report highlights some of the many activities of the SCE working groups and task forces. These activities are guided by the ECOTECH medium term priorities and the APEC Strategy for Strengthening Quality Growth, including its focus on institution building, social inclusion, and environmental impact. I am pleased to highlight that the efforts of SCE fora in 2019 contributed to the development of key APEC deliverables in the areas of reducing marine debris; combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing; women in the economy and small and medium sized enterprises among many others.

We continue to advocate for inclusive growth and sustainability by highlighting our achievements that seek to address the social effects of trade.

In presenting this Report, I wish to acknowledge the commitment, hard work, and contributions of APEC members, the SCE fora and our dedicated fora Chairs and Lead Shepherds.

As my time as SCE Chair comes to an end, I welcome New Zealand as the incoming SCE Chair, and I look forward to working closely with them.

Sincerely yours,



Aida Safinaz Allias  
Chair, SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH

# Executive Summary

In 2019, the SOM Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation (SCE) held three meetings in the margins of Senior Officials Meetings (SOM) with Ms Aida Safinaz Allias as Chair. Ms. Safinaz is Malaysia Senior Official for APEC and the Senior Director Regional and International Relations Division from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. The SCE Vice Chair was Mr Nicolas Abdala, from Chile. It organized the 14th annual SCE Committee of the Whole (SCE-COW) meeting and an informal meeting of SCE fora Chairs and Lead Shepherds. The SCE also conducted its business through intersessional discussion.

The Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy (PPWE) supported Chile in its hosting of the Women and the Economy Forum in October 2019, which included a High Level Policy Dialogue on Women and the Economy and a Public-Private Dialogue on Women and the Economy. The key output of the meeting was the Santiago Roadmap on Women and Inclusive Growth - the first time APEC aims to conclude as a leader level initiative focused on women's economic empowerment. At the meeting, the 2019 Dashboard on Women and the Economy was also launched – it is an initiative that seeks to provide a snapshot of the status of women in the region, by tracking the movement of a set of indicators over the years, allowing measurement of the progress of women's economic engagement and women's inclusion in systems, institutions and markets.

The Health Working Group (HWG) and Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF) co-contributed to the 9th APEC High Level Meeting (HLM9) on Health and the Economy with the theme as “Healthy Economies in an Aging World”.

The Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group (SMEWG) contributed to the SME Week and the 25th APEC SME Ministerial Meeting (SMEMM) in Concepción in September. During the SME Week, economies organized several events related to the Host Economy's Priorities. During SMEMM, the SMEWG Chair presented the main outcomes of the work done last year by SMEWG. Among them, and in line with the current priorities, it was mentioned the increased number of projects aimed at reinforcing the participation of women in MSMEs.

The Agriculture Technical Cooperation Working Group (ATCWG) contributed to the Food Security Week, which included ABAC Food Security Symposium; a Policy Dialogue on Women in Agriculture and Fisheries; and the 2nd Joint Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group – High Level Policy Dialogue on Agriculture Biotechnology (HLPDAB) – Oceans and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) – and Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) meeting.

The OFWG contributed to the Food Security Week, and supported Chile's host economy priority of Sustainable Growth. OFWG's two key outputs this year were the APEC Roadmap on Marine Debris and the APEC-wide leader level APEC Roadmap on Combatting Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, which are expected to be endorsed by APEC Leaders.

The SCE continued facilitating collaboration among APEC fora with numerous cross-fora collaborations amongst SCE sub-fora. In addition, 2019 saw several cross-fora collaborations between

SCE sub-fora and sub-fora from both the Committee on Trade and Investment and the Economic Committee.

The SCE continued to refine the format of the SCE-COW and related discussions to encourage greater engagement among the representatives of SCE sub-fora.

The SCE undertook seven (7) fora assessments of SCE fora in 2019, and developed plans to assess the remaining five (5). The new system generated more consistent and comparable results across fora. The SCE established Assessment Team for 2019 met in the margins of SCE1 and SCE2 to make further recommendations on content, format, and timeline for future assessments.

The SCE continued to contribute toward the implementation of the Policy on APEC's Capacity Building through Economic and Technical Cooperation.

The SCE continued to play its central role with respect to the administration of SCE fora. Annual Work Plans were approved by the SCE, as were longer-term Strategic Plans as required. Also new and revised Terms of Reference have been approved. SCE also approved an addendum to the Human Resources Development Working Groups Terms of Reference.

A discussion of the above and other highlights and priorities are set out in Section 2.

Section 3 gives an overview of each forum in a table format outlining the projects, both funded by APEC and self-funded by economies, undertaken in 2019. The table also includes information on how various projects and other initiatives of SCE fora addressed each of the ECOTECH medium term priorities. Furthermore, the table highlights how the activities of SCE fora addressed the key accountability areas of the APEC Strategy for Strengthening Quality Growth endorsed by Leaders in 2015. Also found in the table are key achievements of the SCE fora since the 2018 Report.

Six APEC economies made financial contributions to the APEC Support Fund (ASF) and its sub-funds.

## **Recommendations**

The following recommendations are proposed to the 2019 APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM):

- 1. Note the 2019 Senior Officials' Report on Economic and Technical Cooperation;*
- 2. Welcome the achievements of the SCE Working Groups and Policy Partnerships; and*
- 3. Welcome 2019 contributions to the APEC Support Fund and its sub-funds from Australia; China; Japan; Korea; Chinese Taipei and the United States.*

# 1. Introduction

In 2019, the SCE was chaired by Ms Aida Safinaz Allias, APEC Senior Official for Malaysia. The SCE Vice Chair was Mr Nicolas Abdala, for Chile.

The Committee met on three occasions during 2019 and accomplished the following:

- a. further refined the standardized fora assessment process, seeking to balance costs with their oversight role.
- b. continued to promote cross-fora collaboration; and
- c. facilitated the work of SCE sub-fora by providing direction on Work Plans, Strategic Plans, and Terms of Reference.

The first SCE meeting in 2019 was held on 6 March 2019 in Santiago, Chile. The SCE established and approved the *2019 SCE Work Plan (2019/SOM1/SCE/002)*, as amended to include a review of the independent fora assessment program. The SCE decided to delay the medium-term ECOTECH Review until 2020, to better align medium-term ECOTECH goals with the forthcoming post-2020 vision. SCE also took note of the Report of the Executive Director on *The Alignment of Fora Work Plans with APEC's Overall Vision and Objectives (2019/SOM1/SCE/003)*. The SCE endorsed the *Energy Working Group (EWG) Strategic Plan (2019/SOM1/SCE/011)* and *Policy Partnership for Women in the Economy (PPWE) Strategic Plan 2019-2021 (2019/SOM1/SCE/006)*. SCE approved the Secretariat's proposal to continue providing the usual project support to the two remaining Mining Task Force (MTF)'s projects until completion, following the expiry of the MTF's mandate at the end of 2018. The SCE agreed to review the Independent Fora Assessment Program prior to undertaking any further assessments.

The annual SCE Committee of the Whole (SCE-COW) was held in Santiago, on 6 March 2019. It was attended by 21 APEC member economies and 13 SCE sub-fora convenors or their representatives. This was preceded by an informal meeting of fora Chairs and Lead Shepherds, together with group discussions based on the 2019 host year's priorities. These earlier discussions, which sought to explore cross-fora issues and opportunities, witnessed particularly active engagement from participants. The SCE-COW took note of the *SCE Report on Synergies within the ECOTECH Agenda*, together with the comments of members.

The second SCE meeting (SCE2) was held in Viña del Mar, on 13 May 2019. The SCE endorsed the following fora governance documents: *the Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation (PPSTI) Revised Terms of Reference (2019/SOM2/SCE/002)*; *the Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG) Terms of Reference Addendum on Disability Issues (2019/SOM2/SCE/008)*; *the Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) 2019 Work Plan (2019/SOM2/SCE/003)*; and *the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group (ACTWG) Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2022 (2019/SOM2/SCE/004)*. SCE approved the Assessment Team's proposal to implement a pilot program for Fora Assessment utilizing the proposed fora assessment template and previously endorsed qualitative survey.

Intersessionally, SCE endorsed China's self-funded project *Inclusive Digital Society: Alleviating Poverty and Improving Living Standards through Increased Economic Growth*. SCE also



intersessionally endorsed Korea's Concept Note and Terms of Reference for *APEC Case Studies on Inclusive Policies*. The Terms of Reference was subsequently approved by the PSU Board.

In August, SCE oversaw Chile's successful self-funded project, APEC Mining Week, which took place in Copiapó, Chile and included discussions on mining safety and sustainable mining. In addition, as part of Mining Week, Chile hosted a Mining Policy Public-Private Dialogue and a High-Level Dialogue on Mining Digitalization. Subsequently, the SCE endorsed the Mining Week Summary Report in September 2019.

