

## REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF APEC CHILE 2019

*The following report is a compendium of the outcomes and progress accomplished during 2019 by member economies, under the leadership of the host economy Chile, and the theme “Connecting People, Building the Future”. This will serve as a record of the work carried out during this year for member economies and interested stakeholders.*

*The report is divided into two sections, the first one highlights the main outcomes of Chile's priorities; APEC's multi-year initiatives and strategic goals; stakeholder engagement; and awards and competitions. The second section lists the initiatives and projects from APEC fora and sub-fora completed or underway this year, as well as, APEC's capacity building activities completed in 2019.*

*This report also includes the outcomes of the work of the Policy Support Unit and the APEC Vision Group.*

### I. 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

#### 2019 Host Year Priorities

This year the priorities were:

1. Digital Society
2. Integration 4.0
3. Women, SMEs and Inclusive Growth
4. Sustainable Growth

Under the priorities, we highlight the following outcomes:

- La Serena Roadmap for Women and Inclusive Growth (2019-2030)
- Roadmap on Combatting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
- Roadmap on Marine Debris
- Establishment of the Marine Debris Management and Innovation Sub-Fund
- Establishment of the Digital Economy Steering Group (DESG)
- Establishment of the Digital Innovation Sub-Fund
- 2019 APEC Economic Policy Report (AEPR) on Structural Reform and the Digital Economy
- APEC Strategic Blueprint for Promoting Global Value Chains 2020-2025 (Blueprint 2.0)

#### Multi-Year Initiatives and Strategic Goals

APEC has continued to deliver work under the following long-term workstreams:

- APEC Bogor Goals

- Ministers Responsible for Trade endorsed the proposal on “Addressing the Unfinished Business of the Bogor Goals: A Final Push on Services”
- Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP)
- APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015-2025
- Boracay Action Agenda to Globalize Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (BAA)
- APEC Internet and Digital Economy Roadmap (AIDER)
- APEC Strategy for Strengthening Quality Growth (ASSQG)
- APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap (ASCR) (2016-2025)
- Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (RAASR) (2016-2020)
- APEC Action Agenda on Advancing Economic, Financial and Social Inclusion in the APEC Region
- APEC Framework on Human Resources Development in the Digital Age

## Stakeholder Engagement

In 2019, Ministers Responsible for Trade reaffirmed the importance of strengthening and revitalizing APEC’s engagement with the private sector, including with ABAC. Ministers also encouraged ABAC to engage with relevant stakeholders, including MSMEs, to ensure it can continue to represent the broader business community. While noteworthy examples of stakeholder engagement can be found throughout this report, we wish to highlight the following high-level events:

- 2 March – APEC Business Advisory Council and Senior Officials Dialogue
- 14 May – Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue: APEC Towards 2020 and Beyond
- 18 May – APEC@30. A Private - Public Approach Towards Regional Economic Integration  
*Ministers Responsible for Trade and private sector stakeholders*
- 23 August – APEC Public – Private Collaboration for Food Security in our Region: Enabling environment for investments towards a sustainable and integrated food system  
*Ministers Responsible for Food Security and private sector stakeholders*
- 3 October – Public-Private Dialogue on Women and the Economy 2019

## Awards and Competitions

- APEC Digital Prosperity Award
- APSN Green Port Award System (GPAS)
- Chile 2019 APEC App Challenge: Connecting People, Building the Future
- APEC Photo Contest 2019
- EWG The 4th ESCI Best Practices Awards Program
- HRDWG APEC Women in Research Fellowship
- PPSTI APEC Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education (ASPIRE) 2019: “Natural Laboratories”
- PPWE APEC Business Efficiency and Success Target (BEST) Award 2019
- PPWE Healthy Women, Healthy Economies Research Prize

## II. APEC FORA INITIATIVES, PROJECTS & CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

### Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI)

#### CTI initiatives and projects completed in 2019

• [with PSU] APEC Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan 2017-2020: Interim Review of External Indicators
• Checklist of GVCs friendly provision in trade and investment policy frameworks
• Chile and The Philippines' contributions to the Compendium on Methodologies for SMEs Internationalization
• [with PSU] Fostering an Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment in APEC for Data-Utilizing Businesses
• Initiative on Effective Domestic Policymaking for Stimulating Economic Upgrading Through Global Value Chains
• Launch of the APEC Trade in Value-Added (TiVA) Database
• [with PSU] Peer Review and Capacity Building on APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment: Indonesia
• Recommendations on WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Notifications
• SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in Services Industries: Tourism Sector
• Study of APEC Economies' Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Notifications on Quality and Completeness of Information
• Survey on MSME/MSME-related Provisions in APEC Economies' FTAs/RTAs
• [with PSU] Taking Forward the Lima Declaration on the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific – Study on Tariffs
• TiVA Initiative Report One: Methodologies of Constructing the APEC TiVA Database for - Better Understanding Global Value Chains in the APEC Region
• Updated Table of Progress on Economies' Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
• Updated Reference Guide for Peer Review and Capacity Building on APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment

#### CTI initiatives and projects agreed in 2019 and that are underway

• APEC Capacity Building in Promoting Digital Economy
• [with PSU] Assessment of Capacity Building Needs on Trade Related Aspects of E-Commerce to Support WTO negotiation on trade related aspects of electronic commerce
• Capacity Building Workshop on RTAs/FTAs Negotiation Skills on Transparency
• Compilation of Modern-Day Factors Affecting the Formation and Development of GVCs
• Digital Symposium
• [with GOS] Environmental Services Action Plan, including an Implementation Plan for the Final Review
• Guidelines and Best Practices for the Adoption of Global Data Standards (GDS)
• Initiative on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Content Trade
• [with GOS] Implementation Plan for the Final Review of the Manufacturing Related Services Action Plan
• Pathfinder on Building Blocks for Facilitating Digital Trade
• Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Content Trade

### CTI capacity building activities completed in 2019

<i>Event</i>	<i>Dates</i>
• Digital Trade Policy Dialogue (I)	2 March
• Workshop on Women and Trade	5 March
• APEC Tokyo Conference on Quality Infrastructure	14-15 March
• Capacity Building on Domestic Consultation on RTAs/FTAs Negotiation	22-23 March
• Capacity Building Workshop on Strategic Framework on Measurement of APEC TiVA under GVCs and its Action Plan	7-8 May
• Workshop on Trade and Investment Inter-Dependencies in GVCs	9-10 May
• Workshop on Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Implement Programs on Expedited Shipments – Phase II	17-18 June
• Workshop on Best Practices in the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Implementation within APEC Economies: Opportunities and Challenges	19-20 June
• Capacity Building Workshop on RTA/FTA Negotiation Skills on SMEs	18-19 July
• Workshop on Optimizing Investment Measures in the Asia-Pacific	11-12 August
• 9th Meeting of the APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity	22 August
• Public-Private Dialogue on Promoting Transparency through the Improvement of information submitted in the SPS Notifications	22-23 August
• Public-Private Dialogue on Advertising Standards in the Digital Economy	23 August
• FTAAP Capacity Building Workshop on Tariffs	23 August
• Trade Policy Dialogue on Fostering an Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment in APEC for Data-Utilizing Businesses	23 August
• Digital Trade Policy Dialogue (II)	24 August
• FTAAP Capacity Building Workshop on Competition Policy Under the 3rd REI CBN: Sharing Good Examples of FTAs/EPAs	24 August
• [with the InterAmerican Bank] Workshop on 'Promoting the Interoperability of Single Window in APEC: Technology Solutions	29-30 August
• 5th Public Private Dialogue on Advancing Trade Facilitation & Supply Chain Connectivity through Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network	30 August
• FTAAP Capacity Building Workshop on E-Commerce Elements in FTAs/RTAs	17-18 September
• 4th Annual Conference and Capacity Building Workshop of the Green Supply Chain Cooperation Network	26-27 September
• APEC Cross-Border E-commerce Training (CBET) Workshop	29-30 October

### CTI Sub-Fora

#### CTI sub-fora initiatives and projects completed in 2019

IEG	APEC Investment Commitment Handbook
IEG	[with PSU] Facilitating Investment in APEC: Improving the Investment Climate through Good Governance (4 <sup>th</sup> Investment Facilitation Action Plan Review Report)
MAG	Compendium on Smart Manufacturing Regulatory and Policy Approaches
MAG	Updates to the APEC Trade Repository
SCCP	Compendium for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Enforcement 2019
SCCP	Customs Strategic Framework on Building Connectivity: 3M plus 3S Initiative
SCCP	Updated APEC Customs Transit Guidelines [endorsed by CTI]
SCSC	Food Safety Cooperation Forum Two Implementation Tools to Facilitate Harmonization of Import MRLs
SCSC	Food Safety Cooperation Forum APEC Framework on Food Safety Modernization to Facilitate Trade

### CTI sub-fora initiatives and projects agreed in 2019 and that are underway

ESCG	Personal Data Protection and Utilization in the Asia-Pacific Region: Challenges and Opportunities
GOS	Follow-up proposal to the APEC Non-binding Principles for Domestic Regulation of the Services Sector-Online Shopping Platform Services
GOS	Workshop on Best Practices on Developing Services-related Statistics in Mode 3
LSIF	Blood Screening and Processing Centralization through Development of "Center of Excellence" (CoE)
SCCP	Integrating SMEs in Authorized Economic Operators Certification: Improving SMEs Participation in APEC Secure Trade
SCSC	Building Economies' Capacity in Good Regulatory Practices to Reduce Barriers to Trade
SCSC	Capacity Building on the Development of Climate Actions for Sustainable Growth by Use of ISO 14080
SCSC	Capacity Building on Testing and Conformity of Fine Bubble Technologies for use in Agro/Aqua-Culture and Water Treatment in the APEC Region
SCSC	Food Microbiology Laboratory Proficiency Testing
SCSC	Integrating Good Regulatory Practices (GRP) in the next generation FTAs (2020)
SCSC	Regional Workshop on Cold Chain Logistics and Food Safety, Transport Safety Standards
SCSC	The Role of Standards and Innovation for Driving APEC's Silver Economy (Phase 2)
SCSC	Understanding the Role and Impact of Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS) to Trade in the APEC Region
SCSC	Workshop to Identify Future Work on Non-Tariff Measures Affecting Dairy Trade
SCSC	Workshop to Identify Future Work on Non-Tariff Measures Affecting Grain Trade

