

APPENDIX 16

CTI Sub-fora's Collective Action Plan/Work Plan

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Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures 2015 Collective Action Plan

Objectives	Action	Status 2014
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 through the APEC WebTR portal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The APEC Website on Tariff and ROOs (“WebTR”) which is now linked to all individual economy’s web portals on tariff and ROO information is continuously monitored for latest updates and reported at each MAG meetings. • Member economies are continuously updated on the current WebTR.
(b) Undertake practical work in support of the multilateral trading system	<i>Collective:</i> Seek concrete actions to support the multilateral trading system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members continue to make efforts to resolve outstanding issues on the expansion of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) by MC10.
B. Making Rules of Origin (ROO) 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) Simplification of documents and procedures</p> <p>c) Self-Certification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous effort by each member economy on self-certification initiatives.
C. Trade Facilitation		
(a) Pursue a series of seminars/policy discussions on trade facilitation measures	<i>Collective:</i> Share information and experiences for facilitating trade in remanufactured products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member economies continuously submitting their domestic policies required for the compilation of tariff and non-tariff measures (NTMs) applicable to ‘not newly manufactured goods’. • MAG created a webpage on the available information on the NTMs of remanufacturing. • Updates on the latest development in NTMs are shared with MAG Members.
D. Activities with ABAC and/or Other External Stakeholders		
Collaborate and work with ABAC and/or other stakeholders on the MAG agenda	<i>Collective:</i> Enhance collaboration with other relevant fora and business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAG continuously working closely with ABAC to garner more inputs from the business community. • ABAC provides constant update on latest development within ABAC in relation to MAG.

Services 2014 Collective Action Plan

All Sectors other than Energy, Telecommunications, Tourism, and Transportation			
Collective Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame	Last implemented actions
a. Review and exchange information on all trade and investment in services arrangements within APEC and study common elements.	Services Action Plan (SAP)	On-going	The SAP Matrix of Actions was developed; and a number of initiatives/activities have been undertaken by GOS in line with the Matrix. The Matrix will assist in the identification of priorities and capacity-building needs in relation to individual and collective efforts to boost development of services trade.
	Foster closer cooperation and synergy with other APEC fora/groups	On-going	GOS to explore the possibility of future work projects with the involvement of other relevant fora. The APEC Cross-Cutting Issues Maps, a living document established by the APEC Secretariat would be a reference to identify further collaboration and strengthen existing cross-cutting cooperation with other fora. There was a proposal from the Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting (SRMM) on developing a joint work program with GOS in a view to producing a set of recommendations for domestic regulation of the services sector. GOS contributed to development of elements of the work plan on cross-border higher education cooperation and will be continuously providing updates.
b. 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"	On-going	GOS has a series of symposium, focused on the discussion of facilitating good policy and regulatory practices in mining and energy, and architecture and engineering services. The outcome of symposium will be reflected in a compendium report. GOS has implemented a Workshop on the Challenges on Environmental Services – Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainability and is undertaking

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	Improve understanding of trade and investment issues with respect to individual services	On-going	<p>a Research Study on Enhancing Provider Mobility in Cross Border Education in the APEC region.</p> <p>GOS had a discussion on the definition and classification of environmental services which is part of the trade liberalization and facilitation of environmental services, discussed under CTI.</p> <p>GOS is to engage companies to be involved in the study on the role of manufacturing services sectors in value chains/supply chains.</p>
c. Compile information on services trade statistics	To enhance capacity on trade statistics and respond to the challenges of services trade data collection	Ongoing	GOS continues to develop projects to implement the action plan on services trade statistics.
d. To improve understanding of the impact of liberalization of services.	Member economies to present case studies of their experiences on a voluntary basis aiming to generate momentum for services liberalization in light of perceived benefits of such process.	Completed	Australia organized a Joint MAG-GOS Meeting on Services in Global Value Chains: Case Studies of Market Opening Reforms at the margins of SOM3 in Cebu. Australia, Malaysia and Papua New Guinea shared their experience pertaining to a range of market-opening reforms and measures in their telecommunication, healthcare and financial sector, respectively.
e. Enhance transparency in service sectors	APEC Services Trade Access Requirements (STAR) Database	On-going	A database which enables services businesses to identify market access and behind-the-border requirements affecting market entry for trade in services in APEC member economies has been developed. Phase 4 of the database is now being implemented by expanding the coverage to 8 services sectors with all 21 APEC economies. Australia plans to develop a communication plan to raise awareness among the target audience.