The third SCE meeting (SCE3) was held in Puerto Varas on 28 August 2019. The SCE continued discussions on the pilot standardized fora assessment program. The SCE endorsed the *APEC Roadmap on Marine Debris* (2019/SOM3/SCE/003) and the *APEC Roadmap on Combatting Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing* (2019/SOM3/SCE/002). Both Roadmaps were previously endorsed by the OFWG and are Chile host year's priorities. The SCE also endorsed the *SCE Report on Synergies within the ECOTECH Agenda* (2019/SOM3/SCE/004).

In October, members intersessionally endorsed China's self-funded project *Completion Assessment of APEC 2020 Forest Cover Goal*.

## 2. 2019 Highlights and Priorities

### 2.1 Host Economy Priorities

During the year, SCE and its sub-fora furthered Chile's host year priorities of Women, SMEs and Inclusive Growth; Digital Society; Integration 4.0; and Sustainable Growth.

#### *a. Women, SMEs, and Inclusive Growth*

The Policy Partnership for Women and the Economy (PPWE) has supported Chile in delivering its 2019 host economy priority on Women, SMEs and Inclusive Growth – the first time women's economic empowerment has featured as a host economy priority. PPWE supported Chile's proposal for an APEC-wide leader-level Roadmap on Women and Inclusive Growth. The Roadmap seeks to provide concrete direction and catalyze policy actions that will drive greater economic participation of women in the Asia-Pacific region. The Roadmap will build on the extensive work that the PPWE has undertaken in encouraging economies and the private sector to implement initiatives towards promoting women's economic empowerment.

The Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group (SMEWG) has also supported Chile in delivering its 2019 host economy priority with a number of projects related to women's economic empowerment. Topics of various roundtables and projects included women's economic empowerment through digital entrepreneurship, women-led start-ups, women entrepreneurs through e-commerce, and online training program to support women entrepreneurs.

The Telecommunications and Information Working Group (TELWG) supported Chile's host economy priority with inclusive growth featuring prominently in their work for 2019. TELWG supported a policy roundtable, which was led by the Undersecretary of Telecommunications from Chile. This roundtable was organized to look into the baselines regarding the participation of women in the telecommunications industry, the gender equity development policies that have been implemented in the context of the APEC economies, and observations and measurements of the impact of these inclusion policies.

#### *b. Digital Society*

In 2019, the TELWG has undertaken several work items and activities, which contributed to Chile's host economy priority of Digital Society. TELWG, through one of its steering groups, has conducted public-private dialogues concerning digital social network governance. The TELWG also endorsed the APEC Framework on Securing the Digital Economy, which aims to promote secure, safe and trustful online environment across the APEC region. Furthermore, the TELWG also organized workshops and roundtables to exchange ideas and best practices that aim to promote innovation and adoption of enabling technologies, as well as foster dynamic, competitive and effective telecommunications, innovation and ICT policies.

### ***c. Integration 4.0***

Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group (ACTWG) furthered the host economy priorities of Digital Society and Integration 4.0 with a workshop, Workshop on Digital Government, Integrity Policies and Corruption Prevention Mechanisms in APEC Economies. The workshop allowed government officials from APEC member economies to share experiences on how the adoption of digital and technological procedures and tools can prevent and combat corruption, enhance government transparency and accountability.

### ***d. Sustainable Growth***

SCE supported Chile in delivering its 2019 host economy priority of Sustainable Growth with APEC Mining Week. Mining Week featured topics such as sustainable operations, mining for minerals and metals needed in electric vehicle and renewable energy product production, and reducing mercury in small-scale gold mining. There was also a public-private dialogue, which covered Mining Equipment Technology and Services (METS) and mining traceability including conflict-free and certified sustainable metals. Finally, there was a High Level Policy Dialogue on Mining Digitalization.

The Oceans and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) has supported Chile's Sustainable Growth host economy priority. OFWG worked to further Chile's proposal for two APEC-wide leader-level Roadmaps, the first on marine debris and the other on illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The APEC Roadmap on Marine Debris seeks to inform efforts on understanding the impacts and costs of marine debris, and developing the required management and prevention approaches, in order to mitigate its impediments to sustainable economic growth in the Asia-Pacific. The APEC Roadmap on Combatting Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing recognizes the importance of fishing for the economy, food security and sustainable growth of the Asia Pacific region. Further, the Roadmap advances initiatives to prevent and combat IUU fishing, as part of a joint effort to promote ocean conservation and the sustainable use of marine resources.

## **2.2 Fora Administration**

### ***a. Making Recommendations to SOM on the Terms of Reference of SCE Fora***

In accordance with the SCE Terms of Reference, the SCE has the mandate to “review the role and operation of Working Groups and Task Forces with a view to making recommendations to the SOM on establishing, merging, disbanding or reorienting” such working groups and task forces. In 2019, the SCE recommended to SOM to endorse the revised Terms of References of PPSTI and HRDWG. Please see Table 1 for an overview of fora administration.

### ***b. Approving Strategic Plans***

In 2019, SCE approved three Strategic Plans: Energy Working Group for 2019-2023; PPWE 2019-2021; and the ACTWG 2019-2022.

### **c. Approving Annual Work Plans**

The Terms of Reference of SCE, as reconfirmed in 2016, mandates SCE to “assess and direct realignment of individual work plans of Working Groups and SOM Special Task Groups with the APEC-wide medium-term ECOTECH priorities and annual objectives as outlined in the ECOTECH framework” and stipulates that “to this purpose, all Working Groups and SOM Special Task Groups should submit their strategic and annual work plans to the SCE no later than three weeks prior to SOM 1 for consideration at the SCE-Committee of the Whole.” Fourteen work plans were submitted and approved by SCE in 2019 (as reflected in Table 1).

At SCE1 in 2019, the Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat presented a report, *Alignment of Fora Work Plans with APEC’s Overall Vision and Objectives* (2019/SOM1/SCE/003) which noted that most SCE sub-fora focused their activities to respond to the mandates given to them by the Leaders and Ministers. Many sub-fora, such as Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group, Counter Terrorism Working Group; Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; Emergency Preparedness Working Group; Energy Working Group; Human Resources Development Working Group; Health Working Group; Oceans and Fisheries Working Group; Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy; Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group; and Tourism Working Group, specifically cite recent instructions of Ministers. A number of these also refer to 2019 APEC priorities. Most notably, all work plans also make linkages between their specific activities and the relevant ECOTECH Medium Term Priorities, which is facilitated by continued use of a template. It is noted, however, that some work plans may have been developed before the 2019 APEC priorities were widely circulated.

## **2.3 Revised, Standardized Fora Assessment System**

In 2006, the SCE was mandated to conduct a review of APEC working groups and task forces and make recommendations to Senior Officials on establishing, merging, disbanding and reorienting these bodies. Ministers endorsed the recommendations of the SCE review and instructed the SCE to continue efforts to improve the operation and work of its fora (2006/CSOM/14). A program of independent assessments was then developed to evaluate all SCE working groups and task forces every four years and support periodic review processes.

In 2016, the SCE Chair proposed, and members accepted, to conduct a review of the Independent Assessment program. Delegations shared the view that fora assessments should be undertaken in the view of providing broader organizational perspectives and facilitating possible rationalization. Delegations also noted the lack of understanding of APEC among certain assessors, uneven follow-up on recommendations and inconsistencies between the review of fora Terms of References and their assessment schedules. Following this, the Secretariat presented a discussion paper to SCE2 (2016/SOM2/SCE/003), which addressed a number of issues, including quality, focus, schedules across different review and monitoring processes, post-assessment measures and attendant financial/administrative burdens.

At SCE3 in 2016, the SCE approved the Decisions on Fora Assessment as proposed by the Chair (2016/SOM3/SCE/011), the main elements of which include developments of a standardized program for assessments, the establishment of an Assessment Team comprising the representatives from the preceding, current, and subsequent SCE Chairing economies, as well as any other volunteering economies with the assistance from the Secretariat; further follow-up by the Assessment Team on the

recommendations; and an optional Comprehensive Fora Review following a full cycle of assessments on all the SCE fora.

In 2018, a standardized template for fora assessment was endorsed by SCE (2018/SOM1/SCE/0024). This template was then used to assess four SCE sub-fora in 2018 (as per Table 1). Upon receipt of the four fora assessments, the Assessment Team determined that the information contained in the reports was not sufficient to allow them to make any recommendations to SCE.

At SCE1 in 2019, there was discussion regarding the current standardized fora assessment program. Several economies expressed concern regarding the expense of the current program, the length of the reports produced, and the overall usefulness of the resulting reports. A decision was taken to pause the program while the Assessment Team discussed alternative methods of fora assessment.

Intersessionally, the Secretariat notified the contractor to cease any work on the program. The Secretariat also provided the Assessment Team with an outline of the information the Secretariat could easily provide on APEC sub-fora. In addition, the Secretariat provided a list of other types of data that is currently captured but may require additional time and expense to report. Assessment Team members then worked to develop a proposed program of standardized fora assessment utilizing metrics already captured by the Secretariat. The Assessment Team then worked to develop a standardized fora assessment report template, which utilizes graphics and charts in an effort to make the information more accessible.