### CTI sub-fora capacity building activities completed in 2019

<i>Fora</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Dates</i>
CD	Workshop on Regulator Forum Special Session: Risk Assessment	24 August
ECSG	ECSG - DPS CIPL Workshop on Key Building Blocks for Effective Privacy and Data Protection in the Global Digital Economy	25 February

ECSG	Cross-Border Privacy Rules System Fostering Accountability Agent Participation for Participants, Developing Economies, and MSMEs Benefit Workshop	17-18 June
ECSG	Promoting Consumer Protection in Digital Trade: Challenges and Opportunities	22 August
ECSG	Promoting the Participation of MSMEs in the Regional Market to Bridge the Digital Divide in APEC Economies	22-23 October
GOS	<i>[with HRDWG]</i> Workshop on 'Improving Professional Licensure in APEC -Summary of Case Studies of Architecture and Engineering in Peru and Chile'	1 March
GOS	Workshop on a Negative List Approach: Some Specific Issues when Transitioning from Positive List to Negative List	8 May
GOS	Workshop on Advancing the Services Agenda in APEC: A Focus on Implementing the APEC Index Pilot Program	23-24 July
GOS	<i>[with the Asia Pacific Services Coalition]</i> Public Private Dialogue - Contributing to the Big Push on Services: Business Perspectives on Implementing the APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap in the Digital Era	17 August
GOS	Workshop on Promoting Services Competitiveness	18 August
GOS	Workshop on Best Practice Sharing to Improve Application of the APEC Non-Binding Principles for Domestic Regulation of the Services Sector	19 August
GOS	Workshop on Translating APEC's Non-Binding Principles for Domestic Regulation of the Services Sector into Practice: A Focus on Transparency and Predictability in Rule Making	20 August
IEG	World Bank-Australia APEC Investment Policy Reform Workshop	18-19 June
IEG	Workshop on Investment and Sustainable Development in a Digital World	22 August
IPEG	Project Chargeback Workshop	26 February
IPEG	Seminar on Patent Grace Period	26 February
IPEG	IP Commercialisation for SMEs	10-12 September
LSIF	Policy Dialogue on Enabling Investment in the Innovative Life Sciences	15 May
LSIF	APEC Rare Disease Policy Workshop: Implementing the APEC Action Plan on Rare Diseases in Latin America	10-11 July
LSIF	Policy Dialogue on Innovation, Regulatory Systems, and Regulatory Convergence	18 August
LSIF	<i>[with HWG]</i> Workshop on Facing Challenge of Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis in an Era of Globalization: towards End TB in APEC community by 2035	27-28 June
LSIF	2019 APE CoE Pilot Training on Supply Chain Security for Medical Products	25-27 September
LSIF	2019 APEC Good Registration Management (GRM) Regulatory Science CoE Pilot Workshop	28-30 October
SCSC	Capacity Building on Testing Methods for Functionality Finishing on Textile Products and Certification Methods Within the APEC Region	20-21 February; 5-6 June
SCSC	Food Safety Cooperation Forum Trade Facilitation by Ensuring a Safer Food Supply through Cross-Border E-Commerce	6-7 May

SCSC	Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network Workshop on Export Certificates	8 May
SCSC	International Workshop on Food Safety and Threat from New Psychoactive Substances	11-12 June
SCSC	Joint Regulatory Advisory Committee Workshop on High Risk Electrical and Electronic Equipment Product Regulatory Agency Collaboration	16 August
SCSC	Workshop on Facilitating Trade in Cybersecurity Technologies & Services Through Adherence to Globally-Recognized Cybersecurity Standards and Best Practices	16-17 August
SCSC	12th Good Regulatory Practices Conference	18-19 August
SCSC	Applying Digital Technology and Standards to Respond to the Impacts of Climate Change on Infrastructure	18-19 August
SCSC	12 <sup>th</sup> Good Regulatory Practices Conference	19-20 August
SCSC	<i>[with HRDWG]</i> Capacity Building on ISO/IEC 17024 Certification of Persons to Support People-to-People Connectivity and Talent Mobility in the APEC Region	23-25 July
SCSC	The Role of Standardization in Promoting Employment related to the Silver Economy	19-20 September
SCCP	Workshop on Integrating SMEs to AEO Certification: Improving SMEs Participation in APEC Secure Trade	16 August
SCCP	APEC Customs Business Dialogue 2019 on Cross Border Electronic Commerce and Customs Regulatory Challenges	17 August

