

SCE Fora Updates**Report of the APEC Secretariat Executive Director on the Alignment of Fora Workplans with APEC's Overall Vision and Objectives****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 fora work plans meet APEC's overall vision and objectives.
2. This report has been drafted with the help of many individuals within APEC, including the SCE Chair who requested all fora to develop and submit completed annual work plans. The complete annual work plans will be tabled during the SCE-COW meeting for endorsement by APEC Senior Officials in accordance with the recommendations in the 2010 ECOTECH Report.
3. This report considers how well the activities in the work plans align with the priorities set by leaders and ministers and the annual APEC priorities for 2017. In addition to the brief qualitative assessment of fora workplans, a series of charts are at Annex, which were first developed at SCE2 2011, and provide a focused set of data on the outputs of the fora in the previous year.

Status of Workplan Submission

4. The Terms of Reference of the SCE stipulates that the Working Groups and Task Forces should submit their workplans three weeks before the SCE-COW meeting. At the time of finalizing this report (20 February 2017), twelve of the seventeen SCE fora had submitted their annual workplans for consideration by SCE. These workplans are from: ACTWG, ATCWG, CTWG, EPWG, EGILAT, EWG, MTF, PPSTI, SMEWG, TELWG, TWG and TPTWG. Three fora (HRDWG, HWG and OFWG) shared their workplans with the Secretariat. GOFD and PPWE have not shared their draft plans nor submitted the finalized plans.
5. It is noted that some of the fora aim to finalize their workplans at their meetings close to the SCE-COW meeting and some others may need to work further on their workplans. The Secretariat also notes that some fora's practice to discuss and finalize the draft workplans at their plenary meeting would make it difficult to submit their workplans in a timely manner. The APEC's annual priorities tend to be available only after ISOMs, which were held in December during the recent years. In addition, the late establishment of 2017 Funding Criteria may have also affected the process within the fora.
6. For this year, the SCE fora are asked to develop their workplans in accordance with the new workplan template, which was approved at SCE2 of 2016. This new workplan template has removed much of redundant sections, while highlighting more specific and tangible activities of the fora in a more succinct way. All the workplans respond to all the elements of the template, while the fora tend to use the introduction to provide more details and backgrounds for the workplan.

Alignment of Workplans with Broader APEC Objectives

7. Most of the fora did focus on their activities to respond to the mandates given to them by the Leaders and Ministers. Due to ongoing discussions on tasking statements, the fora are unable to identify relevant aspects in them. However, many of the fora, such as EWG, EGILAT, TWG, EPWG, ACTWG, HWG, ATCWG, HRDWG and SMEWG, did refer to the most recent instructions from the Ministers or 2017 Host Priorities.
8. All the workplans also make linkages between their specific activities and the relevant ECOTECH Medium Term Priorities, which is facilitated by the new workplan template.
9. Furthermore, many plans make specific linkages between such objectives and their activities, which is a substantive improvement from the previous years, where the mandates were referred to as in a separate section.
10. The best workplan would :

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- Identify the broad APEC goals, including ECOTECH Medium Term Priorities and annual priorities (if relevant) ;
- Also identify sector-specific mandates from leaders/ministerial statements, tasking statements and the fora's Strategic Plans, as appropriate; and
- State specific set of tools and processes to implement their plans.

Fora Activities Data

11. The attached table shows the attendance statistics of the fora's plenary meetings, which can be summarized as :
 - many fora meetings were attended by equal to or more than 14 economies;
 - EPWG and OFWG had less than 14 economies at their two most recent meetings in a consecutive manner; and,
 - ATCWG, EGILAT, MTF and TWG had one meeting out of the three most recent meetings, where less than 14 economies participated.
12. Most of the fora websites were updated in the second half of 2016. The SCE fora also produced 55 news releases with the help of the APEC Secretariat and 74 publications.

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

13. All submitted workplans identify the importance of collaboration with other fora on cross-cutting topics. Cross-fora collaboration areas identified in the workplans are more specific this year. The Secretariat presents its detailed analysis in this aspect in a separate paper.
14. Not many initiatives have been identified as non-capacity building ones, which indicates that most of the activities planned by the fora are for building capacity.
15. All the fora workplans identify expected deliverables for the year, which also include routine planning, such as completing strategic or annual work plans.
16. Finally, very few plans make any reference to their efforts to address gender related issues. This has been a relatively steady area of underperformance.

