

CTI Sub-fora's Collective Action Plan

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TARIFFS AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES: COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN for 2009

Objectives	Action	2009 work plan item
A. Support for the multilateral trading system		
(a) Ensure the expeditious supply of updates to the WTO Integrated database and any APEC databases.	<p><i>Individual:</i> support the WTO by providing tariff and trade data annually in accordance with WTO obligations. Non-WTO members may provide this information as a voluntary measure.</p> <p><i>Collective:</i> seek ways to improve the accessibility of tariff and ROO information including alternatives to APEC Tariff Database which ceased to exist early 2009.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAG members will regularly update their tariff data for inclusion in the WTO Integrated Database and the APEC Tariff Database. • Assisted CTI's work on developing the APEC Website on Tariff and ROOs ("WebTR") by discussing challenges members have faced regarding posting information, keeping it updated and providing it in a format that is accessible to stakeholders.
(b) Undertake practical work in support of the multilateral trading system	<p><i>Collective:</i> Support the ongoing DDA/NAMA negotiations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affirmed the importance of the principle of adhering to commitments made by ITA participants to provide duty-free treatment for products covered by ITA • Discussed possible MAG initiatives in a sectoral tariff elimination for electronics/electrical products in NAMA negotiations • Agreed on the substance of Singapore's proposal for Initiating an Environmental Goods and Services Work Programme Framework, and agreed to continue to work on the proposal for finalization • Discussed the objectives of environmental goods and services reference database
B. Making Rules of Origin More Business Friendly		
(a) Examine measures for making ROOs more business-friendly	<p><i>Collective:</i> Conduct analysis, survey and information sharing in the areas of:</p> <p>a) Harmonization;</p> <p>b) Cumulation; and</p> <p>c) Simplification of documents and procedures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted analyses of ROOs (a) in five sectors. • Study cumulation at the CTI/MAG Trade Policy Dialogue on ROO (b) • Conducted business survey on procedures and documentation (b) • Endorsed APEC Elements for

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		<p>Simplifying Documents and Procedures Relating to Rules of Origin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted CTI's work on developing the APEC Website on Tariff and ROOs ("WebTR") by discussing challenges members have faced regarding posting information, keeping it updated and providing it in a format that is accessible to stakeholders.
(b) Arrange seminars and/or workshops on RTAs/FTAs	<i>Collective:</i> Organize seminars on RTAs/FTAs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held CTI/MAG Trade Policy Dialogue on ROO in the margin of MAG2.
C. Develop Environment Goods and Services		
(a) Share information and experiences of EGS	<i>Collective:</i> Develop information sharing system via website and conduct research on EGS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Environmental Goods and Services Information Exchange (EGSIE) Agreed to conduct survey of Major Impediments and Market Driver to the Development of Trade in Environmental Goods.
(b) Arrange workshops on EGS	<i>Collective:</i> Arrange workshops on EGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held Workshop on Trade and Environment in May 2009, Jakarta Held Workshop on Environmental Goods and Services in July 2009, Singapore
D. Trade Facilitation		
(a) Pursue a series of seminars/policy discussions on trade facilitation measures	<p><i>Collective:</i> Share information and experiences for facilitating trade in remanufactured products.</p> <p><i>Collective:</i> Arrange workshops on food trade</p> <p><i>Individual and Collective:</i> Promote the implementation of the APEC transparency principles in the market access area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held Remanufacturing Workshop in February 2009, Singapore. Endorsed Next Steps on Remanufacturing Discussed ideas of workshop on APEC food system to be held in the margin of MAG2 in 2010. <p>Ensure that MAG's own operations are transparent by keeping its website up to date, publishing MAG meeting documents on-line.</p>

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E. Activities with ABAC and/or Other External Stakeholders	Collective; Enhance collaboration with other relevant fora and business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited business communities including ABAC to MAG meetings and MAG-sponsored workshops to reflect business interests on MAG agenda. • Conducted business survey to prioritize problems relating to documents and procedures on ROOs • Enhance cross-for a cooperation with SCSC, GOS, EGEE&C (Expert Group on Energy Efficiency and Conservation) on EGS, and with SCCP on ROO work for simplification of documents and procedures.

SERVICES: COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN for 2009

All Sectors other than Energy, Telecommunications, Tourism, and Transportation			
Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame	Last implemented actions
I. Develop and Implement the Menu of Options (MOO) for Voluntary Liberalization, Facilitation and Promotion of ECOTECH in Service Trade and Investment	Adopted the MOO. Discussion on ways to follow up the MOO.	Completed	
a. Review and exchange information on all trade and investment in services arrangements within APEC and study common elements.	Foster closer cooperation and synergy with other APEC fora/groups	Ongoing	An update on the HRDWG project on educational services which contain a summary of various regulations affecting cross-border education services trade was presented to the GOS. MAG presented an update on the Workshop on Environmental Goods and Services.
b. Gather and analyze information on the services section contained within the Individual Action Plans.	Promote the use of developed template for service IAP reporting. Incorporate the services transparency standards in the services chapter of the IAP. Follow-up on the MOO.	Ongoing Completed Completed	
c. Identification of measures affecting trade and investment in all service sectors.	Member economies to volunteer papers and studies in this area and consider cases of "best practices." Implement the Policy Framework Follow-up on the MOO.	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	

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	Survey of Trade Liberalization in Environmental Services	Ongoing	Report on the survey of trade liberalization in environmental services is being finalised
	APEC Seminar on Trade in Health Services	Ongoing	APEC seminar on trade in health services will be held in the Philippines in February 2010.
d. Study and carry out work concerning the development and adoption of common professional standards, in conjunction with professional accreditation bodies and needed legislative measures.	<p>Discussion of possible actions or means to facilitate the provision of professional services in all member economies.</p> <p>Update the APEC Directory on Professional Services.</p> <p>APEC Legal Services Initiatives</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Capacity-building workshop to identify impediments to the provision of legal services across APEC economies (Singapore, July 2009). An inventory of current foreign law regulations across APEC will be compiled into a database stored on an APEC-related website.
e. Enhance transparency in service sectors	<p>Adopted the transparency standards for services.</p> <p>Incorporated the services transparency standards in the services chapter of the IAP.</p> <p>Develop a template for sharing information on mode 4 commitment</p> <p>Follow-up on the MOO.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	