The Assessment Team proposed this new standardized report template at SCE 2 along with the recommendation to terminate the Secretariat's contract with the contractor. SCE approved the use of the new template (2019/SOM2/SCE/010) in a pilot program with the results to be presented at SCE3.

Intersessionally, the Secretariat terminated the contract with the contractor. The Secretariat then compiled all of the necessary data and administered surveys of members of the fora to be assessed. All of the information gathered was then compiled into seven reports and delivered to the Assessment Team.

At SCE3, the Assessment Team shared its views on the reports and will be submitting a written report to SCE intersessionally.

## 2.4 Cross-Fora Collaboration

Increasing cross-fora collaboration has been under discussion in recent years. A sixth meeting of SCE Fora Chairs and Lead Shepherds (SCE-Committee of the Whole) was held on 6 March 2019 in Santiago, Chile. Chairs and Lead Shepherds or their representatives from 13 of the 15 SCE fora participated. The presence of Chairs, Lead Shepherds or their representatives increased their interactions with each other and Senior Officials, leading to useful practical suggestions for collaborating with other APEC fora. Also at 2019 SCE-Committee of the Whole, the APEC Secretariat introduced its report, "*SCE Report on Synergies within the ECOTECH Agenda*" (2019/SOM1/SCE-COW/002). To further underscore the importance of cross-fora collaboration, fora are required to report on their cross-fora collaborations in annual fora reports. In addition, the standardized fora assessment program also measures data and indicators relating to cross-fora collaboration. In 2019, SCE and its sub-fora have 90+ projects in implementation. Of those projects, over 30% of them include some manner of cross-fora collaboration. In addition, many sub-fora hold joint meetings with other SCE sub-fora as well as with EC and CTI and its sub-fora.

## 2.5 APEC Support Fund

In 2004, Ministers endorsed the Australian proposal to set up the APEC Support Fund (ASF) to serve as a flexible funding mechanism. The ASF aims to meet the capacity building needs for developing economy members in APEC's agreed high priority sectors for economic and technical cooperation. Since its inception, the fund has received contributions from many economies.

In 2019, two new ASF sub-funds were established, the Sub-Fund on Digital Innovation and the Sub-Fund on Marine Debris Management and Innovation.

Voluntary contributions by APEC members to the ASF and its sub-funds in 2019 (as of 7 October 2019) were made or committed by six economies: Australia; China; Japan; Korea; Chinese Taipei and the United States.

Australia provided contribution of USD 866,995, split amongst the ASF General Fund, the ASF Sub Fund on Economic Development of Remote Areas, and the ASF Sub-Fund on Digital Innovation.

China provided contribution of USD 1,800,000, split amongst the ASF General Fund, the ASF FTAAP & GVC Sub-Fund, the ASF Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth Sub-Fund, and the ASF Connectivity Sub-Fund.

Japan provided a contribution of USD 975,341 to the ASF Energy Efficiency Sub-Fund.

Korea provided a contribution of USD 700,000 to the ASF Sub-Fund on Digital Innovation.

Chinese Taipei provided a contribution of USD 700,000 split amongst the ASF General Fund, the ASF Sub-Fund on Digital Innovation, the ASF Sub-Fund on Women and the Economy, the ASF Sub-Fund on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, and the ASF Sub-Fund on Human Security.

The United States provided a contribution of USD 810,000 to the ASF Sub-Fund on Marine Debris Management and Innovation.

*Table 1: SCE Fora Dashboard*

<b>Forum</b>	<b>Terms of Reference</b>	<b>Annual Work Plan</b>	<b>Strategic Plan</b>	<b>Annual Fora Report</b>	<b>Fora Assessment</b>
ACTWG	2018-2021	2019	2019-2022	2019	2020
ATCWG	2018-2021	2019	2015-2019	2018	2020
CTWG	2018-2021	2019	2018-2022	2018	2018
EGILAT	2018-2021	2019	2018-2022	2018	2019
EPWG	2018-2021	2019	2017-2020	2018	2019
EWG	2018-2021	2019	2019-2023	2018	2018
HWG	2018-2021	2019	2016-2020	2018	2019
HRDWG	2018-2021	2019	2017-2020	2018	2018
OFWG	2018-2021	2019	2016-2018	2018	2019
PPSTI	2018-2021	2018	2016-2025	2018	2019
PPWE	2018-2021	2019	2019-2021	2019	2020
SMEWG	2017-2020	2019	2017-2020	2018	2019
TELWG	2018-2021	2019	2016-2020	2018	2020
TPTWG	2018-2021	2019	2018-2020	2018	2020
TWG	2018-2021	2019	2015-2019	2018	2019

### 3. SCE Fora in Action

The work of SCE is evident in the number and scope of its 15 fora and the projects overseen by those fora.

For a more thorough examination of the work done by each fora, including most recent plenary meeting statistics, gender makeup of meetings, alignment with ECOTECH Priorities, and efforts to implement quality growth, please refer to the Fora in Action tables that follow. Each working group has a table on the following pages.

The table below containing the number of APEC-funded approved projects by fora.

*Table 2: SCE Fora Projects by Funding Source*

Forum	ASF	GPA	TILF	Total
Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts' Working Group	1	1		2
Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group				-
Counter Terrorism Working Group				-
Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade				-
Emergency Preparedness Working Group	2			2
Energy Working Group	16			16
Health Working Group	4			4
Human Resources Development Working Group	1			1
Oceans and Fisheries Working Group	1	1		2
Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation	3			3
Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy	1			1
Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group	13	2		15
Telecommunications and Information Working Group				-
Tourism Working Group	1			1
Transportation Working Group	1	1		2
<b>Total*</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49</b>

\* Project Approval Session 2 of 2018 and Project Approval Session 1 of 2019.



<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>				<b>Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts' Working Group</b>				
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>				<b>Yes</b>				
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>				<b>N/A</b>				
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>				<b>2016</b>				
<b>2019 Meetings</b>				<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Economies</b>	<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>							
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
1-2 Mar	35%	64%	18	Y	4	1	1	225,000 (APEC Funding 120,000)
21-22 Aug	32%	68%	15	Y				
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				Developing human capital Inclusive growth Regional economic integration Human security				
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>				To endorse the Statement for the 15 years of the ACTWG				
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>				PPWE, SMEsWG, SCCP, EGILAT, PPSTI				
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>				Digital Society; Integration 4.0; Women, SMEs and Inclusive Growth				
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>	1 <sup>2</sup>		<b>Speeches</b>				0	
<b>Feature Stories</b>	0		<b>Publications</b>				0	
<b>Last Website Update</b>	September 2019							
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>	Social media, Photos		<b>Next Website Update</b>				March 2020	

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
ACT 01 2018A	Capacity Building Workshop for Law Enforcement Agents to investigate individual and corporate liability in domestic and foreign bribery (Chile)
ACT 01 2019	Symposium on Gender Mainstreaming and Women Empowerment to Fight Corruption (Malaysia)
ACT 01 2019S	Self-Funded Workshop on Digital Government, Integrity Policies and Corruption Prevention Mechanisms in APEC Economies (Chile)

Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts' Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

1 Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

2 [https://www.apec.org/Press/News-Releases/2019/0422\\_ACTWG](https://www.apec.org/Press/News-Releases/2019/0422_ACTWG)

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group</b>				
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>				
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>Yes</b>				
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2016</b>				
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>				
Date	Attendance		Economies	Quorum (Y/N)	Concept Notes	APEC Funded <sup>3</sup>	Self-Funded	Total Value (US\$)	
	Persons by Gender	Women							Men
18 Aug	36%	63%	13	N	PS1	3	0	0	0
					PS2	11	0	0	0
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> (eg. Sustainable Growth)					Sustainable growth; Sustainable development; Food security; Capacity building				
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					-				
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					OFWG, PPFS and HLPDAB				
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Promoting sustainable and inclusive growth; Enhancing food security and sustainable agriculture in response to climate change, Improve agricultural information sharing and strengthen communications and capacity building in agricultural technology				
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>									
<b>News Releases</b>	-			<b>Speeches</b>	-				
<b>Feature Stories</b>	-			<b>Publications</b>	-				
<b>Last Website Update</b>	September 2019								
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>	At Food Security Week (08/19)			<b>Next Website Update</b>	January 2020				

Current projects:

Project No.	Project Title
ATC 01 2017A	Capacity Building on Management Technologies for Climate Smart Rice Cultivation in the South-East Asian and Latin American Rice Sector (Japan)
ATC 01 2018S	Workshops of Rural-Urban Development, Sustainable and Inclusive Agricultural Development, Women's Empowerment and Agricultural Development (China)
PPFS 01 2019S	Reducing Food Loss & Waste (FLW) for Addressing Interlinked Challenges of Food Security and Climate Change in APEC Member Economies (Chinese Taipei)

Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Counter Terrorism Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>N/A</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2018</b>			
<b><u>2019</u> Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>		<b>Economies</b>					
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
18-19 Aug	25%	75%	15	Y	3	1	0	\$90,000
25-26 Feb	22%	78%	15	Y				
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities (eg. Sustainable Growth)</b>					Human security			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More attention be placed on deepening cooperation and reducing asymmetries between member economies on this cross-cutting issue.</li> <li>- to consider and endorse the updated APEC Consolidated Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy.</li> </ul>			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BMG on Passport Checking System and Advanced Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record.</li> <li>- BMG, TPTWG, TWG, SCCP, TEL, EPWG on the Consolidated Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy.</li> </ul>			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					N/A			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>			<b>Speeches</b>					
<b>Feature Stories</b>			<b>Publications</b>					
<b>Last Website Update</b>			Oct 2018					
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>			<b>Next Website Update</b>					

Current Projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
CTWG 01 2019A	Workshop on Aviation Security

Counter Terrorism Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade</b>				
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>				
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>2017</b>				
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2019</b>				
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Economies</b>	<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>								
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>							
26-27 Feb	52%	48%	15	Y	1	1	-	150,000	
16-17 Aug	45%	55%	14	Y					
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>					Developing human capital through capacity building Sustainable growth				
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>									
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					ACTWG, SCCP				
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Sustainable growth				
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>									
<b>News Releases</b>						<b>Speeches</b>			
<b>Feature Stories</b>						<b>Publications</b>			1 Best Practice Document
<b>Last Website Update</b>			July 2019						
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>						<b>Next Website Update</b>			

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
EGILAT 01 2018A	Workshop to Share Experience, Knowledge and Challenges on Implementation of Tools for Combating and Preventing Illegal Logging Activities and Associated Trade
EGILAT 01 2019 A	Advancing the Trade and Distribution of Legally Harvested Forest Products in the APEC Region

Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Emergency Preparedness Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>N/A</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2019</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Economies</b>	<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>							
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
21 Aug	33%	67%	16	Y	8	4	-	554,510
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>					Developing human capital through Capacity building Sustainable growth Human security			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>								
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					PPSTI, HWG, OFWG, PPFS, HLPDAB, ATCWG			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Sustainable growth			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>			<b>Speeches</b>					
<b>Feature Stories</b>			<b>Publications</b>					
<b>Last Website Update</b>			July 2019					
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>			<b>Next Website Update</b>					

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
EPWG 03 2017A	Capacity Building and Emergency Preparedness for Sustainable Development at Agricultural Communities through "Plant Back Better" (PBB) Initiatives
EPWG 01 2019A	Reducing Risks and Coping with Climate Change along Coastal Areas: Workshop on Adaptation Strategies to Climate Change and The Role of Public-Private Collaboration
EPWG 02 2019A	Workshop on Enhancing Participation in Flood Disaster Preparedness through Community-based Hazard Mapping
EPWG 03 2019 A	APEC Disaster Risk Management Strategies to Support MSMEs Business Sustainability
EPWG 04 2019 A	1960–2010: Understanding the past and preparing for a better future. Lessons and new developments in Seismic Monitoring and Tsunami Threat Assessment

Emergency Preparedness Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Energy Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>N/A</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2018</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)<sup>8</sup></b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>		<b>Economies</b>					
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
23-24 May	33%	67%	16	Y	16	13	7	2,702,446
16-17 Oct	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd				
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>					<p>EWG contributed ECOTECH Priorities such as Sustainable Growth, Regional economic integration, developing human capital.</p> <p>For example, EWG continues to increase its focus on responding to natural and man-made resiliency challenges for energy infrastructure and networks that will contribute improving regional economic integration.</p> <p>Many capacity building activities to improve the analytical, technical, operational and policy capacity of APEC economies have been continued through Projects.</p>			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					It is recommended that SCE note the EWG report.			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					EPWG(EPWG Chair Video participation at EWG 57), PPSTI(EWG Lead Shepard participated PPSTI meeting), PPWE(EWG 18 2018A and EWG Lead Shepard participated PPWE meetings), TPTWG			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Under one of Priorities of Sustainable Growth Pillar, EWG actively contributed through Policy Dialogue on Energy Modernization, APEC Energy Vision Post 2020, three EWG Workshops hosted by Chile and a Public-Private Dialogue on Electric Mobility.			

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<sup>2</sup> APEC Funding Amount 1,930,118. Figures of Self-funded Projects are excluded.

<sup>3</sup> Published from Sep 2018 to Aug 2019.

<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>			
<b>News Releases</b>	2 (APEC Energy Demand and Supply Outlook/EWG 14 2018S)	<b>Speeches</b>	0
<b>Feature Stories</b>	0	<b>Publications<sup>9</sup></b>	32
<b>Last Website Update</b>	Oct 2019		
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>	G20 Global Summit on Financing Energy Efficiency, Innovation and Clean Technology in June 2019	<b>Next Website Update</b>	After EWG58

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
	APEC Energy Demand and Supply Outlook 7th Edition
	APEC Energy Vision Post 2020
	APEC Energy Overview 2019
EWG 01 2018A	3rd Low Carbon Model Town Symposium
EWG 02 2018A	Energy Efficiency Policy Workshop
EWG 05 2018A	Workshop of Aligning Conformity Assessment Efforts for Energy Efficiency Regulations of Motors in the APEC and ASEAN Regions
EWG 06 2018A	APEC Workshop on Energy and Economic Prosperity
EWG 08 2018A	APEC Peer Review on Energy Efficiency (PREE) Phase 9 (Follow-up PREE)
EWG 12 2018A	APEC Workshop on Public Private Partnership for Solar Energy Development
EWG 13 2018A	APEC Workshop on Integrated Energy-Water Planning and Policy Formulation
EWG 15 2018A	Workshop of Technological challenges and opportunities to supply flexibility to electric systems
EWG 16 2018A	Workshop of Distributed energy resources regulation and rate design
EWG 17 2018A	Workshop of Lessons learned from promotion mechanisms focused on boosting energy solutions in remote areas
EWG 18 2018A	Workshop of Enhancing women's empowerment in energy field: mapping energy policies with gender perspective
EWG 01 2019A	APEC Low-Carbon Model Town (LCMT) Project Dissemination Phase 3
EWG 02 2019A	Filling the Gap to Reach the Goal of Doubling Renewable Energy in the APEC Region-Phase 2

Project No.	Project Title
EWG 03 2019A	APEC Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Promoting Renewable and Clean Energy Policies
EWG 04 2019A	Exploring Co-Benefit Opportunities for Renewable and Energy Efficiency Projects in the APEC Region
EWG 05 2019A	Sustainable Mobility: Routes for integrating the Energy and Transport Sectors for Urban Cities
EWG 06 2019A	APEC Workshop on University Collaboration to Support Data Gathering and Analysis in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
EWG 07 2019A	APEC Peer Review on Energy Efficiency (PREE) Phase 10
EWG 08 2019A	Energy Intensity Reduction in the APEC Regions' Urbanised Cities
EWG 09 2019A	APEC Workshop on the Use of Pumped Storage Hydropower to Enable Greater Renewable Energy Use and Reliable Electricity Supply
EWG 10 2019A	APEC Workshop on Strategies and Successful Case Studies on Solar Energy
EWG 11 2019A	Accommodating Disruptive Technology into RE&EE Policy for Energy Security
EWG 12 2019A	Evaluation of Energy Technologies, Programs and Policies
EWG 13 2019A	Demonstration and Promotion of Energy Resilience Tool based on Solar-Powered Emergency Shelter Solutions (SPESS) for Natural Disaster in APEC

Energy Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.



<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Health Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>High Level Meeting on Health and Economy</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2019</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>		<b>Economies</b>					
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
28 Feb-1 Mar	60%	40%	15	Y	18	2	4	\$539,000
19-20 Aug	54%	46%	16	Y				
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>					Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health and gender			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					N/A			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					LSIF, PPWE and EPWG			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Women, SME and Inclusive Growth			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>	2			<b>Speeches</b>				
<b>Feature Stories</b>				<b>Publications</b>				
<b>Last Website Update</b>	April 2019							
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>	1			<b>Next Website Update</b>				Oct 2019

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
HWG 02 2018A	Improving Networks of Community Mental Health Services in the Asia-Pacific Economies
HWG 07 2018A	Smart Healthcare for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and their Risk Factors Prevention and Control
HWG 08 2018A	Medical Information Sharing for Enhancing Medical and Disease Management
HWG 04 2018A	Capacity Building for Community-Based Long-Term Care Supported by High-Tech Low-Cost Resources
HWG 05 2018A	APEC Conference on Cooperation Initiatives for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Prevention and Control

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

Project No.	Project Title
HWG 06 2018A	Regional Workshop on Lung Cancer Prevention and Control
HWG 01 2019S	Workshop on Prevention and Promotion Policies for Obesity
HWG 02 2019S	Promoting Health Coverage for International Migrants in the Asia-Pacific Region: Challenges and Strategies
HWG 03 2019S	“From promotion and prevention to continuous, integrated and comprehensive care for a positive, active and healthy aging”