Conclusions

17. Most of the workplans reviewed show the fora's efforts in aligning their activities with the APEC goals and the mandates for them. The fora workplans in general provide more specific linkages among the different elements of planning.
18. However, there is still a scope for further improvement.
 - Fora may be further encouraged to explicitly state their gender related perspectives of the group. An addition to the existing workplan template to this effect could be instrumental in helping to address this area of underperformance.
 - The fora may need to be urged to expedite the process of considering their workplans to meet the deadline set by the ToR of SCE. Certain fora's practice to endorse the workplans at their plenary meeting could be a barrier. An early announcement of the host year priorities would facilitate the fora's planning.
19. The Secretariat will follow up with those fora who have not submitted their plans to SCE-COW on the preparation of workplans and will forward the final plans to SCE for consideration.

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ACTWG

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts Working Group	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016 (7)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				Nil	
THREE Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
16 Aug 2016 (ACT-NET)	52	17	1 Day	1,993,214	2008 (3); 2009 (4); 2010 (0); 2011 (2); 2012 (1);2013 (1); 2016 (1)Total=12
17 Aug 2016	65	17	1 Day		
23- Feb 2016	51	15	1 Day		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2016)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ACTWG should include all its projects in the APEC Project Database. * ACTWG requires to clarify administrative arrangements of the ACT-NET initiative to improve its efficiency and effectiveness. * ACTWG should explore further collaboration opportunities with other relevant subfora, in particular SMEWG. * ACTWG needs to update its Strategic Plan to reflect ACTWG's extended mandate to 2020. * ACTWG needs to use ACS to consolidate core ACTWG material and make it readily accessible to members to improve delegates' familiarity with key governance documents. 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * REI * Structural Reform * Human Security 	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	2		Speeches	2	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	12 August 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

SCE Fora Updates**ATCWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Agricultural Technology Cooperation Working Group	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2008, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 (5)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				MM on Food Security – 2010, 12, 14, 16 (4)	
THREE Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
21-22 Sept. 2016	44	16	2 Days	6,625,048	2008 (8); 2009 (10); 2010 (5); 2011 (9); 2012 (5); 2013 (2); 2014 (1); 2016 (1). Total=41
28-29 Sept. 2015	54	13	2 Days		
16 Sept. 2014	57	15	1 Day		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2016)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * ATCWG should recast its Strategic Plan so that its individual goals are clearly aligned with TOR. * ATCWG TOR should be amended to include specific reference to consideration of women in the agricultural economy. * ATCWG and HLPDAB meetings should not overlap and a joint ATCWG-HLPDAB meeting should be held annually. * ATCWG should attend and present to plenary sessions of PPFS. * ATCWG should encourage private sector engagement and technologies utilization to address its broad objectives more effectively. 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human Capital * REI * Sustainable Growth * Human Security 	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	9		Speeches	1	
Feature Stories	1		Publications	1	
Last Website Update	11 August 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

SCE Fora Updates**CTWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Counter Terrorism Working Group		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (8)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			Nil		
THREE Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
22-23 February 2016	61	18	2 Day	1,943,381	2008 (4); 2009 (3); 2011 (2); 2013 (1); 2016 (1). Total=11
21-22 August 2016	51	15	2 Day		
20 August 2016 (STAR Conference)	146	19	1 Day		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2013)			* Upgrade the Task Force into a Working Group * Continue refining the usefulness of the CTAP Summary Report as a capacity-building tool for member economies.		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>			* Human Security		
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	0		Speeches	1	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	17 June 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

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EWG

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Energy Working Group		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2008, 2011, 2015, 2016 (4)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			Energy MM – 1996, 97, 98, 00, 02, 04, 05, 07, 10, 12, 14, 15 (12).		
THREE Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
19 - 20 October 2016 (EWG52)	60	16	2 days	36,813,334	2008 (14); 2009 (18); 2010 (10); 2011 (24); 2012 (22) 2013 (24); 2014 (8); 2015 (25); 2016 (20) Total=165
12 - 13 May 2016 (EWG51)	84	18	2 days		
17 - 18 December 2015 (EWG50)	70	14	2 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2013)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * EWG activities are in line with broad APEC objectives * The current EWG structure is satisfactory * EWG should seek to more proactively communicate their work to external parties. 		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sustainable Growth * Technologies and Innovation * Human Security * REI * SMEs 		
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	4 (APEC Secretariat); 1 (External)		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	35	
Last Website Update	11 November 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	World Energy Council Newsletter feature on APEC based on ED interview; Project Overseer (PO) publication of APEC work in an peer-reviewed International Energy Journal; news releases on EWG activity issued by EWG members/POs; active use of social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM3	