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f. Continue discussion of issues related to possible APEC principles or guidelines that may be necessary to achieve free and open trade and investment in this area	<p>Follow-up on the "Statement to Implement APEC Policies on Trade and the Digital Economy" (the Statement).</p> <p>Follow-up on the MOO</p> <p>Completion of services chapter for model measures for RTAs/FTAs</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Extensive discussions in 2008 of draft model measures in GOS & CTI
II. Compile information on services trade statistics	To provide networking opportunities for trade statistics compilers for exchange of information on the challenges of services trade data collection	Ongoing	
III. To improve understanding of the impact of liberalization of services.	<p>Member economies to present case studies of their experiences on a voluntary basis aiming to generate momentum for services liberalization in light of perceived benefit of such process</p> <p>To increase knowledge and understanding of the commercial realities and regulatory issues relating to cross-border services</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed</p>	Two capacity building workshops were held. The first seminar focused on the commercial realities of cross-border trade, while the second seminar focused on regulatory issues in cross-border services trade (Singapore, May and July 2009).
IV. Where appropriate and possible to the WTO's work on services, including	Monitor WTO work through Watch Group	Ongoing	

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through:			
a. Identification of APEC services related work projects as inputs to consideration of services trade issues by the WTO Council for Trade in Services and its subsidiary bodies; and	More detailed consideration, including a possible workshop, in 2008 of issues related to the development of an emergency safeguard mechanism for services.	Ongoing	
b. Information exchange and technical assistance, to support GOS Members' preparations for successful participation in WTO services negotiations	<p>Survey of Trade Liberalization in Environmental Services</p> <p>APEC Seminar on Trade in Health Services</p> <p>Capacity Building for Cross-Border Services Trade</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Two capacity building workshops were held, focusing on the commercial realities of cross-border trade, and on regulatory issues in cross-border services trade (Singapore, May and July 2009).

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	<p>ABAC's recommendations to Leaders in the previous year</p> <p>b) consider possible joint projects suggested by IEG or business organizations.</p> <p>3. Request input from ABAC and PECC on major APEC investment initiatives including through participation at IEG meetings and other IEG events such as workshops, seminars, or investment symposia</p> <p>4. Encourage development of effective, reasonable cost mechanisms for resolving disputes including private arbitration services</p> <p>5. Examine and share APEC member economies' experience with responsible business conduct instruments.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>C. Continue dialogue with appropriate international organizations dealing with global and regional investment issues</p>	<p>1. Establish a policy dialogue process with other international organisations, where appropriate</p> <p>a) Continue dialogue with the IMF and other relevant international organisations on ways to address the potential for protectionism with respect to the use of national interest screening and the transparency and treatment of sovereign wealth funds and other state-owned enterprises</p> <p>b) Continue dialogue with World Bank on <i>Ease of Doing Business</i> indicators</p> <p>c) Continue dialogue with UNCTAD on current and emerging international investment issues with a view to undertaking joint studies and capacity building projects</p> <p>d) Continue dialogue with OECD on current and emerging international investment issues with a view to undertaking joint studies and capacity building projects</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Study and Evaluation <i>Short-Term</i></p> <p>D. Undertake an evaluation of the role of investment liberalization and facilitation in strengthening regional economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region for economic growth and</p>	<p>Consider further work arising from <i>Enhancing Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation in the APEC Region: Reducing Behind-the-Border Barriers to Investment</i> (published August 2007)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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development.	<p>Report back to CTI on measures taken to implement <i>APEC Regional Economic Integration Agreed Actions – key priorities and deliverables for 2009</i></p> <p>Consider extent to which existing peer review mechanisms assist in meeting APEC's strengthening regional economic integration objectives and options for improvement.</p>	Ongoing
E. Study possible core elements between existing sub-regional arrangements relevant to investment	Review the investment provisions of current sub-regional arrangements including RTAs/FTAs, and identify possible core elements, including the relationships between these provisions.	Ongoing
F. Refine APEC's understanding of free and open investment	In the context of the 2005 mid-term stocktake of the Bogor Goals, assess the recommendations of Leaders as far as investment liberalization and facilitation and as necessary developing a new work program. Take into account Leaders' Declarations since then.	Ongoing
Medium & Long-Term		
G. Assess the merits of developing an APEC-wide discipline on investment in the light of APEC's own progress through the medium-term, as well as developments in other international fora	To be determined in the light of progress with policy dialogue in the medium-term.	
H. Study the advantages and disadvantages of creating investment rules – bilateral, regional, or multilateral – with a view to fostering a more favorable investment environment in the Asia-Pacific region	<p>Where feasible, contribute to SOM studies on ways and means to promote regional economic integration, particularly investment issues as they relate to :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Identifying Convergences and Divergences in APEC's RTAs/FTAs; and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Docking or Merging FTAs</p>	
Facilitation		
Short-Term and Continuing		
<p>I. Undertake practical facilitation initiatives by:</p> <p>(i) Implement the Investment Facilitation Action Plan 2008-10 endorsed by Ministers Responsible for Trade in June 2008</p>	<p>IEG has identified three themes and fifteen sub-actions for priority attention in the areas of</p> <p>a) e-transparency</p> <p>b) reducing investor risk through more certainty</p> <p>c) simplifying business regulation</p>	2009-10