Health Working Group’s Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Human Resources Development Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>N/A</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2018</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>		<b>Economies</b>					
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
4-6 May, 2019	49.6%	50.4%	20	Y	25	8	5	Total:947,641 APEC Funding:534,285
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities (eg. Sustainable Growth)</b>					Developing human capital Inclusive growth Regional economic integration Human security			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					N/A			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					GOS, PPWE, SCSC, TWG, PPSTI			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Digital Society Integration 4.0 Women, SME and Inclusive Growth Sustainable Growth			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>	0			<b>Speeches</b>				0
<b>Feature Stories</b>	0			<b>Publications</b>				3
<b>Last Website Update</b>	Sept 2018							
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>	0			<b>Next Website Update</b>				Sep 2019

Human Resources Development Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Oceans and Fisheries Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2019</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>		<b>Economies</b>					
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
23-24 Feb	52%	48%	15	Y	17	4	5	1,9 mil
20-21 Aug	40%	60%	17	Y				
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>					Food Security, Sustainable growth Capacity building			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					NA			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					PPFS, EPWG, CD, PPSTI, TWG on Food Security, Sustainable growth, Capacity building			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Sustainable growth: - Endorse 2 roadmaps on combatting IUU fishing roadmap and marine debris management. - Host 7 workshops			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>			<b>Speeches</b>					
<b>Feature Stories</b>			<b>Publications</b>					
<b>Last Website Update</b>			September 2019					
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>			<b>Next Website Update</b>					

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
OFWG 01 2019S	Compendium of preventive measures and policies that APEC economies are taking to reduce land-based marine debris
OFWG 02 2019S	Understanding and Addressing Marine Debris Impact in the APEC Region

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

Project No.	Project Title
OFWG 03 2019S	The 20th APEC Roundtable Meeting on the Involvement of Business/Private Sector in Sustainability of the Marine Environment
OFWG 04 2019S	APEC Workshop on Marine Debris and Microplastics: Blue Citizenship
OFWG 05 2019S	2019 APEC Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning Training Workshop
OFWF 01 2019A	Capacity Building on Global Marine Debris Monitoring and Modelling: Supports Protection of the Marine Environment
NA	Incentives, Barriers and Policies to promote Woman inclusion in the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Maritime Sector
NA	Good Practice and Innovative Workshop for Marine Debris Prevention and Management in the APEC Region
NA	Promoting APEC Innovative Models in Reducing and Managing Land-based Debris into Oceans for Sustainable Development
OFWG 02 2018A	Promoting Trade of Products that Replace those with Mercury to Reduce Marine Pollution

Oceans and Fisheries Working Group's Annual Fora Report will be shared on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site as soon as it is available.

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>N/A</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2019</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>		<b>Economies</b>	<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>13</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>							
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
9-11 May	55%	45%	15	Y	29	10	7	\$990,448
26-27 Aug	58%	42%	15	Y				
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> (eg. Sustainable Growth)					Developing human capital Inclusive growth Regional economic integration Human security			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					-			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					ABAC, PPWE, ECTWG, EPWG, the Chemical Dialogue			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					-Research Network for Women in STEAM - APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Sharing Economy and Digital Technology Connectivity for Inclusive Development - Capacity Building for Digital Innovation using Block-chain technology			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>					<b>Speeches</b>			
<b>Feature Stories</b>					<b>Publications</b>			
<b>Last Website Update</b>		Oct 2019						
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>					<b>Next Website Update</b>			
					Mar 2020			

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
PPSTI 01 2018A	APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Sharing Economy and Digital Technology Connectivity for Inclusive Development (Aug 25, 2019, 1st wkshp / 2020, 2nd wksp)
PP Approved In-Principle by BMC, 2019 Session 1	Research Network for Women in STEAM (Nov - Dec 2019)PPSTI 01 2018A

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
PPSTI 04 2019A	Workshop on Cluster Collaboration Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific (Oct 2019 - Feb 2020)
PPSTI 02 2019A	Promoting Innovation City Development in APEC Region and Cooperation to Contribute to Regional Integration 4.0 and Sustainable Growth (Y2020)
PPSTI 03 2019A	APEC Incubator Capacity Building Symposium (Apr 2020 / Aug 2020)

Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site as soon as it is available.

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2016</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
Date	Attendance		Economies	Quorum (Y/N)	Concept Notes	APEC Funded <sup>14</sup>	Self-Funded	Total Value (US\$)
	Persons by Gender							
	Women	Men						
8 -10 May	71%	29%	16	Y				
30 Sep – 1 Oct	87%	13%	17	Y	5	4	6	422,000
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>					Developing human capital Inclusive growth			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					SCE to note report			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					EC, PPSTI, EWG, TPTWG, ATCWG, HRDWG, TWG, SMEWG, ACTWG			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					Several projects aligned with the Women, SMEs and inclusive Growth priority			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>				<b>Speeches</b>				
<b>Feature Stories</b>				<b>Publications</b>				4
<b>Last Website Update</b>	Aug 2019							
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>				<b>Next Website Update</b>				Nov 2019

Current projects:

Project No.	Project Title
	2019 APEC Women and the Economy Dashboard
PPWE 02 2018A	Workshop and Publication on Advancing Inclusion through Enhancing Women and Girls' Digital Literacy and Skills in the Context of Industry 4.0
PPWE 03 2018	Workshop on Women's Participation in the Mining Industry
	The Individual Action Plan for the Enhancement of the Ratio of Women's Representation in Leadership

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2



Project No.	Project Title
PPWE 01 2018S	2019 APEC Business Efficiency and Success Target (BEST) Award
EC/PPWE 02 2019S	APEC Gender and Structural Reform: Women at Work
PPWE 01 2019S	APEC Healthy Women, Healthy Economy Research
	The Future of Women and the Economy: Promoting Women's Entrepreneurship and Shared Prosperity in the Digital Age
	The APEC Women in STEM Principles and Action

Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2019</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>15</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>		<b>Economies</b>					
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
30-31 May	50%	50%	17	Y	19	15	6	853,835
3-4 Sep	42%	58%	18	Y				
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>					Developing human capital Inclusive growth Regional economic integration			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					- To SOM: to welcome Boracay Action Agenda stocktake 2019 - To SOM: to welcome the advancements in the implementation of SME related initiatives and projects.			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					ACTWG			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					All the projects from SMEWG are related to SMEs, they are aligned with Chile's priority "Women, SMES and Inclusive Growth"			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
<b>News Releases</b>				<b>Speeches</b>				
<b>Feature Stories</b>				<b>Publications</b>				
<b>Last Website Update</b>	Sep 2019							
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>				<b>Next Website Update</b>				May 2020

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
SME 01 2018	APEC Workshop on Harnessing Digital Trade for SMEs
SME 02 2018A	2019 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum: Vision for Sustainable, Dynamic, and Innovative Health Enterprise

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

Project No.	Project Title
SME 04 2018	APEC Capacity Building Workshop on WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
SME 05 2018A	International Fintech Summit: Needs Assessment and Capacity Building
SME 06 2018A	APEC SME Forum 2019: How Big Data and AI Are Driving Business Innovation?
SME 07 2018A	Capacity Building Workshop Series on APEC e-Instruments Utilization: Capacity Building Workshop Series 1 on APEC MSMEs Marketplace Utilization
SME 08 2018A	APEC Financing Opportunities Fair for Women-Led MSMEs
SME 09 2018A	APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Empower SMEs to Embrace Digital Transformation
SME 10 2018A	APEC Local Innovation Ecosystem Initiative: Revitalization for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Future
SME 11 2018A	Program of Supporting Women in Starting Online Businesses
SME 01 2019A	Workshop for SMEs in APEC: Embracing 4.0 Industrial Revolution in Boosting Economic Performance of Export-Oriented SMEs
SME 02 2019A	APEC Workshop on Opportunities and Challenges for Retail SMEs in the Internet and Digital Economy
SME 03 2019A	2020 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum: Realizing the Nanjing Declaration
SME 04 2019A	APEC Young Entrepreneurs Kick-Off
SME 05 2019A	2020 APEC SME Cyber Security Forum
SME 06 2019A	APEC Policy Dialogue on SMEs and Entrepreneurship Framework : Let's be Coherent and Cohesive
SME 07 2019A	SME Productivity and Performance Forum, December 2019
SME 01 2019S	APEC Optimizing SME Business Environment Seminar 2019
SME 02 2019S	APEC SME Digital Economy Forum
SME 03 2019S	APEC SME Business Forum
SME 04 2019S	Building SMEs for the Future: Facing Global Challenges through Innovation and Sustainability
SME 05 2019S	Overview of the SME Sector in the APEC Region: Key Issues on Market Access and Internationalization
SME 06 2019S	Trade Promotion Organisation Training Program: Online Training to Support Women Entrepreneurs' Access to Global Markets
SME 07 2019S	APEC SME Digital Economic Development Forum

Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaborative System site.

