



Advancing Free Trade
for Asia-Pacific Prosperity

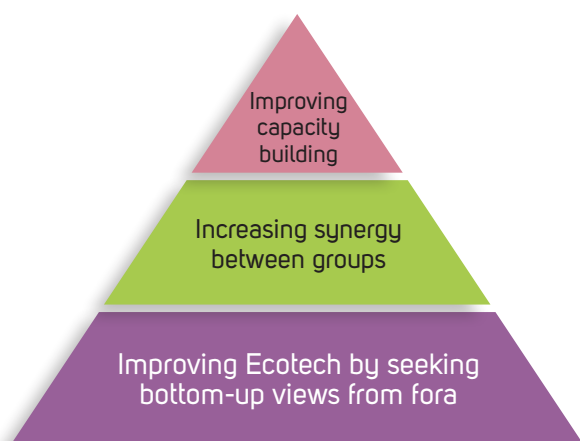
Economic and Technical Cooperation (ECOTECH) is aimed at attaining sustainable growth and equitable development in the Asia-Pacific region, reducing economic disparities among economies and improving overall economic and social well-being of all citizens living across the APEC region.

ECOTECH activities aim to promote the full participation of all men and women in the benefits of economic growth. ECOTECH includes capacity building and information sharing to advance APEC's goals of trade liberalization and sustainable growth and equitable development.

The Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation (SCE) coordinates and manages APEC's ECOTECH agenda.

Focus of the SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation in 2013

A survey was conducted seeking views of all the SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation (SCE) working groups and task forces and APEC economies on how ECOTECH's work, communications and capacity building projects could be improved. The report of this survey, the SCE Report on Improving ECOTECH in APEC, resulted in ten recommendations that are designed to improve the flow of information and increase coordination between SCE fora and help focus activity on areas of greatest value. Two additional recommendations were developed based on a review of APEC project monitoring and evaluation undertaken by the Budget and Management Committee (BMC). The SCE resolved to support BMC's efforts to strengthen the effectiveness of capacity building funded by APEC funds. All 12 recommendations were adopted by the SCE Committee and will be implemented over the next year.

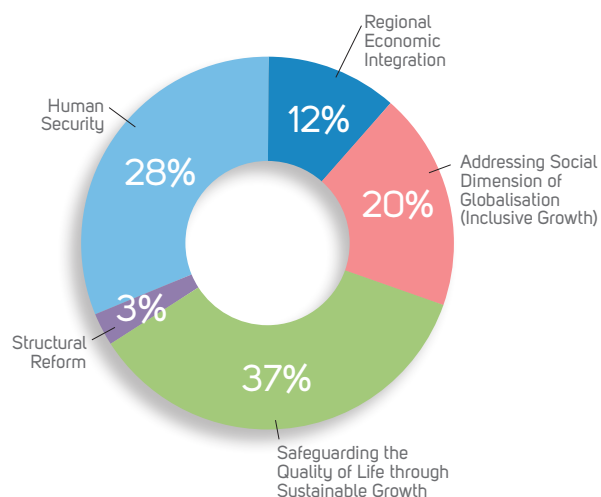


APEC Projects in Action

SCE's work in 2013 supported the five medium-term priorities for APEC's Economic and Technical Cooperation:

- Regional Economic Integration
- Addressing Social Dimension of Globalisation (Inclusive Growth)
- Safeguarding the Quality of Life through Sustainable Growth
- Structural Reform
- Human Security

During the period from October 2012 to August 2013, APEC committed to fund a total of 84 ECOTECH projects proposed by SCE working groups. There are also six multi-year projects underway and an additional 14 projects initiated and self-funded by individual member economies. Moreover, an additional 23 ECOTECH projects were also implemented across other APEC Committees: 10 projects from the Committee on Trade and Investment, 11 projects from the Economic Committee and 1 project from the Finance Ministers' Process.



*Based upon number of projects

Progress Review of the APEC Growth Strategy and Implementation of the Medium-term ECOTECH Priorities in 2013

The SCE working groups and task forces in 2013 continued to implement the five medium-term ECOTECH priorities outlined above and the APEC Growth Strategy aimed at ensuring that economic growth in the region is more balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure.

For example under secure growth, the Emergency Preparedness Working Group and the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Working Group conducted a train-the-trainer workshop and published a guidebook to assist with SME business continuity planning in the event of a disaster. The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group implemented an APEC-ASEAN Pathfinder project to combat corruption and illicit trade.

Under sustainable growth, the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group provided advanced training for marine spatial planning aimed to increase knowledge of the marine environment and appropriate management responses to address multiple use conflict.

Under inclusive growth, the Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy implemented its multi-year project on innovation for women and economic development to facilitate women's livelihood and resilience through greater use of information and communications technologies.

Selected Achievements of SCE Working Groups and Task Forces in 2013

Scope of Fiscal Transparency	• APEC-ASEAN Pathfinder Project on Combating Corruption and Illicit Trade
Agricultural & Technical Cooperation	• Assessment of Climate Change Impacts and Mapping of Vulnerability to Food Insecurity Under Climate Change to Strengthen Household Food Security
Counter-Terrorism	• APEC Aviation Security (low cost/no cost) security and checkpoint optimization capabilities workshop
Illegal Logging & Associated Trade	• 2nd Ministers' Responsible for Forestry Meeting
Emergency Preparedness	• Guidebook on Promoting SME Business Continuity Plans to Strengthen Reliability of Supply Chains
Energy	• Advancing the Energy Smart Communities Initiative
Human Resources Development	• APEC Vocational Training Project in Cooperation with Enterprises
Health	• Policy Dialogue on Getting to Zero on HIV and AIDS to Support Sustainable Growth in Asia Pacific Region
Ocean and Fisheries	• Pathfinder Interim Project on Enhancement of Partnership of APEC Economies on Combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
Science, Technology & Innovation	• Launch of the Policy Partnership on Science, Technology & Innovation, including organisational arrangements and strategic plan
Women and the Economy	• Joint Ministerial Meeting on SME and Women to promote Women SMEs
Small and Medium Enterprises	• APEC Start up Accelerator Initiative • Business Ethics Capacity Building for SMEs in Medical Devices, Bio-Pharma
Telecommunications and Information	• APEC-OECD Symposium on Security Risk Management in the Internet Economy
Science, Technology & Innovation	• Launch of the Policy Partnership on Science, Technology & Innovation, including organisational arrangements and strategic plan
Transportation	• Addressing variations in cross-border standards and regulations for the movement of goods