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(ii) Progressively working towards reducing impediments to investments	<p>(Project proposals to address actions under the heading of these themes will necessarily relate to other areas of the CAP and will be noted there.)</p> <p>Establish monitoring and review mechanisms for investment policies, drawing on ABAC advice to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of investment procedures</p> <p>a) Explore the possibility of using the World Bank <i>Doing Business</i> indicators “Starting a Business”, “Registering Property”, “Enforcing Contracts”, “Protecting Investors”, and “Dealing with Licenses” as the basis for peer dialogue and benchmarking and measuring progress across APEC</p> <p>Implement project — Investing Across Borders: an important diagnostic tool to assist in IFAP implementation (CTI 43/2009T)</p> <p>b) Study and share successful APEC economy experience for:</p> <p>(i) the dissemination of accurate market reputation information including creditworthiness and reliability; and</p> <p>(ii) the process for connecting to essential services such as telecommunications and utilities</p> <p>Develop and Implement projects – Study and share successful APEC economy experience (to be developed)</p>	<p>2008-10</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
(iii) Initiating investment promotion and facilitation activities to enhance investment flows within APEC economies	<p>1. Establish indicators for monitoring the performance of the special inquiry points or Investment Promotion Agencies such as those set down by the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency / Foreign Investment Advisory Service</p> <p>2. Promote the role of policy advocacy within IPAs as a means of addressing the specific investment problems raised by investors including those faced by SMEs</p> <p>3. Implement capacity building program designed to benchmark and improve performance of member economy IPAs in specific areas under the IFAP</p>	

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<p>Economic and Technical Cooperation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Short-Term</p> <p>J. Identify ongoing technical cooperation and capacity building needs in the Asia-Pacific region and organize training programs which will assist APEC economies in fulfilling APEC investment objectives.</p>	<p>1. Consider collective efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of investment procedures and such as</p> <p>a) Simplify, streamline and quicken investment regime and processes</p> <p>b) Where appropriate, establish “one-stop” approval authority, e.g. an active investment promotion agency with adequate funding</p> <p>c) Encourage and foster institutional cooperation and coordination</p> <p>d) Keep the costs to the investor of the investment approval process to a minimum</p> <p>2. Share successful experiences of APEC economies in investment liberalization, facilitation and promotion in the APEC region through identifying key success factors including improved policies</p> <p>Implement project — Capacity Building for Sharing Success Factors of Improvement of Investment Environment (Japan)</p> <p>3 Enhance predictability and consistency in investment-related policies</p> <p>a) Establish accessible and effective administrative decision appeal mechanisms including where appropriate impartial “fast-track” review procedures</p> <p>4. Enhance planning, development and implementation of policies concerning international investment rules</p> <p>5. Identify other target areas for technical cooperation including ‘best practice’ policy/administrative frameworks.</p> <p>a) work cooperatively with APEC Study Centres, ABAC and international organisations to conduct training courses for officials in the use of innovative approaches to investment climate reform such as the Policy Framework for Investment and other similar diagnostic tools</p> <p>b) model measures for investment chapter of</p>	<p>2009/10</p> <p>2009/10</p> <p>2009/10</p> <p>2009/10</p> <p>2008-10</p> <p>2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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	RTAs/FTAs	
<p>Capacity Building Initiatives</p> <p>K. Undertake new activities that contribute to capacity building.</p>	<p>Identify the elements of capacity building to strengthen the economies of APEC member economies and undertake the following activities:</p> <p>1. How to prepare for trade and investment liberalization:</p> <p>Implement project — Capacity Building for Dispute Prevention and Preparedness (CTI 42/2009T)</p> <p>Implement project — Core Elements Phase III Activity 2: APEC – UNCTAD Workshop on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (CTI 47/2009T)</p> <p>Implement project — Filling the Infrastructure gaps in the APEC's developing economies (CTI 11/2009A)</p> <p>2. Training of officials at all levels of government in the application of new technology to improve information, application and approval processes.</p> <p>3. Explore joint capacity building initiatives with other APEC fora/sub-fora:</p> <p>a) Consider outcomes of project — Capacity Building for Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation (HRDWG 01/2007T) (Japan)</p> <p>b) Consider implications for IEG of HRDWG's <i>Strategic Approach to Sustainable Capacity Building</i> project (Japan)</p> <p>c) Work on the Ease of Doing Business Indicators with SMEWG and EC</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>2009</p> <p>2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Menu of Options</p> <p>L. Ongoing improvements to the Menu of Options.</p>	<p>Cross-reference between the IAPs and Menu of Options.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

STANDARDS AND CONFORMANCE: COLECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2009

OAA Objectives	Actions	Year of CAP/ Lead economy	Starting year	Target year Developed / developing	Target outcomes (Quantitative/ Qualitative)	Status (Completed/ in process)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Alignment (02 actions)							
Align APEC economies' domestic Standards with international standards	1) Member economies to align their standards with international standards in the area of IEC standards for electrical equipment, particularly those used in the IECEE CB Scheme	2006/ Japan	2006	2010	All the participated economies achieve 100% alignment in the 2006–2010 VAP activity.	in Process	As of 1 st Jan. 2006, 09 economies out of 13 participated economies reported having completed their alignment work. No additional information reported
	2) The SCSC to continue identifying additional priority areas for alignment with international standards.	1997/ Japan	From 1997	On-going	To identify additional priority areas for the VAP alignment work.	in Process	Japan has been conducting a survey to identify economies' /industries' needs. The result has been reported at SCSC2 meeting in August 2008.
	3) The member economies to align their standards with 28 international standards in the SCSC work program for 2010 VAP alignment Work	2009 Japan	2009	2010	All the participated economies achieve 100% alignment in the SCSC work program for 2010 VAP activity		
2. Good Regulatory Practice (01 actions)							
	1) The SCSC to continue to investigate means of enhancing regulatory practices in the APEC region through a program of case studies, seminars and	2000/ Host economy	From 2000	On-going	- means of enhancing regulatory practices recommended for implementation	in Process	5 th GRP Conference and 7 th Standards and Conformance Conference held in Cusco, Peru, in August 2008

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	organization of SCSC conference on GRP and SCSC conference on Standards and Conformance in conjunction with SCSC Meeting						
3. Recognition of Conformity Assessment (7 actions)							
	In regulated sector:						
Achieve recognition of conformity assessment including mutual Recognition arrangements in regulated and voluntary sectors	1) Member economies to consider participation in the Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Toy Safety and encourage the involvement of their regulators. (16 economies)	1996/ United States	From 1996	On-going	- Increased number of interested member economy participating in exchange of information on toy safety - Increased number of regulators involved in the process - Harmonization of technical regulation on toy safety is carried out	in Process	- Member economies continue to implement the APEC Arrangement for the Exchange of Information on Toy Safety. - US proposed the TILF project on APEC best practice of Toy Safety conformity assessment systems to be implemented in 2009-2010
	3) Member economies to consider participation in Food safety cooperation forum and Sectoral food MRA	1997/ Australia China, Thailand	From 1997	On-going	- review yearly participation and its effectiveness in Food , food recall and Sectoral food MRA - implementation of the measures to improve the effectiveness participation	in Process	- increasing number of economies-attending in Sectoral Food MRA meeting in Thai land since 2006, 2007, 2008 - the use of the ASEAN Food Safety Network platform as a starting point for the development of the APEC Sectoral Food MRA network has been