## Economic Committee (EC)

### EC initiatives and projects completed in 2019

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Collaborative Framework for Online Disputes Resolution (ODR) of Cross-Border Business-to-Business (B2B) Disputes and Model Procedural Rules for the APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR of Cross-Border B2B Disputes</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>[with PSU]</i> APEC's Ease of Doing Business - Final Assessment (2015-2018)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>[with FMP &amp; PSU]</i> 2019 APEC Economic Policy Report (AEPR) on Structural Reform and the Digital Economy</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>[with PPWE &amp; PSU]</i> Structural Reform Measures to Improve Women's Access to Labor Markets, Finance and Capital</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>[with PPWE]</i> APEC Women @ Work Brief</li> </ul>

### EC initiatives and projects agreed in 2019 and that are underway

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of Perspectives and Barriers for Effective Implementation of Public e-Services</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Capacity for Competition Policy to Support Digital Economy Development in Viet Nam</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Women's Participation in Local Economies: Discussing Institutional Involvement to Promote Capacity Building</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Input Papers / Preparation for Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting (SRMM)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>[with PSU]</i> Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (RAASR): Final Review</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study on Protecting Minority Investors in APEC Economies</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on Crowdfunding: An Alternative Economic Tool to Promote Innovation in This Digital Era for Inclusive Growth</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on Innovative Regulatory Policy Development: APEC Economies' approaches on Sharing Economy</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[CLPG] Public-Private Dialogue - Understanding Digital Market Mechanism and Possible Competition Issues in Digital Economy in APEC Region</li> </ul>

### EC capacity building activities completed in 2019

<i>Event</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on Leveraging Digital Technology to Improve Education Quality in Rural and Remote Areas</li> </ul>	23-24 January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[CPLG] Workshop on Economic Analysis in Horizontal and Non-Horizontal Mergers</li> </ul>	28 February - 1 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure - Online Disputes Resolution (SELI ODR) Work Plan Stocktake Workshop</li> </ul>	2-3 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on the Digital Economy: Measurement, Regulation and Inclusion</li> </ul>	6 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on Promoting Competition Assessment for Improved Market Efficiency</li> </ul>	1-2 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[CPLG] Workshop on Competition Policy for Regulating Online Platforms in the APEC Region.</li> </ul>	7-9 May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on Building the APEC Online Dispute Resolution Collaborative Framework Pilot</li> </ul>	5-6 June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[with PPWE] Workshops on APEC Gender and Structural Reform: Women at Work</li> </ul>	25 August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Practices Workshop on Public Investment Systems</li> </ul>	28-29 August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop on Comprehensive Review of Potentially Anti-Competitive Laws and Regulations</li> </ul>	5-6 September

### EC policy dialogues completed in 2019

<i>Event</i>	<i>Dates</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Dialogue on Online Dispute Resolution</li> </ul>	4-5 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Dialogue on Applying Emerging Technologies for Better Governance and Regulation of the Digital Economy</li> </ul>	4-5 March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Dialogue on Promoting Competition Assessment for Improved Market Efficiency</li> </ul>	26-27 August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Dialogue on Digital Government</li> </ul>	26-27 August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Dialogue on Structural Reform and Inclusive Growth</li> </ul>	26-27 August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Dialogue on Secured Transaction and Online Dispute Resolution</li> </ul>	26-27 August

## SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation (SCE)

### SCE initiatives and projects completed in 2019

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mining Week</li> </ul> |
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### SCE initiatives and projects agreed in 2019 and that are underway



• APEC Case Study: Best Practices of Smart Cities in the Digital Age
• <i>[with PSU]</i> APEC Case Studies on Inclusive Policies
• Completion Assessment of APEC 2020 Forest Cover Goal
• Inclusive Digital Society: Alleviating Poverty and Improving Living Standards through Increased Economic Growth

### SCE capacity building activities completed in 2019

<i>Event</i>	<i>Dates</i>
• Mining Safety Seminar	5 August
• Conference on Sustainable Mining	6 August
• Workshop on Developing Training Materials to Promote the Reduction of Mercury Use in Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining	6 August
• Mining Policy Public Private Dialogue	7 August
• High-Level Policy Dialogue on Mining Digitalization	8 August