Name of SCE Sub-Fora					<b>Telecommunications and Information Working Group</b>			
SCE-COW Participation in 2019					Yes			
Related Ministerial Meetings					N/A			
Year of Last Fora Assessment					2016			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
Date	Attendance			Quorum (Y/N)	Concept Notes	APEC Funded <sup>16</sup>	Self-Funded	Total Value (US\$)
	Persons by Gender		Economies					
	Women	Men						
2-7 Mar	35%	65%	16	Y	2	1	1	150,000
13 – 18 Oct	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD				
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human Security;</li> <li>- Technologies and Innovation;</li> <li>- Inclusive Growth;</li> <li>- Sustainable Growth;</li> <li>- Human Capital Development;</li> <li>- Regional Economic Integration;</li> <li>- Structural Reform;</li> <li>- SMEs</li> </ul>			
Recommendations from Fora Report					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the TELWG’s activities and outcomes undertaken from October 2018 to September 2019;</li> <li>• Note the TELWG’s endorsement of the revised TELWG SAP at TEL58, October 2018;</li> <li>• Note the TELWG’s intersessional endorsement of the APEC Framework for Securing the Digital Economy prior to TEL59;</li> <li>• Note the TELWG’s ongoing progress to draft the next TELWG SAP (2021 – 2025).</li> </ul>			
Cross-Fora Collaborations					HRDWG, EPWG and DESG			
Alignment with Host Economy Priorities					TELWG has conducted activities that relate to Digital Society, Integration 4.0, Women, SMES and Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Growth			
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

<b>News Releases</b>	NA	<b>Speeches</b>	NA
<b>Feature Stories</b>	NA	<b>Publications</b>	2
<b>Last Website Update</b>	Sep 2019		
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>	NA	<b>Next Website Update</b>	Nov 2019

Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
TEL 02 2019S	ICT Skills Framework project
TEL 01 2018	Recommendations for implementation of smart sustainable city (SSC) ICT infrastructure in APEC region
Roundtable hosted by host economy	Innovation Roundtable: 'How to facilitate the growth of new technologies (among them IoT, Big Data, AI)
Roundtable hosted by host economy	Regulatory Roundtable: 'The role of competition policy in fostering infrastructure to bridge the digital divide'
Roundtable hosted by host economy	Industry Roundtable: 'How to maximize the impact of gender equality in the digital economy within the APEC economies'
TEL 01 2019	Facilitating Innovation and Diversity in Next Generation(5G) Network Ecosystems
TEL 01 2019S	Smart Silver Innovation Project
Roundtable to be hosted by host economy at TEL60	Regulatory Roundtable: Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities from Emerging Technologies
Roundtable to be hosted by host economy at TEL60	Innovation Roundtable: Public-Private Partnership in Data-driven Economy
Roundtable to be hosted by host economy at TEL60	Industry Roundtable: Facilitating Innovation and Diversity of 5G network ecosystems in the APEC region

Telecommunications and Information Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaborative System site.

<b>Name of SCE Sub-Fora</b>					<b>Tourism Working Group</b>			
<b>SCE-COW Participation in 2019</b>					<b>Yes</b>			
<b>Related Ministerial Meetings</b>					<b>N/A</b>			
<b>Year of Last Fora Assessment</b>					<b>2019</b>			
<b>2019 Meetings</b>					<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Attendance</b>			<b>Quorum (Y/N)</b>	<b>Concept Notes</b>	<b>APEC Funded<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>Total Value (US\$)</b>
	<b>Persons by Gender</b>		<b>Economies</b>					
	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>						
09-10 May	57%	43%	12	N	2	2	0	\$171,000
8-9 November								
<b>Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities</b> ( <i>eg. Sustainable Growth</i> )					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing human capital through capacity building</li> <li>• Developing and strengthening the dynamism of SMEs</li> <li>• Harnessing technologies for the future and supporting innovation</li> <li>• Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health and gender</li> <li>• Regional economic integration</li> <li>• Safeguarding the quality of life through sustainable growth</li> <li>• Human security</li> </ul>			
<b>Recommendations from Fora Report</b>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use current TWG Strategic Plan as the base document for the development of the new strategic plan.</li> <li>• Request SCE/SOM endorsement of the Fifth Annual State of APEC Tourism Report</li> </ul>			
<b>Cross-Fora Collaborations</b>					Projects/Meetings			
<b>Alignment with Host Economy Priorities</b>					<p>Did any of the projects align with Chile host year priorities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TWG advanced initiatives that supported Women, SMEs and inclusive growth. This is a cross-cutting issue with multiple APEC fora, including the SMEWG, HRDWG, and TPTWG.</li> <li>• TWG is responsible for the following action: Support APEC's work on developing travel and tourism in the</li> </ul>			

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2

		region to support sustainable and inclusive growth, building on the work of the APEC Tourism Strategic Plan under the APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap	
Communications Products (2019)			
<b>News Releases</b>	1	<b>Speeches</b>	none
<b>Feature Stories</b>	Tourism Industry as Driver of Growth in APEC Region – video interview	<b>Publications</b>	2 for submission
<b>Last Website Update</b>	October 2019		
<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>		<b>Next Website Update</b>	2020

Current projects:

Project No.	Project Title
	APEC State of Tourism Report 2019
TWG 01 2017B	Prospect Analysis for Sustainable Development of Tourism in Remote Areas of APEC Economies
TWG 01 2018A	Leveraging the Digital Economy to Promote an Inclusive Tourism Industry Workshop
TWG 01 2017A	APEC Economic Study on Impact of Cruise Tourism: Fostering MSME's Growth and Creating Sustainable Communities -Study
TWG 01 2017A	APEC Economic Study on Impact of Cruise Tourism: Fostering MSME's Growth and Creating Sustainable Communities -Workshop
Project Proposal	Study to Identify Solutions in order to Reduce Digital Divide: Opportunity to Improve the Commercialisation of Tourism in Services managed by Rural Communities
Project Proposal	Developing Community-Based Entrepreneurship (CBE) in Rural Tourism through Digital Empowerment

Tourism Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Transportation Working Group				
SCE-COW Participation in 2019				No				
Related Ministerial Meetings				No				
Year of Last Fora Assessment				2013				
<b>2019 Meetings</b>				<b>APEC Projects in 2019</b>				
Date	Attendance		Economies	Quorum (Y/N)	Concept Notes	APEC Funded <sup>18</sup>	Self-Funded	Total Value (US\$)
	Persons by Gender	Women						
24-26 Apr	33%	67%	19	Y				USD\$1,348,687.70
18-21 Nov	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	7	2	(APEC Funding : USD\$674,645.50)
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities (eg. Sustainable Growth)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional economic integration</li> <li>Safeguarding the quality of life through sustainable growth</li> <li>Human security</li> </ul>				
Recommendations from Fora Report				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note that TPT-WG's activities and outcomes undertaken from October 2018 to April 2019;</li> <li>Note that Russia will host TPT-WG 48 on November 18-21, 2019 in Moscow, and that one TPT-WG meeting will be hosted by the US in 2020.</li> </ul>				
Cross-Fora Collaborations				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holding a side meeting with HRDWG members at the upcoming TPT-WG meeting in November 2019</li> <li>Supporting PPWE's Initiative on Women's Engagement in non-traditional sectors</li> <li>Coordinating with Automotive Dialogue on the Dialogue's initiative to develop a guideline on Autonomous Driving</li> </ul>				
Alignment with Host Economy Priorities				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital Society</li> <li>Integration 4.0</li> <li>Women, SME and Inclusive Growth</li> <li>Sustainable Growth</li> </ul>				
<b>Communications Products (2019)</b>								
News Releases	NA		Speeches			NA		
Feature Stories	NA		Publications			3		
Last Website Update	August 2019							

<sup>1</sup> Concept Notes that have received in-principle BMC funding in 2019 Project Session #1 and #2



<b>Media/Outreach Opportunities</b>	NA	<b>Next Website Update</b>	December 2019
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Current projects:

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Title</b>
TPT 01 2018A	Workshop on Assessing and Managing Data to integrate APEC Port Community Systems (Peru)
TPT 02 2018A	Establishment of the Seafarer Excellence Network of the Asia Pacific (Korea)
TPT 03 2018A	Analyzing the impacts of slow steaming for distant economies (Chile)
TPT 03 2018S	Mass Transit Urban Rail Initiative (China)
TPT 01 2019	Disruptive Technologies and the Changing Nature of Work in the Transportation Sector (Canada)
TPT 02 2019A	Promote Supply Chain Connectivity by Enhancing and Better Understanding Digital Innovation in APEC Port Industry (China)
TPT 03 2019A	APEC SEN Onboard Training to Foster Competent Young Future Maritime Global Leaders (Korea)
TPT 04 2019A	Combating Human Trafficking by Addressing Illicit Uses of Transportation (US)
TPT 05 2019A	Promote Maritime Education and Training of Women and Girls for APEC Economies to Empower Women in the Maritime Community (China)
TPT 06 2019A	Enhancing Aviation Efficiency and Safety Via Performance Based Communications and Surveillance (US)
TPT 07 2019A	Identifying Uses of App-Based Transportation Mobility Technologies for Inclusive Smart Cities (US)
TPT 01 2019S	APEC Women in Transportation (WiT) Workshop (US)
TPT 02 2019S	APEC SEN (Seafarers Excellence Network) Strategic Development and Management Planning for Sustainable Future (Korea)

Transportation Working Group's Annual Fora Report can be found on the SCE APEC Collaboration System site.