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							approved by ASEAN Secretariat - No information on additional participation in Food, Food recall, sectoral food MRA reported - No measures to improve the effectiveness participation reported
	4) Member economies to consider participation review and improve its effectiveness in the MRA of conformity assessment of Electrical and Electronic Equipment, and encourage the involvement of their regulators.	2000/ JAC Chair	From 2000	On-going	- Review yearly participation and its effectiveness in EE MRA - regulators participation of all member economies in EE MRA	in Process	- the progress of the APEC EE MRA work plan has been reported by JAC Chair (Singapore) - JAC and joint APEC-ASEAN seminar on EE MRA held on 5 November in Bali, Indonesia - Peru is preparing participate in I part and Chi le is preparing to participate in II part of EE MRA
	Voluntary sector:						
	1) Member economies to encourage on going participation and expansion in APLAC-MRA, PAC MLAs and CIPM Global MRA.	1998/ Indonesia	From 1998	On-going	- Increased number of member economies participating in MRAs and technical activities underpinning their participation	in Process	To be reported at SCCC2 in July 2009

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4. Technical Infrastructure Development (6 actions)							
Promote cooperation for technical infrastructure development to facilitate	1) Member economies to strengthen participation in Specialist Regional Bodies activities.	1996/	From 1996	On-going	- Increased number of member economies participating in SRBs - Active participation in SRBs activities strengthened	in Process	- report of SRBs to SCSC has been submitted at SCSC 1 and SCSC2 meetings in 2008 - SRBs strategic plan report
Broad participation in promote cooperation for technical infrastructure development	2) The SCSC to support and actively participate in APEC/SCSC Conferences on Standards and Conformance.	2006 Host economy	2006	On-going	- SCSC to organize the conference in every 02 years - SCSC support host economies in encouraging all member economies actively to take part in conference and to provide speakers for conference	in Process	Final report on the 7 th Standards & Conformance Conference held in Cusco August 2008 has been submitted by host economy (Peru)
To facilitate broad participation in mutual recognition arrangements in both regulated and voluntary sectors	3) Member economies to support and actively participate in APEC Conferences on Good Regulatory Practice.	2006/ Host economy	2006	On-going	- SCSC to organize the conference in every 02 years - all member economies actively to take part in conference - Member economies to provide speakers for conference		Final report on the 5 th GRP Conference held in Cusco August 2008 has been submitted by host economy (Peru)
	4) The SCSC to undertake the following technical infrastructure projects:		From 2006	2010			
	<i>APEC Strategic Standards Education Program: Phase II – Textbooks and Teaching manuals development</i>	2006/ Korea	2008	6/2009	<i>To be reported by Lead economy (Korea) in the final report of the project implementation</i>	In process	Results of project implementation reported by Lead economy (Korea) at SCSC meeting
	<i>Seminar and Training</i>	2007/ China	2008	2009	<i>To be reported by Lead economy (China) in the</i>	in Process	See progress report of

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	<i>Courses in Legal Metrology</i>				<i>final report of the project implementation</i>		Lead economy (China)
	<i>Seminar on National Food Safety System</i>	2007/ China	2008	2009	<i>To be reported by Lead economy (China) in the final report of the project implementation</i>	in Process	See progress report of Lead economy (China)
	<i>Strengthening chemical Metrology Infrastructure -Part I, II</i>	2008 Peru	2008	2009	<i>To be reported by Lead economy (Peru) in the final report of the project implementation</i>	Part I completed in 2008	
	5) The SCSC to support capacity building oriented to training business, especially SMEs, improving their knowledge, expertise and skills on standards and conformance matters, including public consultation	2003/ Chile and Brunei Darussalam	From 2003	On -going	- Capacity building program approved for implementation - Encouraging member economies to provide inputs for training program	in Process	To be reported at SCSC2 in July 2009
	6) Member economies to support the implementation of work plan for improving SMEs access to standards and conformance information.	2006/ Chile- Brunei Darussalam	2006	On-going	- Member economies actively participating in work plan implementation	in Process	-Singapore's preliminary proposal on Urgent project to develop best practices for agencies/ organizations that assist companies, particularly SMEs, with overcoming TBTs to be conducted in 2009 - Chinese Taipei has provided URLs in supporting SMEs to access standards and conformance related information, which has been included in the SCSC webpage
5. Transparency (02 actions)							

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Ensure the transparency of the standards and conformity assessment of APEC economies	1) Member economies to update the APEC Contact Points for Standards and Conformance Information, including member economies' participants in the Specialist Regional Bodies and member economies SCSC Contact Points. Member economies agreed that this information should be maintained on the APEC Secretariat's homepage.	1997 APEC Secretariat	From 1997	On-going	- Contact point for Standards and conformance of economies is updated - The information on the member economies contact point for Standards and conformance is maintained on the APEC Secretariat's homepage	in Process	Member economies are updating contact points annually
	2) Member economies to endeavour to establish Internet websites to disseminate standards and conformance information.	1997	From 1997	On-going	- The internet website to disseminate standards and conformance information is established by member economies	in Process	Member economies continues to establish and maintain internet website to disseminate Standards & Conformance information
6. Cooperation with Specialist Regional Bodies (01 actions)							
	1) SCSC to pursue closer cooperation with the Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs) e.g. in development of technical activities relevant to SRBs	2000/ Indonesia	From 2000	On-going	1. APEC TILF and other APEC-funded funding proposals involving standards and conformance issues have relevant SRB input, and resulting projects have active involvement by relevant SRBs. 2. Regulators in APEC economies develop appropriate reference standards and conformance infrastructures that build on and are effectively linked with SRB activities to achieve good regulatory practice and to minimise technical barriers to trade. 3. Industry (especially SMEs) make use of the SRB standards and conformance infrastructure to	In-processing	SCSC has endorsed the SRB strategic Plan (5 years) for Technical Infrastructure Development in Support of Trade Facilitation in APEC Economies at SCSC Meeting, in February 2008, including a summary of the activities undertaken by the SRBs in recent years and outlines some