### SCE Sub-Fora

#### SCE sub-fora initiatives and projects completed in 2019

ACTWG	15 Years Compilation Document on APEC ACTWG 2004-2019
ACTWG	Compilation Document on APEC Good Practices on Promoting Social Engagement in Anti-Corruption
EWG	APEC Energy Demand and Supply Outlook 7th Edition
HRDWG	APEC Report on Education and Economic Development
HRDWG	Roadmap to Closing the Digital Skills Gap by 2030
OFWG	<i>[with PSU]</i> Compendium of Policies and Preventive Measures to Reduce Land-Based Marine Debris in APEC Economies
OFWG	Compilation of the APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report 2
OFWG	Understanding and Addressing Marine Debris Impact in the APEC Region
OFWG	Workshop on Marine Debris and Microplastics: Blue Citizenship
PPSTI	Economic Value of Earth and Marine Observing to the Asia-Pacific Region report
PPSTI	Women and Girls in STEM Principles and Actions
PPWE	<i>[with PSU]</i> 2019 APEC Women and the Economy Dashboard
PPWE	Advancing Inclusion through Enhancing Women and Girls' Digital Literacy and Skills in the Context of Industry 4.0
PPWE	Report on The Role of Education and Skills in Bridging the Digital Gender Divide – Evidence from APEC Economies
TELWG	APEC Framework for Securing the Digital Economy
TELWG	Digital Economy: Strategies and Measurements
TPTWG	Disruptive Technologies and the Changing Nature of Work in the Transportation Sector
TELWG	ICT Skills Framework project
TELWG	Recommendations for Implementation of Smart Sustainable City (SSC) ICT Infrastructure in the APEC Region
TWG	APEC State of Tourism Report

#### SCE sub-fora initiatives and projects agreed in 2019 that are underway

ACTWG	Symposium on Gender Mainstreaming and Women Empowerment to Fight Corruption
CTWG	Compilation of Member Economies' Legal and Regulatory Framework and Good Practices on Strategic Trade Controls
CTWG	Updated APEC Consolidated Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy
CTWG	Workshop on Aviation Security
EGILAT	Advancing the Trade and Distribution of Legally Harvested Forest Products in the APEC Region
EPWG	APEC Disaster Risk Management Strategies to Support MSMEs Business Sustainability
EWG	APEC Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Promoting Renewable and Clean Energy (RCE) Policies
EWG	APEC Low-Carbon Model Town (LCMT) Project Dissemination Phase 3
EWG	Exploring Co-Benefit Opportunities for Renewable and Energy Efficiency Projects in the APEC Region
EWG	Filling the Gap to Reach the Goal of Doubling Renewable Energy in the APEC Region-Phase 2
EWG	Sustainable Mobility: Routes for integrating the Energy and Transport Sectors for Urban Cities
EWG	Workshop on the Use of Pumped Storage Hydropower to Enable Greater Renewable Energy Use and Reliable Electricity Supply
EWG	Workshop on University Collaboration to Support Data Gathering and Analysis in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
EGILAT	Advancing the Trade and Distribution of Legally Harvested Forest Products in the APEC Region
HRDWG	Expand Cooperation among APEC Economies throughout Language Education Stage II: Innovative Modes of Cooperation for APEC Cross-Border Education
HRDWG	Joint Research Project with APEC Economies on "The Impact of Regional Integration in the Digital Age on Social Security Protection for Cross-Border Workforce in APEC Economies and Related Responses
HRDWG	Quality Assurance of Online Learning Toolkit
HRDWG	Sub-regional pilot of the APEC Occupational Standards in the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Industry
OFWG	Capacity Building on Global Marine Debris Monitoring and Modelling: Supports Protection of the Marine Environment
OFWG	Incentives, Barriers and Policies to Promote Women Inclusion in the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Maritime Sector
OFWG	Promoting APEC Innovative Models in Reducing and Managing Land-based Debris into Oceans for Sustainable Development
PPWE	[with SMEWG] Harnessing Fintech for Women-led MSMEs for Promoting Inclusive Growth
PPWE	Public Private Dialogue "Women engagement in e-commerce: barriers and opportunities"
SMEWG	[with PSU] Overview of the SME Sector in the APEC Region: Key Issues on Market Access and Internationalization
SMEWG	Workshop for SMEs in APEC: Embracing 4.0 Industrial Revolution in Boosting Economic Performance of Export-oriented SMEs
SMEWG	Workshop: Strengthening Women Empowerment in Industry 4.0 through Digital Entrepreneurship Training
TPTWG	Enhancing Aviation Efficiency and Safety Via Performance-Based Communications and Surveillance (PBCS)

TPTWG	Promote Supply Chain Connectivity by Enhancing and Better Understanding Digital Innovation in APEC Port Industry
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### SCE sub-fora capacity building activities completed in 2019