SCE Fora Updates**EPWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Emergency Preparedness Working Group		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016 (7)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			Senior Disaster management Officials Forum (SDMOF) 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016		
THREE Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
20-21 February 2016	35	12	2 Day	5,199,301	2008 (4); 2009 (5); 2010 (5); 2011 (5); 2012 (2); 2013 (2); 2014 (2); 2015 (2); 2016 (1). Total=28
15-16 August 2016	48	12	2 Day		
8-9 October 2016 (SDMOF)	52	8	2 Days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2015)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * EPWG requires strengthening institutional arrangements, including on review of its strategic plan, workplan, reporting, co-chairing arrangement, meeting agenda establishment and intersessional arrangements. * EPWG needs to review its relations with DMOF. * EPWG is recommended to review its project related procedures, including rating criteria of CNs and completion report. 		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human Capital * SMEs * Sustainable Growth * Human Security 		
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	2		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	2		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	24 Oct 16				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM3	

SCE Fora Updates**EGILAT**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				Since 2011: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (4)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				Ministers Responsible for Forestry Meeting – 2011, 2013, 2015 (3)	
THREE Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
17-18 August 2016	43	13	2 days	241,780	2016 (2). Total= 2
20-21 February 2016	43	14	2 days		
22-23 August 2015	58	18	2 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2013)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * EGILAT's unique policy strength and value to regional dialogues is its specific focus on illegal logging and associated trade. * EGILAT needs to further prioritise its resources and consider cross-cutting issues, but has formed well and did successfully deliver its multi-year Strategic Plan. * EGILAT's key concern is its 0% success rate in applying for project funding. * EGILAT should consider member-driven leadership support and could better link with external forestry initiatives. 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				* Sustainable Growth	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	1		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	8 August 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

SCE Fora Updates**GOFD**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Group of Friends on Disability Issues	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2016 (1)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				0	
THREE Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
May 11, 2016	48	16	1 day	0	Total= 0
Key Points from Independent Assessment ()					
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				*Human Capital *Human Security	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	0		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	N/A				
Media/Outreach Opportunities			Next Website Update	After SOM2	

SCE Fora Updates**HWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Health Working Group	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 (7)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				Health MM – 2003, 2006, 2007, 2014, 2015, 20-16 (6)	
<u>THREE</u> Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
19-20 Aug, 2016	49	16	2 days	6,604,665	2008 (8); 2009 (3); 2010 (5); 2011 (8); 2012 (5); 2013 (6); 2015 (1); 2016 (4). Total=40
27-28 Feb , 2016	68	17	2 days		
28-29 Aug, 2015	55	19	2 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2014)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * HWG should maintain close liaison with the LSIF. * Remain focused cooperating with other fora and communication messages clearly. * Ensure projects address high priority needs. 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				* * Inclusive Growth	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	3		Speeches	2	
Feature Stories	1		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	25 July 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

SCE Fora Updates**HRDWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Human Resources Development Working Group		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016 (6)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			HRD MM – 1996, 97, 99, 01, 10, 14 (6) AEMM: 1992, 00, 04,08,12,16 (6)High Level Policy Dialogue on Human Capital Building (HLPD-HCB) (PNG, 6-7 May 2015)		
THREE Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
2016 May 7-10	92	21	4 days	9,099,597	2008 (12); 2009 (10); 2010 (3); 2011 (6); 2012 (6); 2013 (3); 2014 (4); 2015 (3); 2016 (5). Total=52
August 20	47	15	1 day		
October 04	63	19	1 day		
14-17 May 2015	112	20	4 days		
15-21 Feb 2014	126	18	7 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2014)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Refine Lead Shepherd selection criteria and do more to develop future leaders * Ensure alignment with APEC mission and priorities. 		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities (eg. Sustainable Growth)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human Capital * SMEs * REI * Inclusive Growth 		
Communications Products (2015)					
News Releases	3		Speeches	1	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	4	
Last Website Update	24 October 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM2	