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					help achieve its aims. 4. Closer ongoing dialogue between ABAC and SRBs.		projects and activities planned for the next five years
7. Cooperation with International Bodies (02 actions)							
	1) The SCSC to monitor the developments within the WTO Committees on the TBT and SPS and discuss implementation issues.	2001/ Japan-China	From 2001	On-going	SCSC be kept informed on and contribute to TBT/SPS activities.	in Process	Japan and China report at SCSC meeting the relevant TBT/SPS discussions as well as SCSC's contribution and implementation for these activities.
	2) The SCSC to encourage member economies to actively joint in ISO, IEC, ITU, IAF, ILAC, OILM, CGMP activities.	2003/ Japan	From 2003	On-going	Increased number of participating member economies.	in Process	Japan has been conducting a survey to identify the status of each economy's membership and its business' participation in ISO, IEC and JTC1.
8. Cooperation with Other APEC Fora (03 actions)							
	1) The SCSC to pursue further coordination with other APEC fora.	2001/ APEC Secretariat?	From 2001	On-going	-The coordination activities with other APEC fora to be considered in SCSC program	in Process	To be reported at SCSC2 in July 2009
	2. a) Involvement of the business in the SCSC's conferences on GRP and SCSC's conference on Standards and Conformance	Japan	2008	On-going	- Business' participation increased; - Information circulated and shared	In process	Increasing the number of business participating in 5 th GRP and 7 th Standards & Conformance conferences
	b) Participation of business	Japan &	2008	On going	- Update information on the involvement of APEC	In process	Japan has conduct and

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	in the national and international technical committees (TCs) and Sub-committees (SCs)	Indonesia			business in the national & international standardization process - Reporting the update information of the involvement of APEC business in national and international standardization.		reported on the survey to obtain information regarding the participation of business in International Technical Committees and Sub Committees.
	c) ABAC/Industry-SCSC dialogue on specific SCSC's activities interested by business at SCSC conferences and meetings	Host economy	2008	On going	- The Dialogue organized with participation of representatives from NSBs, businesses and ABAC.	In process	ABAC/Industry-SCSC dialogue has been conducted in 7 th SCSC Standards and Conformance Conference held in Cusco August 2008
	d) Supporting business in using IT for exploring and updating the information on standards, technical regulation and conformity assessment	Singapore	2008	2009	- Enhancement of IT use in standards and conformance through experiences sharing	In process	To be reported at SCSC 2 in July 2009
	e) to develop strategy for promoting the interaction between SCSC and business in standards and conformance activities through conducting the APEC/ TILF funding project	Viet Nam & US	2008	2009	- The strategic plan for have been prepared and endorsed by SCSC for implementation in the coming years - Experience-sharing workshop for discussion of the Strategic plan have been organized with Participation of ABAC, Business, SRBs and related stake-holders	In process	Progress report of the Project implementation including the workshop plan has been presented at SCSC1-2008
	3) The SCSC to hold Policy Dialogue sessions on standards and conformance and follow-up the policy	2002/ Host economy	From 2002	On-going	- Reflecting policy dialogue on S & C and follow-up actions in work plan of SCSC	In process	Policy Dialogue on Standards & Conformance is considered at SCSC

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	implications arising from them						meeting annually
9. Reform of SCSC.							

NOTE:

1. Guide to use the column

Column 3. Year of CAP: to indicate the year CAP approved

Column 6. Target outcomes: Lead economy for the action to fix the results expected to be achieved by SCSC or member economies at target year using the principles suggested by Project CTI16-2006T. The outcomes should be quantitative attainable and qualitative scientific

Column 7. Status: to indicate the current status of CAP implementation (already completed or still in processing)

Column 8. Remarks: specific explanation, remarks to the action

2. SCSC TF CAP is the subject to update annually

CUSTOMS PROCEDURES: COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2009

Status of CAP Items Stage 1 and 2

Project	CAP Leader	Co-Leaders	Current CAP	Status Update/Comments
Harmonization of Tariff Structure with the HS Convention	Japan		Stage 2	Technical assistance is on-going. Item remains in Stage 2.
Simplification and Harmonization on the Basis of the Revised Kyoto Convention	New Zealand	Japan	Stage 1	No requests for assistance. Item remains in Stage 1.
Harmonized APEC Data Elements	Canada	Australia	Stage 1	Technical assistance is on-going. A workshop on APEC Customs Data Harmonization was conducted on 27 October – 1 November 2008 in Chinese Taipei. Item remains in Stage 1.
Implementation of APEC Framework Based on the WCO Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade	United States	Japan, Korea	Stage 1	Technical assistance is on-going. CAP item remains in Stage 1. Besides ongoing technical assistance, SCCP, formed an Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Working Group (AEO-WG) to collate AEO best practices, create reference documents and provide capacity building to member economies in establishing their AEO programs.
Time Release Surveys (TRS)	Japan	Indonesia, Korea	Stage 1	Technical assistance is on-going. Japan last conducted their TRS in Mar 2009 and the results were shared at the SCCP 2 Meeting. CAP item remains in Stage 1.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2009