<i>Fora</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Dates</i>
ACTWG	Workshop on Digital Government, Integrity Policies and Corruption Prevention Mechanisms in APEC Economies	27 February
ACTWG	Capacity Building Workshop for Law Enforcement Agents to Investigate Individual and Corporate Liability in Domestic and Foreign Bribery	18-19 August
EGILAT	Workshop to Share Experience, Knowledge and Challenges on Implementation of Tools for Combating and Preventing Illegal Logging Activities and Associated Trade	23-24 February
EPWG	Workshop on Successful Experiences of Use of Telecommunications and Related Technologies During Emergencies and Disasters	22 August
EPWG	Capacity Building and Emergency Preparedness for Sustainable Development at Agricultural Communities through "Plant Back Better" (PBB) Initiatives	30 September - 2 October
EPWG	Reducing Risks and Coping with Climate Change along Coastal Areas: Workshop on Adaptation Strategies to Climate Change and the Role of Public Private Collaboration	4-5 November
EWG	Workshop on Quality Electric Power Infrastructure Focusing on Waste to Energy	21-22 January
EWG	APEC Oil & Gas Security Exercise (OGSE)	13-15 March
EWG	Energy Efficiency Policy Workshop: Developing Fuel Economy Regulations	18 March
EWG	Peer Review on Energy Efficiency Phase 9	18-22 March
EWG	APEC/NARUC Workshop on Supporting Renewable Energy Integration and Energy Efficiency through Effective Regulation	19 March
EWG	Workshop on Current Energy Efficiency Requirements for Electric Motors in the APEC and ASEAN Region	19 March
EWG	Workshop on Energy and Economic Prosperity	28-29 March
EWG	5th APEC Oil & Gas Security Network (OGSN) Forum	10-12 April
EWG	APEC Workshop on Integrated Energy-Water Planning and Policy Formulation	6-8 May
EWG	Exchange and Training on Clean Coal Technology and Clean Energy Policy	6-10 May
EWG	4th APEC Workshop on Sustainable Cities	22 May
EWG	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Workshop	22 May
EWG	Workshop on Energy Statistics	11-13 June
EWG	APEC Workshop on Public-Private Partnership for Solar Energy Development	1-2 August
EWG	Enhancing Women's Empowerment in Energy Field: Mapping Energy Policies with Gender Perspective	5-6 August
EWG	Fifth Asia-Pacific Sustainable Energy Development Forum	18-20 September
EWG	Workshop on Improving Electric Grid Resiliency to Natural Disasters	19-20 September
EWG	Workshop of Lessons Learned from Promotion Mechanisms Focused on Boosting Energy Solutions in Remote Areas	9-11 October

EWG	Public-Private Policy Dialogue on Energy Modernization	15 October
EWG	3rd APEC Low-Carbon Model Town Symposium	21-22 October
EWG	Workshop of Technological Challenges and Opportunities to Supply Flexibility to Electric Systems	21-22 October
EWG	Workshop on Distributed Energy Resources Regulation and Rate Design	23-24 October
EWG	Seminar on Energy Demand and Supply Outlook	23-31 October
EWG	Workshop Organized in the Framework of the Project on “Aligning Conformity Assessment Efforts for Energy Efficiency Regulations of Motors in the APEC and ASEAN Regions”	28-29 October
HWG	Workshop on Policies Against Child Obesity	27 February
HWG	Conference on Smart Healthcare for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and their Risk Factors Prevention and Control	30 April - 1 May
HWG	Workshop on the Healthcare Accreditation in the APEC Region	22 June
HWG	TB workshop on Tuberculosis Molecular Epidemiology: to Face the Challenge of Multi-drug Resistant Tuberculosis Transmission in the Context of Globalization	1 July
HWG	Improving Networks of Community Mental Health Services in the Asia Pacific Economies	16-19 July
HWG	APEC Conference of medical information sharing for enhancing medical and disease management	8-9 August
HWG	Policy Dialogue on Health Across the Life Course	18 August
HWG	APEC Conference on Cooperation Initiatives for NCDs Prevention and Control	17-18 October
HWG	Regional Workshop on Lung Cancer Prevention and Control	22 October
HRDWG	Inclusive Mathematics for Sustainability in a Digital Economy (InMside I)	7-9 February 2-4 May 18-20 November
HRDWG	Building Digital Society through Upskilling: ASD-CBA Competency Training Application Workshop	27-28 March
HRDWG	2019 APEC e-Learning Training Program (AeLT)	24 Apr – 4 May 9-19 July 2 August 3-9 November
HRDWG	Labour Mobility Statistics Forum	2-3 May
HRDWG	Symposium on Trade and Human Resources Development: Capacity Building for Inclusive Trade	3 May
HRDWG	Workshop on APEC Skills Development Capacity Building Alliance (ASD-CBA): Fostering Connected APEC through Upskilling	6 May
HRDWG	Cross-Border Human Capacity Building for Globalized Scientific Literacy: Phase 1 – Best Practice Models for Innovative STEM-Related Education (STEM+) for Teacher Professional Development Meeting	22-24 May
HRDWG	APEC Occupational Standards Framework Development Forum	26 June
HRDWG	APEC Skills Development Capacity Building Alliance Competency Application Capacity Building Pilot Program on Event Coordinator	26 June - 10 July
HRDWG	Forum on Closing the Digital Skills Gap	15-16 July
HRDWG	Workshop on Strengthening Innovative Skill Training and Education for Increasing Workers’ Inclusion in the Digital Age	18-19 July