SCE Fora Updates**MTF**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Mining Task Force		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2010, 2012, 2016 (3)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			Mining MM – 2004, 05, 07, 12, 14 (5)		
<u>THREE</u> Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
9-11 May 2016 (MTF10)	50	12	2 Days	1,525,679	2009 (3); 2011 (1); 2016 (4). Total=8
26 - 27 Aug 2015 (MTF9)	61	15	2 Days		
24 - 25 June 2014 (MTF8)	59	18	2 Days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2014)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Renew the MTF mandate * Provide more support to MTF leadership * Work more closely with stakeholders, especially ABAC 		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * REI * Sustainable Growth 		
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	1		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	17 November 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

SCE Fora Updates**OFWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Ocean and Fisheries Working Group¹		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 (7)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			Ocean-Related MM – 2002, 05, 10, 14 (4) High Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Blue Economy – 2014, Food Security Ministerial (2016)		
THREE Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
20-22 Sept 2016	53	12	3 days	2,983,509	2008 (4); 2009 (4); 2010 (1); 2011 (1); 2012 (1); 2013 (1); 2014 (3); 2015(1); 2016 (3). Total=19
5-7 May 2016	54	13	3 days		
10-12 May 2015	58	17	3 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2015)			*The OFWG should establish a new strategic plan. * The economy delegations should reconfirm their delegations and participation in the work of OFWG.		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>			* Human Capital * Inclusive Growth * Sustainable Growth * Human Security		
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	1		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	1	
Last Website Update	21 June 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM3	

¹ Formed from a merger of the Fisheries Working Group and Marine Resources Conservation Working Group in 2011. The first official meeting of this group took place in 2012. Prior to 2012 attendance data is from the joint meeting which took place in June 2011, project data is combined from both groups.

SCE Fora Updates**PPSTI**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation²	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2015, 2016 (2)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				High Level Policy Dialogue on Science and Technology in Higher Education (2015)	
THREE Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
15-18 Aug 2016	84	16	4 days	8,141,814	2008 (6); 2009 (4); 2010 (2); 2011 (6); 2012 (7); 2013 (7); 2014 (1); 2015(3); 2016 (5). Total=36
10-12 May 2016	90	16	3 days		
10-12 Aug 2015	167	14	3 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2015) – former ISTWG				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *PPSTI should place greater emphasis on innovation and innovation policy. *PPSTI should take a more proactive approach to identifying new projects and activities to better align with its Terms of Reference. *PPSTI should initiate a formal review of its sponsored Centers. *PPSTI should identify opportunities to work with and be relevant to ABAC. 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities (eg. Sustainable Growth)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human Capital * SMEs * Technology and Innovation * Inclusive Growth * REI * Sustainable Growth * Human Security 	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	2		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	1		Publications	2	
Last Website Update	September 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	ASPIRE Prize; social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

² PPSTI formed in 2013. It previously operated as the Industrial Science and Technology working Group (ISTWG). Earlier information here is based upon ISTWG activity.

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Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy³	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2008, 2009, 2010, (3 as GFPN) 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (5)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				Women MM – 1998, 02, 11, 12, 13, 14 (6) HLPD-WE (September 2015)	
THREE Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
28-29 June 2016	89	18	2 days	2,558,446	2008 (1); 2009 (2); 2011 (2); 2013 (1); 2015 (1); 2016 (3). Total=10
15-16 September 2015	79	18	2 days		
2015 3-5 May	61	10	3 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2016)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Review the chair arrangements and consider implementing a 2 year chairing. *Revision of the Framework for the integration of women in APEC *PPWE to attend meetings of other fora to report on integration women in APEC *Enhance Private Sector engagement in PPWE activities 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human Capital * Technologies and Innovation * Inclusive Growth 	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	9		Speeches	1	
Feature Stories	3		Publications	0	
Last Website Update	10 August 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Video interview with PPWE Chair, social media		Next Website Update	After SOM3	

³ Historical information is provided for the GFPN which was subsumed by the PPWE in May 2011.