Objectives/ Goals	Actions with lead economy, if any	Status/ Target Date
<p>(a) Deepening the Dialogue on Intellectual Property Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FTA/ RTA on IP Chapter - Exchange of development of IP-related policies - Strengthening the IPR system - Appropriate protection of IPR in emerging fields, including but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection for Biotechnology and Computer-related Inventions • Protection for Geographical Indications • Electronic commerce • Genetic resources and traditional knowledge • Plant variety protection systems 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Australia</u> made an oral update on the RTA/ FTA matrix, which helps support the goal of economic integration in this region. 2. <u>Chile</u> presented a report of the self-funded APEC IPEG Survey on Copyright Limitations and Exception. 3. <u>The US</u> has been conducting an APEC IPEG Survey on Opposition Proceedings. 4. <u>Mexico</u> made a update on the development of the self-funded "Report on the Geographical Indications Regimes in APEC Economies" based on GI Questionnaire elaborated by IPEG 5. <u>Singapore</u> will organise a seminar/symposium entitled "Trading Ideas 2009" (CTI/04/2009T) 6. <u>The US</u> proposed an APEC Satellite and Cable Signal Theft Initiative. [<i>Proposal under consideration in IPEG</i>] 7. <u>The US</u> is going to organise an "APEC Workshop on Effective Implementation of Best Practices Concerning Cable and Satellite Signal Piracy and Enforcement" 8. <u>The U.S.</u> has been conducting an APEC IPEG Survey on Certification and Collective Marks 	<p>On-going. Members are encouraged to provide updates.</p> <p>Completed. IPEG endorsed the Report with a time reference.</p> <p>On-going. Members are encouraged to respond to the Survey.</p> <p>On-going. Members are encouraged to provide updates to the Report.</p> <p>Completed. The Seminar was successfully completed on 30-31 July 2009.</p> <p>On-going. The U.S. would continue to the discussion inter-sessionally.</p> <p>On-going. The Workshop would be held on 14-15 December 2009 in Jakarta, Indonesia.</p> <p>Ongoing. Members are encouraged to respond to the Survey.</p>
<p>(b) Support for Easy and Prompt Acquisition of Rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in International IP-related Systems - Establishing Internationally Harmonized IPR Systems - Cooperation on Searches 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Japan</u> put forward some initial ideas for a more coherent approach under the APEC Cooperation Initiative on Patent Acquisition Procedures, with a view to formally presenting the proposal in the coming meeting. 	<p>Members are encouraged to give comments on the ideas presented by Japan.</p>

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<p>and Examinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APEC Cooperation Initiative on Patent Acquisition Procedures (The launching of the initiative was included in REI Action Plan 2008) 	<p>2. <u>The US</u> made an oral update on the development of the “Patent Cooperation Initiative on Patent Acquisition Procedures - Roadmap for Further Cooperation: Gap Analysis”.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Members are encouraged to participate in the Gap Analysis exercise.</p>
<p>(c) Electronic Processing of IPR-related Procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electronic Filing Systems - Dissemination of Information by Electronic Means 	<p>1. <u>Members</u> are encouraged to better use of the APEC online resources, particularly APEC Information Management Portal (AIMP), and the renewed IPEG education websites.</p> <p>2. <u>Members</u> are encouraged to better utilise the new folder (IPEG Surveys) created in the APEC Collaboration System, which stores all surveys in-progress.</p>	<p>The Secretariat has been undertaking presentations to Members to encourage use of the platform.</p> <p>On-going.</p>
<p>(d) Cooperation for Improvements to the IP Systems and Its Operation, including capacity buildings, co-operation with other fora /authorities/ stakeholders</p>	<p>1. <u>Australia and China</u> have partnered to introduce a “Survey of Strategic Consideration of IPR Capacity Building in APEC Economies”.</p> <p>2. <u>China</u> proposed a “Survey on Prevention of Abuse of IP Right”. <i>[Proposal under consideration in IPEG]</i></p> <p>3. <u>China</u> proposed an APEC IPEG Seminar on Practices of IPR Protection in Standardisation. <i>[Proposal under consideration in IPEG]</i></p> <p>4. <u>Japan</u> introduced the concept of the Intellectual Property Academy Collaborative Initiative (iPAC initiative) with a view to formally presenting the proposal in the coming meeting.</p> <p>5. <u>Japan</u> is going to organise a high level forum with WIPO at the margin of the 30th IPEG Meeting.</p> <p>6. <u>Russia</u> proposed to organise a</p>	<p>On-going. Australia and China encouraged Members to respond to the Survey.</p> <p>On-going. Peru and Chinese Taipei offered to be co-sponsors. China was recommended to give thought to the definition of the “abuse of IP rights”.</p> <p>On-going. Chile, Russia and Chinese Taipei offered to be co-sponsors. China will lead inter-sessional discussion.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to give comments on the ideas presented by Japan.</p> <p>On-going. The Forum is scheduled on 1-2 March 2010, in Tokyo, Japan.</p> <p>On-going. China,</p>

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	project titled "Creating APEC Framework for Intellectual Property Protection and Use: Training for Officials" [<i>Proposal under consideration in IPEG</i>]	Korea and Viet Nam offered to be co-sponsors. Russia was encouraged to further develop the project proposal.
<p>(e) Establishing Effective Systems for IPR Enforcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange of Information Concerning IPR Infringement - Other enforcement related matters 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chair encouraged <u>IPEG</u> members to include delegates with enforcement background into their own delegation if possible. 2. The <u>US</u> will introduce a new proposal to address illegal use of recording devices to record or transmit movies off the screen. [<i>Proposal under consideration in IPEG</i>] 	<p>On-going. Six Economies included delegates with enforcement backgrounds; while four of them gave brief presentations on IPR-enforcement works in their respective economies.</p> <p>On-going. Canada; Hong Kong, China; Japan and the Philippines are cosponsors. The U.S. will lead intersessional discussion on proposed Ministerial language and an Effective Practices document.</p>
<p>(f) APEC Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Initiative, with the following four key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce Trade in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods - Reduce Online Piracy - Increase Cooperation to Stop Piracy and Counterfeiting - Increase Capacity Building to Strengthen Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Enforcement <p>As of 2007, IPEG developed six sets of IPR model guidelines.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The <u>US</u> invited members to provide updates to Appendix 5 of Three Model Guidelines APEC Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Initiatives (2005/AMM/002anx4rev1) if there were changes in border enforcement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1a) The <u>US</u> organised an "APEC Workshop on IP Border Enforcement for Custom Officials". 1b) The <u>US</u> organised an "APEC Colloquium for Public Prosecutors and the Judiciary on Intellectual Property Enforcement". 	<p>On-going. All APEC economies are encouraged to provide updates to the Paper.</p> <p>Completed. The Workshop was held on 20–23 July 2009 in Honolulu, Hawaii.</p> <p>Completed. The Colloquium was held on 9–11 June 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</p>
<p>(g) Promoting IP Asset Management and Utilisation in</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Korea</u> gave a brief presentation on a new project proposal on "One 	<p>On-going. IPEG endorsed the Project</p>