HRDWG	APEC Learning Community for Shared Prosperity (ALCom): 2019 APEC Learning Community Builders (ALCoB) Internet Volunteer (AIV) Workshop	28 July-10 August
HRDWG	[with SMEWG & PPWE] Pathways to Gender Inclusion in the 4th Industrial Revolution: How Can Technology Close the Gender Gap and Deliver Economic Gains for Women?	2-3 September
HRDWG	8th Conference on Cooperation in Higher Education in Asia-Pacific Region - APEC in the 21st Century: Reimagining Education for Policy Makers, Educators and All Stakeholders	3-5 September
HRDWG	15th APEC Future Education Forum and the 17th APEC Learning Community Builders' Conference	25-27 September
HRDWG	APEC Community for Education Innovation (CEDI) Pilot Program for School Leadership Development	28-30 September
HRDWG	Forum on Language Education and Talents Cultivation	6-9 November
HRDWG	APEC Online Education Workshop	12-14 November
OFWG	Capacity Building to Promote Trade of Products that Replace Those with Mercury to Reduce Marine Pollution	9-11 July
OFWG	Workshop on Understanding and Addressing Marine Debris Impact in the APEC Region	22 August
OFWG	2019 APEC Coastal & Marine Spatial Planning Training Workshop	1-3 November
PPSTI	Policy Workshop on Women in Entrepreneurship	6-8 May; 25 August
PPSTI	Workshop on Women in STEM Principles	11 May; 25 August
PPSTI	Climate Symposium 2–19 - Pathway to Sustainable Growth Under a Changing Climate: Enhancing Interaction Between Climate Science and Society	20-21 August
PPSTI	Public-Private Dialogue on Sharing Economy and Digital Technology Connectivity for Inclusive Development	27 August
PPWE	Workshop on Advancing Inclusion through Enhancing Women and Girls' Digital Literacy and Skills in the Context of Industry 4.0	11-12 April
PPWE	Workshop on Gender and Data	7-8 May
PPWE	Workshop on Women's Participation in the Mining Industry	5-6 June
PPWE	[with EC] Structural Reform Measures to Advance Women at Work	2 October
PPWE	Workshop on APEC GIFTS A+: Promoting Gender Inclusion in Smart Agriculture	2 October
PPWE	The Future of Women and the Economy: Promoting Women's Entrepreneurship and Shared Prosperity in the Digital Age	2 October
PPWE	Public-Private Dialogue on Women and the Economy	3 October
SMEWG	Workshop on Harnessing Digital Trade for SMEs	17-18 January
SMEWG	Online-to-Offline Initiative – Empower SMEs to Embrace Digital Transformation	17 April; 26-27 June; 1 August; 2 September; 28 October
SMEWG	Optimizing SME Business Environment Seminar 2019	29 May
SMEWG	SME Digital Economic Development Forum	29 May

SMEWG	Capacity Building Workshop on WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	13-14 June
SMEWG	Local Innovation Ecosystem Initiative: Revitalization for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Future	13 June; 24-25 June; 2 August; 29 October
SMEWG	Financing Opportunities Fair for Women-led MSMEs	14-15 June
SMEWG	International Fintech Summit: Needs Assessment and Capacity Building	3-4 September
SMEWG	Building SMEs for the Future: Facing Global Challenges through Innovation and Sustainability	5 September
SMEWG	2019 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum: Vision for Sustainable, Dynamic, and Innovative Health Enterprises	9-10 September
SMEWG	Program of Supporting Women in Starting Online Businesses	22-23 October
SMEWG	APEC SME Forum: How Big Data & AI are Driving Business Innovation	24-25 October
SMEWG	Capacity Building Workshop Series on APEC e-Instruments Utilization: Capacity Building Workshop Series 1 on APEC MSME Marketplace Utilization	30-31 October
TELWG	[with DESG] Digital Economy Steering Group and Telecommunications and Information Working Group: Public Private Dialogue	3 March
TELWG	Regulatory Roundtable: "The Role of Competition Policy in Fostering Infrastructure to Bridge the Digital Divide"	4 March
TELWG	Innovation Roundtable: "How to facilitate the growth of new technologies (among them IoT, Big Data, AI)"	5 March
TELWG	Industry Roundtable: "How to maximize the impact of gender equality in the digital economy within the APEC economies"	5 March
TELWG	Industry Roundtable: Facilitating Innovation and Diversity of 5G Network Ecosystems in the APEC Region	14 October
TELWG	Regulatory Roundtable: Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities from Emerging Technologies	15 October
TELWG	Innovation Roundtable: Public-Private Partnerships in the Data-Driven Economy	16 October
TPTWG	APEC Women in Transportation (WiT) Workshop - 2019	23 April
TPTWG	Seafarer Excellence Network of the Asia-Pacific	2-3 September
TPTWG	Workshop on Managing Port Data via a Single APEC Port Community Platform	25 September
TWG	Leveraging the Digital Economy to Promote an Inclusive Tourism Industry Workshop	7 May
TWG	Economic Study on Impact of Cruise Tourism: Fostering MSMEs' Growth and Creating Sustainable Communities Workshop	5-6 August
TWG	Prospect Analysis for Sustainable Development of Tourism in Remote Areas of APEC Economies	10-11 October