## 4. Recommendations

The following recommendations are proposed to the 2019 APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM):

1. *Note the 2019 Senior Officials' Report on Economic and Technical Cooperation;*
2. *Welcome the achievements of the SCE Working Groups and Policy Partnerships; and*
3. *Welcome 2019 contributions to the APEC Support Fund and its sub-funds from Australia; China; Japan; Korea; Chinese Taipei and the United States.*

## **SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation 2019 Work Plan**

1. Proposed Work for 2019 in Response to Leaders/ Ministers/SOM Decisions and SCE Priorities.
  - Provide policy recommendations that are related to ECOTECH groups, to SOM;
  - Review Medium-Term ECOTECH Priorities
  - Coordinate and supervise all ECOTECH-related Working Groups, Policy Partnerships, and Task Groups, including reviewing and recommending any fora's ToR revision to SOM;
  - Review the operation and effectiveness of the SCE;
  - Provide policy guidance on the ECOTECH agenda in the development of sub-fora strategic plans;
  - Continue to monitor the implementation of the Independent Standardized Fora Assessment Program;
  - Determine eligibility and score concept notes applying for funding under ASF sub-funds assigned to the responsibility of the SCE; and,
  - Consolidate the SCE Fora Reports and prepare annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers.
2. Strengthening coordination among and across sub-fora.
  - Promote cross-fora collaboration across APEC sub-fora, including through implementation of the 2016 Recommendations on Cross-Fora Collaboration together with the 2017 APEC Guidelines on Promoting Cross-Fora Collaboration;
  - Review and consider any possible options to make the SCE and SCE COW arrangements more effective;
  - Supervise or coordinate cross-cutting issues and specific initiatives assigned to SCE; and,
  - Consider options to coordinate the implementation of the 2017 APEC Action Agenda on Advancing Economic, Financial and Social Inclusion in the APEC Region, as directed by Leaders.
3. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2019.
  - Implementation of Standardized Fora Assessment Program, including convening of the Assessment Team for 2019, and monitoring the assessment schedule for 2019 and 2020.
  - Consideration of new ways to strengthen cross-fora collaboration through the SCE process;

- Approval of the SCE sub-fora’s annual work plans;
- Review and approval of the Strategic Plans for those sub-fora with expiring strategic plans;
- Review and recommendation of the revised ToRs of certain sub-fora to SOM, including in connection with governance reforms agreed by SOM in 2017; and,
- Submission of the annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers at AMM 2019.

## SCE Report on Synergies within the ECOTECH Agenda 2019

### Background

1. The SCE has tasked “the Secretariat to undertake a strategic assessment of synergies within the ECOTECH agenda after SOM1 and provide recommendations to SCE2 about gaps that may require SCE attention or direction” (point 7 of *SCE Report on Improving ECOTECH in APEC* (2013/SOM3/030)).
2. The first report by the APEC Secretariat (2014/SOM2/SCE/004) was submitted to the SCE2 in 2014. The second report was presented to the SCE2 in 2015.
3. As has been the case since 2016, the current version of the report is prepared and presented to the SCE Committee of the Whole Meeting (SCE-COW), in the view of helping to facilitate the discussion of cross-fora collaboration at the SCE-COW, given the attendance of sub-fora convenors or their representatives. It is also believed that the discussion of cross-fora collaboration early in the APEC year might have greater impact on the activities of the sub-fora throughout the year.
4. The 2019 report has been rationalised somewhat from recent versions. The current report does not include the tables attached to the previous versions, which identified areas of potential cross- fora collaboration according to both sub-fora work plans and annual APEC priorities. For this specific information, one is invited to review the 2019 Work Plans of the SCE sub-fora, the template for which asks sub-fora to specify which other sub-fora or organisations it plans to collaborate with, and how. Similar reporting is sought in the template for annual Fora Reports submitted later in the APEC year.

### Review of the annual work plans of the SCE fora

5. The APEC Secretariat analysed fifteen (15) sub-fora work plans: ACTWG, ATCWG, CTWG, EGILAT, EPWG, EWG, HRDWG, HWG, OFWG, PPSTI, PPWE, SMEWG, TELWG and TWG submitted for approval. The Secretariat analysis came to the following broad conclusions:
  - SCE sub-fora identified over 50 areas of potential cross-fora collaboration.
  - Potential collaboration is being identified with other SCE sub-fora as well as with the sub- fora of the Economic Committee and the Committee on Trade and Investment.
  - The range of potential collaboration partners for each forum also appears fairly diverse, and often differs from project to project. Put another way, collaboration does not appear confined to the same or the more obvious partners although with the new Women and the Economy Sub-Fund, many of the 2018 projects feature collaborations with PPWE.
  - A number of SCE sub-fora identify potential collaboration with external partners, including international and regional organisations such as the United Nations, World Bank, INTERPOL, International Energy Agency, Nature Conservancy, Gender and Climate Alliance, ILO, WHO and OECD, or non-governmental organisations such as the International Air Transport Association and Transparency International, to name but a few.

- Work plans continue to include fairly modest details on the nature and extent of such collaboration.
- Although certain work plans have identified potential collaboration with ABAC and ASEAN, there likely is scope for more frequent collaboration with both entities, together with Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, given their respective roles within the broader APEC process.

### Discussion on how to promote cross-fora collaboration

6. At SCE3 in 2016, SCE members adopted eight recommendations to promote cross-fora collaboration (2016/SOM3/SCE/002):
- a) *Make appropriate arrangements to facilitate more discussion on the cross-cutting issues and projects in the margins of the annual SCE-COW, including exploring possibilities of having themed discussions on specific cross-cutting areas under the lead of some fora convenors;*
  - b) *Request the APEC Secretariat to facilitate easier access to the annual work plans and other useful documents relevant for cross-cutting issues through centralized specific pages under ACS;*
  - c) *Create discussion boards on specific cross-cutting issues at the request of any SCE COW members on ACS and with the assistance from the APEC Secretariat;*
  - d) *Recommend the SOM to review the protocol on remote participation (2014/SOM2/035) with a view to enable APEC fora to easily utilize such IT facility as remote participation (i.e. Skype for Business) to engage with the other fora in certain circumstances;*
  - e) *Request the BMC Small Working Group to consider an approach to give further priorities to those cross-fora collaboration projects, which are of high priorities to APEC member economies, in the APEC funding approval process;*
  - f) *Encourage the CTI and EC representatives to participate in the SCE COW meeting and in other relevant occasions to discuss any cross-cutting issues in the margins of the SCE COW;*
  - g) *Encourage the fora to continue their efforts to coordinate across the fora through different avenues, including identifying specific areas for collaboration, holding multi-fora meetings or joint sessions in the margins of SOM meetings and using focal persons or Program Directors to coordinate with the other fora; and*
  - h) *Assess the fora on their efforts to collaborate or coordinate with the other fora, when the fora are subject to assessments.*
7. The SCE Chair and the Secretariat together with the SCE sub-fora have been implementing these recommendations since SCE3 of 2016. For instance, reforms have been introduced to the arrangements for the SCE-COW to facilitate the discussion of cross-fora issues and projects. In 2019, a thematic discussion focussed on key sub-fora deliverables and cross-fora opportunities is at the heart of the SCE-COW agenda. The Secretariat maintains all key documents of the SCE sub-fora (ie Terms of References, Strategic Plans, annual Work Plans and annual Fora Reports) on the APEC Collaboration System (ACS). Beginning in 2018, one of the criteria for scoring concept notes under the streamlined project approval process concerns cross-fora collaboration. The CTI, EC, BMC, and SFOM Chairs were invited to attend the 2019 SCE-COW. We are witnessing an increasing number of joint or multi-group meetings during SOM clusters. The standardized fora assessment program will continue to be implemented in 2019 with seven fora (EGILAT, EPWG, HWG, OFWG, PPSTI, and TWG) being assessed. The independent assessment will measure data and indicators relating to cross-fora collaboration, among others.

8. In 2017, APEC Ministers welcomed the adoption of the *APEC Guidelines on Promoting Cross- Fora Collaboration*, which streamline existing best practices and highlight emerging issues in the view of encouraging more effective collaboration APEC-wide.

## **Report of the APEC Secretariat Executive Director on the Alignment of Fora Work Plans with APEC's Overall Vision and Objectives 2019**

### **Introduction**

1. In line with the recommendations for *Strengthening Economic and Technical Cooperation in APEC* issued in 2010, the APEC Secretariat Executive Director provides an annual report on how SCE sub-fora work plans address APEC's overall vision and objectives.
2. The SCE sub-fora annual work plans are tabled at the annual SCE-Committee of the Whole Meeting (SCE-COW) seeking approval in accordance with the recommendations of the 2010 ECOTECH Report.
3. The 2019 alignment report considers how well the activities set out in the work plans align with the priorities established by Leaders and Ministers and the annual 2019 APEC priorities.