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APEC Economies	<p>Village One Brand Seminar”.</p> <p>2. <u>Japan</u> presented the progress of establishment of IPR Service Centers.</p>	<p>Proposal, and would submit to CTI for the Third BMC Approval Session.</p> <p>On-going. Members are encouraged to supply with details.</p>
(h) Facilitation of Technology Transfer through Ensuring IP Protection	<p>1. <u>Singapore</u> organised an APEC IPEG Technology Transfer Seminar: "From Mind to Market - The Highs and Lows of Technology Transfer". (CTI/02/2009S)</p>	<p>Completed. The Seminar was successfully completed on 23–24 February 2009.</p>
(i) Raising Public Awareness	<p>1. <u>Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, China</u> have co-organised a workshop titled “APEC IPR Public Education and Awareness Program for SMEs” (CTI 06/2008T)</p> <p>2. <u>Korea</u> has developed an online learning system called “APEC Project for Training Intellectual Property Right Information Facilitators Using e-Learning Content – IP Xpedite” (CTI 21/2009T)</p>	<p>Completed. The final deliverable, IPR Resource Tool for SMEs, would be released by the end of 2009.</p> <p>On-going. The project commenced in July 2009.</p>

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2009

	Objectives	Actions	Status/Target Date
A	Support for the multilateral trading system		
	Exchange of Information with WTO GPA	Continue to monitor the WTO GPA activities	Ongoing
	Share and discuss GPEG members' experience with regional and bilateral free trade agreements in the area of government procurement	Member economies are encouraged to provide updates where appropriate	Ongoing
B	Trade facilitation		
	To review consistency of government procurement systems with APEC GPEG Non-binding Principles(NBPs) on government procurement, noting that actions to achieve this are voluntary	Member economies are invited to provide updates where appropriate	Ongoing
		All member economies should regularly review and update their summary information on the AIMP	Ongoing
	To exchange information on development of e-procurement in government procurement in ways consistent with the newly revised GPEG NBPs, and consider/develop relevant capacity building approaches	Member economies are encouraged to present on their experience in implementing e-procurement systems for government procurement and discuss ways of advancing GPEG work in this area	Ongoing
	Capacity building Project-Business Outreach	GPEG will continue to explore capacity building projects in relation to their e-Procurement development projects and public procurement reform	Ongoing
C	Establishment of e-procurement guidelines		
	To work out guidelines to help member economies develop e-procurement systems suitable for their infrastructures	To collect information from member economies regarding their own e-procurement infrastructure	Ongoing
	Development of KPI for government procurement	Continue to conduct research on key performance indicators to gauge the overall performance of government procurement	Ongoing
D	Other areas		
	To build greater links with the business sector and other stakeholders	To build a closer relationship with the SME Working Group	Ongoing
		To increase accessibility by business to information on AIMP	Ongoing
		To form a working relationship with ABAC to build better ties with the business community, particularly in regard to transparency	Ongoing

	Objectives	Actions	Status/Target Date
		The APEC Communications Unit to disseminate information to Business	Ongoing
	To contribute to the mid-term review of progress toward the Bogor Goals	In addition to the information already provided by GPEG and the member economies, work with CTI to provide further information as required	Ongoing
	To contribute to APEC reform agenda	To examine ways to reduce duplication in reporting on government procurement including in IAP templates	Ongoing

MOBILITY OF BUSINESS PEOPLE: COLLECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2009

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
Collective Actions APEC economies will:		
EXCHANGE INFORMATION Exchange information on regulatory regimes in regard to the mobility of business people in the region, including through regularly updating the information in the online <i>APEC Business Travel Handbook</i> .	Members to continue to regularly update the online <i>APEC Business Travel Handbook</i> informing business of economies' short-term and temporary residence entry requirements and processing arrangements (standing item at BMG meetings), in accordance with agreed BMG Transparency Standards.	Ongoing
	Continue to improve the Business Mobility website to act as a conduit for meeting papers and exchange of information on trade agreements and other key BMG activities.	Ongoing
	Members to continue to implement enhancements to the online <i>APEC Business Travel Handbook</i> and other official immigration/consular affairs websites to improve the transparency and accessibility of public immigration information, in line with agreed actions to address the findings of the 2005 TILF funded Temporary Entry Review.	Ongoing
SHORT-TERM BUSINESS ENTRY Streamline short term entry requirements for business people. APEC economies will strive on best endeavors basis, and according to own immigration procedures, to implement one or more of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • visa free or visa waiver arrangements; • participate in the APEC Business Travel Card scheme; • multiple short-term entry and stay visas which are valid for 3 years. 	Members to continue to review and improve their arrangements for short term business travellers, including the progressive implementation of e-commerce arrangements consistent with agreed standards.	Ongoing
	Continue to support ABAC's aim of expanding the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme to remaining non-participating economy.	Ongoing
	Members to report to BMG meetings on progress in implementing e-commerce facilities (standing item).	Ongoing

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<p>BUSINESS TEMPORARY RESIDENCY Implement streamlined temporary residence processing arrangements for the intra company transfer of executives, senior managers and specialists, as defined by individual economies.</p>	<p>Members to continue to implement, on a best endeavors basis, the agreed 30 day service standard for the temporary residency processing of executives, senior managers on intra-company transfers, and specialists (as defined by individual economies), where all necessary documentation is completed. Members continue to report on processing times (standing item).</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Members to report to BMG meetings on implementing e-commerce facilities (standing item).</p>	Ongoing
<p>CAPACITY BUILDING (TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND TRAINING) Develop and implement the mutually agreed standards and benchmarks essential to capacity building and engage in the capacity building initiatives necessary to provide streamlined visa application and immigration entry, stay and departure processing.</p>	<p>At SOM III 2001, the BMG endorsed a standards paper for Document Examination and Fraud detection. These standards are being used by economies to develop their current capacity.</p>	Implementation of the standards is ongoing on an individual, best endeavors basis.
	<p>Document security and related issuance systems. The standards and guidelines take into account all relevant international standards. The first phase of the project to develop draft standards was completed with a workshop conducted in July 2003.</p>	Phase One completed July 2003
	<p>A workshop was conducted in March 2004 in Sydney by Australia (phase 2) to raise economies' awareness of the standards and international best practice and developments in respect of biometrics.</p>	Phase 2 completed by March 2004
	<p>At SOM III 2004 the BMG agreed that all APEC economies will begin issuing Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs), if possible with biometrics by 2008, and on a best endeavors basis, endeavor to accelerate replacement of non-MRTDs by MRTDs as well as implement ICAO travel document security standards.</p>	Ongoing with implementation, on a best endeavours basis.
<p>As at end 2009, at least 16 economies have introduced MRTDs and at least 10 have introduced a biometric MRTD.</p>		