## Other Fora

Other fora initiatives and projects completed in 2019

HLPDAB	Update of the APEC Baseline Study: Regulations of Products Derived from Innovative Agricultural Technologies and Identification of Ways to Promote Greater Efficiencies and Alignment
PPFS	[with PSU] Insights on the regulatory environment within APEC economies and its impact on trade in services in food value chains

### Other fora capacity building activities completed in 2019

Group	Event	Dates
HLPDAB	Workshop on Strengthening Regulatory Cooperation and Alignment for Agricultural Biotechnologies	18-20 August
HLPDAB	Strengthening Regulatory Cooperation for Precision Agricultural Biotechnology: Promoting Greater Efficiencies and Alignment	21 August
PPFS	Workshop on Public-Private Partnership in Agriculture to Share Good Practice on Enabling Rural-Urban Linkages	29-31 May
PPFS	Workshop on Smart Agriculture Policies for Sustainable Growth	11-12 June
PPFS	Seminar on Strengthening Rural Areas as a Contribution to Food Security in the Asia-Pacific Region	20-21 June
PPFS	Reducing Food Loss and Waste for Addressing Interlinked Challenges of Food Security and Climate Change in APEC Member Economies	25-26 June
PPFS	Reducing Food Waste by Using Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Innovative Technologies	10-11 July
PPFS	Efficient and Sustainable Use of Water for Agriculture under the New Climate Scenarios as a Contribution to Food Security	24-26 July
PPFS	Workshop on Rural Development through the lens of Indigenous Communities and their Agribusinesses	15 August
PPFS	Women in Agriculture and Fisheries (WiAF): Workshop on Sharing Information on Best Practices and Policies on Women Participation in Agriculture and Fisheries to Enhance Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods in the APEC Region	16-17 August
PPFS	Seminar on partnerships between companies and rural areas for sustainable development of agriculture in Asia-Pacific Region	21 August

### III. OTHER

#### Non initiative/project/capacity building outcomes

ACTWG	Statement on the 15 Years of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group
EWG	APEC Energy Vision Post 2020

#### Policy Support Unit (PSU) work completed in 2019

The PSU undertakes work mostly at the request of a committee or sub-forum. Such work has been labelled "[with PSU]" throughout this report under the respective committee or sub-forum.

*The PSU also undertakes work on its own initiative without a request of consensus agreement from a committee or sub-forum. Such work carried out this year is listed below.*

Policy Brief on Trade Facilitation in APEC: Progress and Impact
Policy Brief on Customs Cooperation in APEC: Strengthening Regional Cooperation
Policy Brief on Recognizing Sustainability in Tourism
Policy Brief on ISDS as an Instrument for Investment Promotion and Facilitation
APEC Regional Trends Analysis, May 2019: APEC at 30 – A Region in Constant Change
APEC Regional Trends Analysis, November 2019: Counting What Counts
APEC in Charts 2019

## APEC Vision Group (AVG) work completed in 2019:

Report of the APEC Vision Group – *People and Prosperity: An APEC Vision to 2040*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This report does not represent the views of APEC Member Economies and is not APEC endorsed. The views and recommendations reflected herein are those of the APEC Vision Group alone.



**IV. ACRONYM TABLE OF REFERENCE**

ACTWG	Anti-Corruption & Transparency Experts' Working Group
ATCWG	Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group
AVG	APEC Vision Group
BMG	Business Mobility Group
CD	Chemical Dialogue
CPLG	Competition Policy & Law Group
<b>CTI</b>	<b>Committee on Trade and Investment</b>
CTWG	Counter-Terrorism Working Group
DESG	Digital Economy Steering Group
<b>EC</b>	<b>Economic Committee</b>
ECSG	Electronic Commerce Steering Group
EGILAT	Experts Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade
EPWG	Emergency Preparedness Working Group
EWG	Energy Working Group
GOS	Group on Services
HLPDAB	High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology
HRDWG	Human Resources Development Working Group
HWG	Health Working Group
IEG	Investment Experts' Group
IPEG	Intellectual Property Rights Experts' Group
LSIF	Life Sciences Innovation Forum
MAG	Market Access Group
OFWG	Ocean and Fisheries Working Group
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
SCCP	Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures
<b>SCE</b>	<b>SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation</b>
SCSC	Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance
SMEWG	Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group
<b>SOM</b>	<b>Senior Officials or Senior Officials' Meeting</b>
TELWG	Telecommunications and Information Working Group
TPTWG	Transportation Working Group
TWG	Tourism Working Group