### **Status of Work Plan Submission**

4. The SCE Terms of Reference stipulate that Working Groups, Policy Partnerships, and Task Groups should submit their annual work plans three weeks prior to the annual SCE-COW on the margins of SCE1. The APEC Secretariat analysed fourteen (14) sub-fora work plans: Anti- Corruption Working Group; Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group; Counter-Terrorism Working Group; Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade; Emergency Preparedness Working Group; Energy Working Group; Human Resources Development Working Group; Health Working Group; Policy Partnership for Science, Technology, and Innovation; Policy Partnership for Women and the Economy; Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group; Telecommunications and Information Working Group; Transportation Working Group; Tourism Working Group submitted as of 28 February 2019
5. The work plans of Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group; Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group; and Telecommunications Working Group were submitted at SCE- COW as they were endorsed by the respective sub-fora.
6. The SCE sub-fora are asked to develop their work plans in accordance with a template approved at SCE2 2016. In 2017, guidance was added to the template to encourage identification of gender-related initiatives or aspects thereof. Additional guidance was provided in 2019 to focus reporting on those deliverables that align with the 2019 priorities.
7. The Secretariat conducted an analysis of the work plans and came to the following general conclusions:

### **Alignment of Work Plans with Broader APEC Objectives**

- The majority of SCE sub-fora focused their activities to respond to the mandates given to them by the Leaders and Ministers. The majority of sub-fora, such as EGILAT, EWG, HRDWG, HWG, OFWG, PPWE, SMEWG, TELWG, and TWG, specifically cite recent instructions of Ministers.



- A number of these also refer to 2019 APEC priorities. It is noted, however, that some work plans may have been developed before the 2019 APEC priorities were widely circulated.
- All work plans also make linkages between their specific activities and the relevant ECOTECH Medium Term Priorities, which is facilitated by the new template.

### **Planning Elements (Cross- fora collaboration, Capacity Building and Expected Deliverables)**

- All submitted work plans identify some degree of collaboration with other sub- fora on cross- cutting topics. The Secretariat presents its analysis in a separate paper.
- Most initiatives and projects have been identified as capacity building, which is in keeping with ECOTECH priorities.
- A number of the work plans responded to the work plan guidance seeking identification of gender-related initiatives or aspect thereof.
- There remains room for improvement amongst sub- fora work plans focusing on deliverables, or outputs and outcomes, which advance APEC priorities, rather than on activities and routine administrative issues.
- Reforms to the SCE-COW arrangements have aided a focus on concrete deliverables.

### **Secretariat Comment**

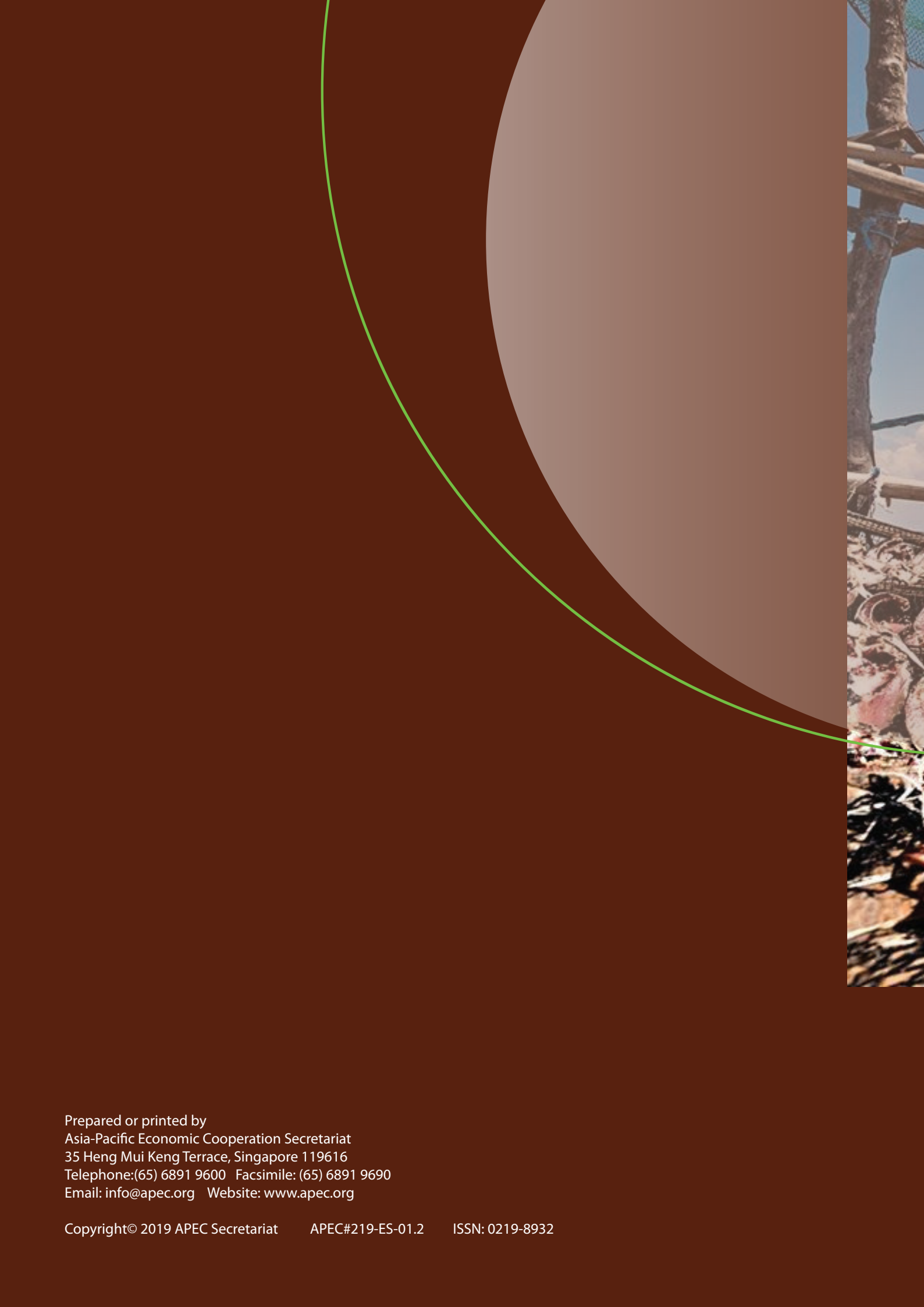
8. A continued emphasis on expected deliverables in work plan preparation could aid Senior Officials and conveners in maximizing capacity building through cross- fora collaboration.

## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABAC	APEC Business Advisory Council
ACTWG	Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts' Working Group
ACT-NET	Anti-Corruption Authorities & Law Enforcement Agencies
AMM	APEC Ministerial Meeting
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ART	APEC Research and Technology
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASF	APEC Support Fund
ASPIRE	APEC Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education
ATCWG	Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group
BCP	Business Continuity Plans
BMC	Budget and Management Committee
BMG	Business Mobility Group ( <i>a sub-fora of CTI</i> )
CEEDS	Cooperative Energy Efficiency Design for Sustainability
CSOM	Concluding Senior Officials' Meeting
CTI	Committee on Trade and Investment
CTWG	Counter-Terrorism Working Group
DARE	Data Analytics Raising Employment
EC	Economic Committee
ECOTECH	Economic and Technical Cooperation
EGILAT	Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade
EPWG	Emergency Preparedness Working Group
ESCI	Energy Smart Communities Initiative
ESI	Energy Security Initiative
EWG	Energy Working Group
FMP	Finance Ministers' Process

FOTC	Friends of the Chair
FTAAP & GVCs	Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and Global Value Chains
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPA	General Project Account
HLPDAB	High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology
HRDWG	Human Resources Development Working Group
HWG	Health Working Group
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IERG	Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth
IOV	Internet of Vehicles
LCMT	Low Carbon Model Town
LEDS	Low Emission Development Strategies
MOI	Mainstreaming Ocean Related Issues Steering Council
MRA	Mutual Recognition Arrangement
MRA-CA	MRA for Conformity Assessment
MRM	Ministers Responsible for Mining
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
O2O	APEC Online-Offline
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OFWG	Ocean and Fisheries Working Group
PBN	Performance Based Navigation
PMU	Project Management Unit, APEC Secretariat
PPFS	Policy Partnership on Food Security
PPSTI	Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation
PPWE	Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy
PSU	Policy Support Unit, APEC Secretariat
REI	Regional Economic Integration

SCCP	Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures ( <i>a sub-fora of CTI</i> )
SCE	Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation
SCE-COW	SCE Committee of the Whole
SCSC	Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance ( <i>a sub-fora of CTI</i> )
SDMOF	Senior Disaster Management Officials Meeting
SMEWG	Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group
SOM	Senior Officials' Meeting
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
TELWG	Telecommunications and Information Working Group
TFI	Trade Facilitation Initiative
TILF	Trade and Investment Liberalisation Fund
TPTWG	Transportation Working Group
TWG	Tourism Working Group
US-SEGA	US-Support for Economic Growth in Asia



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