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Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (8)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				SME MM – 1994-2016 (23)	
<u>THREE</u> Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
7-8 Sep 2016	71	18	2 days	14,964,973	2008 (6); 2009 (13); 2010 (8); 2011 (11); 2012 (7); 2013 (14); 2014 (6); 2015 (8); 2016 (10). Total=83
23 – 24 Sep 2015	124	20	2 days		
10 – 11 June 2015	69	18	2 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2015)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SMEWG should focus more on the three priority areas. * SMEWG Strategic Plan should be used to provide more guidance for the activities. * SMEWG should coordinate more with other fora and private sector on some cross-cutting issues. * SMEWG should improve more on project related matters, storing publications on a website, translating some publications into other languages, more priorities to development of best practices and independent assessment on some projects. 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human Capital * SMEs * Technology and Innovation * Inclusive Growth * REI * Structural Reform * Sustainable Growth 	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	10		Speeches	1	
Feature Stories	1		Publications	3	
Last Website Update	14 October 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Video contest, social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

SCE Fora Updates**TELWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora				Telecommunications & Information Working Group	
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008				2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016 (7)	
Related Ministerial Meetings				TELMIN – 1995, 96, 98, 00, 02, 05, 08, 10, 12, 15 (10)	
THREE Most Recent Meetings				APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008	
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
19-23 Oct 2015	103	19	5 days	1,442,512	2008 (1); 2009 (5); 2010 (2); 2011 (2); 2012 (2); 2013 (1) 2014 (3); 2015 (1). Total=17
12-17 Jun 2016	86	17	5 days		
30 Oct-4 Nov 2016	152	17	5 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2016)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Increased resources to TELWG projects * High level APEC Goal * Maintain a focus on Cyber Security * Support Industry Engagement * Sharing Best Practice 	
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Technology and Innovation * REI * Human Security 	
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	3		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	1	
Last Website Update	December 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	TEL55 in Apr 2017	

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TWG

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Tourism Working Group		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2011, 2012, 2016 (3)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			Tourism MM – 2000, 02, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14 (8)		
THREE Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
30 August-02 September 2016 (49th Tourism Working Group Meeting)	26	9	3days	2,274,407	2008 (3); 2009 (3); 2011 (3); 2013 (1); 2014 (2); 2015 (2); 2016 (1). Total=15
28-29 May 2016 (9th APEC Tourism Ministerial Meeting)	80	19	2days		
25-26 May 2016 (48th Tourism Working Group Meeting)	50	18	2 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2014)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Ensure plans link to broader APEC priorities. * Strengthen the quality of project proposals and develop multi-year approaches. * Broaden the range of participants in TWG work 		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Human Capital * SMEs * * Inclusive Growth * REI * Structural Reform * Human Security 		
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	3		Speeches	1	
Feature Stories	1		Publications	25	
Last Website Update	November 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Video interview with TMM Chair, social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM1	

SCE Fora Updates**TPTWG**

Name of SCE Sub-Fora			Transportation Working Group		
SCE-COW Participation Since 2008			2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 (8)		
Related Ministerial Meetings			Transport MM – 1995, 97, 02, 04, 07, 09, 11, 12, 13, 15 (10)		
THREE Most Recent Meetings			APEC-Funded Projects Since 2008		
Date	Attendance		Duration	Total Value (US \$)	No. of Projects
	Persons	Economies			
6-9 September 2016 (TPT43)	176	15	4 days	8,865,119	2009 (7); 2010 (8); 2011 (8); 2012 (11); 2013 (7); 2014 (3); 2015 (5); 2016 (1). Total=50
4-7 April 2016 (TPT42)	204	14	4 days		
26-29 May 2015 (TPT41)	230	17	4 days		
Key Points from Independent Assessment (2013)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Work areas are well aligned with broader APEC priorities * Need to continue to identify and pursue opportunities to maximise economy involvement, information sharing and workload burden sharing amongst the group. 		
Alignment with ECOTECH Priorities <i>(eg. Sustainable Growth)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Technology and Innovation * REI * Sustainable Growth * Human Security 		
Communications Products (2016)					
News Releases	1		Speeches	0	
Feature Stories	0		Publications	2	
Last Website Update	16 September 2016				
Media/Outreach Opportunities	Social media, photos		Next Website Update	After SOM2	