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
	<p>Biometrics</p> <p>The BMG received funding from the BMC (March 2006) to undertake a TILF funded project to build the capacity on biometric technology in travel documents and border systems (CTI 30/2006T) via the conduct of two capacity building events: a seminar in Ho Chi Minh on 22-23 May attended by 54 experts from 19 economies and a workshop in July 2006 in Hong Kong (China) attended by 45 experts from 18 economies.</p> <p>In February 2009 the BMG's "Enhancing the ABTC" working group held a two-day TILF-funded workshop to explore the feasibility and desirability of introducing biometrics to the ABTC and to consider possible governance arrangements for such an initiative. The workshop brought together several experts in biometrics and trusted traveller programs who were able to enhance members' understanding of relevant technical and policy issues. Between SOM I and SOM II each working group economy completed an extensive questionnaire to determine their own business case and this was discussed at a working group meeting at SOM II. The working group is currently looking at possible models for a biometric ABTC pilot.</p> <p>Identity Assurance Framework Document.</p> <p>At SOM I, 2008, the BMG endorsed work to commence on a 'framework for Assuring Identity in the Issuance of Biometric Machine Readable Travel Documents'. The purpose of this document is to provide good practice guidance for APEC economies on the process required for assurance of the integrity of identity enrolment processes for biometric machine readable travel documents, in order to prevent the issuance of genuine travel documents to persons who are not entitled to them.</p>	<p>Project completed July 2006.</p> <p>Workshop in February 2009 with ongoing follow-up work</p> <p>Project completed May 2009.</p>

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	<p>API Pathfinder Initiative</p> <p>The BMC approved TILF funding (1 August 2002) for a project to conduct feasibility studies in three APEC economies to assess the requirements for the implementation of Advance Passenger Information systems, to be conducted during 2002 and 2003. A second project to conduct feasibility studies was approved in July 2003 by the BMC.</p> <p>Some 10 economies have had an API feasibility study: Thailand (Aug 02), The Philippines (Nov 02), Indonesia (Feb 03), Korea (July 03), Chile (Sept 03), Chinese Taipei (Oct 03), China (Jul 04), Viet Nam (Oct 05), Brunei (Feb 06) and Peru (July 06)</p> <p>To date, 17 economies have either implemented or have announced their commitment to implementing an API system, including: Australia; Canada; China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia (planning); Korea; Japan; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Philippines (planning); Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States; Viet Nam (planning) and two economies trialling (one without commitment).</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Immigration Legal Infrastructure Standards</p> <p>The BMC approved TILF funding (1 August 2002) for a project to develop standards and benchmarks for Immigration legislation. A workshop of Immigration law experts was convened in July in 2003 and Legal Infrastructure standards, covering all aspects of Immigration processes and issues, were ratified by the BMG at its 2004 SOMI meeting in Santiago.</p> <p>As at end 2009, almost half of all economies have implemented legal immigration standards (unchanged from 2008).</p>	Standards ratified February 2004. Implementation ongoing.
	<p>Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS)</p> <p>The BMG conducted a pilot Regional Movement Alert System</p>	

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
	<p>(RMAS) and a report presented to Leaders in 2006. The RMAS pilot has enhanced border security and facilitated the travel of genuine business travelers.</p> <p>RMAS Multi-Lateral Framework</p> <p>At SOM III 2006, the BMG endorsed the final Multi-lateral Framework (MLF), Model Economy MOU and Management Board Governance Charter for RMAS. The MLF states the principles, standards and operational arrangements which will enable RMAS to operate consistently and effectively in the region for economies that join the initiative.</p> <p>At SOM III 2006, positive validation of the travel document as part of RMAS was announced. Work continues on implementing this function.</p> <p>Work is progressing on an internet-based RMAS which will enable other economies to join RMAS – a pilot will commence to test the system in 2009.</p>	<p>Completed and endorsed September 2006.</p> <p>RMAS can determine whether a passport is recognised by its issuing authority as having been validly issued.</p> <p>Pilot of internet-based RMAS in 2009 and 2010.</p>
	<p>Contribution to Interpol ICPO Database</p> <p>The BMG agreed at SOM I 2005 to a recommendation that members cooperate to ensure that members provide lost and stolen travel documents to the International Criminal and Police Organization (ICPO) database by end 2006, on a best endeavors basis. As at end 2009, 16 economies now contribute data to the ICPO database.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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	<p>Dialogue with ABAC and Business Community</p> <p>ABAC actively participates in the work of the BMG. At SOM II 2009, ABAC informed the BMG about its call to consider whether the ABTC can be expanded beyond the APEC region and whether a cardholder list could be used by APEC for an “ABTC Information Service Platform” which could provide value adding services to cardholders. ABAC agreed to refer the proposal to expand the ABTC beyond the APEC region to the CTI.</p> <p>The BMG continues to consult closely with ABAC and an ABAC representative attended all BMG meetings in 2009.</p>	Ongoing
	<p>BMG to continue to work with ABAC to engage the APEC business community in improving business mobility (strategy agreed at SOM II, 2000).</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Members continue to consult with their business community in their home economies on mobility issues and report on any identified issues of concern to the BMG.</p>	Ongoing
	<p>Members provide information (including on the ABTC Scheme) and encourage feedback from the business community about the BMG's initiatives via the Business Mobility website.</p>	Ongoing