

**INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE
HEALTH WORKING GROUP (HWG)**

Recommendations by Independent Assessor	Comments from member economies and/or APEC Secretariat	Suggested Action to be taken by SCE or HWG	Proposed timeline to implement the recommendation by SCE	Agreement on the suggested action (Yes/No)
RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE				
<p>Recommendation to SCE1. Prior to updating the HWG Terms of Reference, SCE should consider and provide clarity about the health related priorities of APEC, and confirm primary responsibility amongst the various APEC subfora for each health topic – this could be achieved through the planned APEC discussions on ‘Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020’ later in 2014.</p>		As per the recommendation.	SCE-COW 2015	YES

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<p>Recommendation to HWG 1. After the SCE has provided direction under SCE 1, the HWG should revise its terms of reference to reflect the content of the approved Strategic Plan and updated APEC administrative policies.</p>		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2015	YES
<p>Recommendation to HWG 2. The proposed process for reviewing project proposals and concept notes as outlined in Guidelines for Consideration and Ranking of New Concept Notes (21014/SOM1/HWG/012) should be adopted and used for all future APEC HWG meetings. Concept should clearly state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the definitions of specific terms and the coverage of the project, including explicit linkages to overarching statements and directions and the HWG Strategic Plan; b) confirming there is a benefit to APEC as a whole, in addition to national and local benefits; 	<p><u>Indonesia</u>: the Concept notes should also have a clear state on addressing the actual and concrete issues that are being faced by Economies.</p>	As per the recommendation.	Ongoing	YES

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<p>c) confirmation in capacity building projects that there is an acceptance of the need and priority for capacity building from the recipient economies; and</p> <p>providing an analysis of linkages with similar projects of other organisations (including international and regional forums, WHO, UN agencies and philanthropic organisations).</p>				
<p>Recommendation to HWG 3.</p> <p>HWG delegations should ensure they are aware of the APEC project proposal process, including the multi-year funding facility for APEC projects and the project proposal training activities provided by the APEC Secretariat.</p>	<p><u>APEC Secretariat</u>: multi-year project funding is not currently available. The facility referred to in the recommendation was a pilot program that is now closed for new applications and being evaluated.</p>	<p>As per the recommendation.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Recommendation to HWG 4.</p> <p>The HWG should continue close liaison with the Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF) through:</p> <p>a) the leadership of both fora attending each other's meetings;</p>	<p><u>Indonesia</u>: HWG and LSIF should have a clear statement in their ToR in regards to the division of tasks and obligations of each in order to avoid the duplication of its works.</p>	<p>As per the recommendation.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>YES</p>

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b) establishing and agreeing on clear terms of reference for joint policy dialogues and joint projects.				
<p>Recommendation to HWG 5. The HWG should seek to have mutual observer/correspondence membership status with other relevant APEC subfora that are working on health matters, and appoint a representative that can report on developments of interest to the HWG.</p>	<p><u>Indonesia</u>: HWG doesn't have to appoint a representative from relevant APEC subfora as a mutual observer or correspondence. However, HWG welcomes Economies who have interested in HWG as observer or correspondence and HWG should provide clarity about the responsibility of the observer and correspondence.</p>	<p>Mutual observer/correspondence arrangements are not required however HWG should keep in contact with other fora that are working on health related matters.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Recommendation to HWG 6. Continue with the Process for the Development of Guidelines for Engagement between the HWG and the Private Sector (2014/SOM1/HWG/014).</p>		<p>As per the recommendation.</p>	<p>SCE2 2015</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Recommendation to HWG 7. The use of regional workshops and symposiums to explore health topics should be maintained as an efficient method for information exchange and knowledge sharing on health related topics.</p>	<p><u>Indonesia</u>: We must ensure the benefit of workshops and symposiums for Economies by ensuring the participants (the attendances) represent the whole Economies and all Economies are well-informed in regards to the outcomes of the workshops or symposiums. It would be better if the information exchange and knowledge sharing are conducted through capacity building activities, such as training on</p>	<p>As per the recommendation.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>YES</p>

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	HIV aids, communicable or non-communicable diseases, traditional medicine, etc.			
Recommendation to HWG 8. APEC HWG to consider how it might better communicate the details of its projects and the outcomes achieved, especially to external policy, technical, professional and media organisations.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2015	YES