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Collective Action Plan 2015 for Investment

Action	Steps to Implement	Time Frame
<p>Transparency <i>Short-Term</i></p> <p>A. Increase the transparency of APEC Investment regimes, especially via enhanced e-transparency</p>	<p>1. Promote accessibility and transparency in the formulation and administration of investment-related policies:</p> <p>a) Update the e-portal to replace the hard copy publication the <i>APEC Investment Guidebook</i></p> <p>b) Have “APEC Public-Private Dialogues on Investment” to enhance Transparency and involvement of Private Sector.</p> <p>· 2015 IEG PPD: Fostering SME Growth through Inclusive Business (Philippines)</p> <p>· APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Identifying and Addressing Impediments to Improve a Business-Friendly Infrastructure Investment in the APEC Region (Viet Nam)</p> <p>2. Establishing software networks on investment regulation and investment opportunities</p> <p>a) Explore ways to improve the state of statistical reporting and data collection</p> <p>b) Establish a single window or special enquiry point for all enquiries concerning investment policies and applications to invest</p> <p>c) Adopt a centralised registry of laws and regulations and make this available electronically.</p> <p>d) Apply new technology to improve information, application and approvals processes</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Policy Dialogue <i>Short-Term</i></p> <p>B. Promote dialogue with the APEC business community on ways to improve the APEC investment environment</p>	<p>1. Have “APEC Public-Private Dialogues on Investment” with Business sector including ABAC to enhance Transparency and involvement of Private Sector.</p> <p>See A. 1. b)</p> <p>2. Maintain regular contact with ABAC and other relevant business organizations including:</p> <p>a) Discuss at IEG meeting issues of relevance to IEG raised at ABAC’s meetings and ABAC’s recommendations to Leaders in the previous year.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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	<p>b) Consider possible joint projects suggested by IEG or business organizations.</p> <p>3. Request input from ABAC on major APEC investment initiatives including through participation at IEG meetings, ABAC letters to IEG Convenor and other IEG events such as workshops, seminars, or investment symposia.</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 and collaboration with other international organisations on current and emerging international investment issues, where appropriate.</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 development.</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>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>E. Study possible core elements between existing sub-regional arrangements relevant to investment</p>	<p>Review the investment provisions of current sub-regional arrangements including RTAs/FTAs, and identify possible core elements, including the relationships between these provisions.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>F. Refine APEC's understanding of free and open investment</p>	<p>In the context of the 2012 progress assessment 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.</p> <p>Strengthen the use of quantitative indicators for improving understanding of APEC economy investment climates including consideration of reports from the Regional Investment Analytical Group (RIAG) and ABAC.</p>	<p>2012 –</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Medium & Long-Term</p>		
<p>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</p>	<p>To be determined in the light of progress with policy dialogue in the medium-term.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>developments in other international forums</p> <p>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>	<p>Where feasible, contribute to SOM studies on ways and means to promote regional economic integration, particularly investment issues as they relate to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Identifying Convergences and Divergences in APEC's RTAs/FTAs · 	Ongoing
<p>Facilitation <i>Short-Term and Continuing</i></p> <p>I. Undertake practical facilitation initiatives by:</p> <p>(i) Implement the Investment Facilitation Action Plan</p> <p>(ii) Progressively work towards reducing impediments to investments</p> <p>(iii) Initiating investment facilitation activities to enhance investment flows within APEC economies</p> <p>(iv) Implement the Non-Binding Investment Principles</p>	<p>Implement its underlying eight principles with broad menu of actions.</p> <p>Focus on the priority actions endorsed for 2015-2016.</p> <p>Report on IFAP progress annually.</p> <p>Implement the principles identified through the IFAP process to promote further investment facilitation according to <i>APEC Strategy for Investment</i>.</p> <p>Implement activities under <i>APEC Strategy for Investment</i>. (See Section K.)</p> <p>Discuss the necessity of more regular updates on NBIPs and work for further implementation.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2015 - 2016</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Economic and Technical Cooperation <i>Short-Term</i></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. 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>2. Enhance planning, development and implementation of policies concerning international investment rules.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2013 -</p>

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<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 categorizing 3 pillars under <i>APEC Strategy for Investment</i>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced Principles and Practices 2. Facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enhancing the Investment Environment in APEC and ASEAN Economies (Australia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Receive and consider inputs from the Regional Investment Analytical Group (RIAG) through ABAC · Best Practice Case Recommendation and the Conference on the Best Practices of Sustainable Outward Foreign Direct Investment (OFDI) in the APEC Region (China) 3. Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Guidebook on PPP Frameworks in the APEC Region (Indonesia) 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2013 – 2015</p> <p>2013 - 2015</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: 2015 Collective Action Plan of SCSC (Implementation status as of 11 August 2015)

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 (01 action)							

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	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	<p>- <u>Japan</u> has conducted a survey to identify economies' /industries' needs.</p> <p>- <u>Japan</u> reported on the revision of VAP result in 2011 and shared the work program for 2013 at SCSC 2 in 2012.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> informed about the further activity on the 5th VAP Alignment work in 2013 and the proposal on the new VAP Alignment work in 2014 at SCSC 1/ 2013.</p> <p>SCSC members submitted complete survey format relating to update of the current status of standards adopted and providing additional information on the statement "not applicable" to Japan by 30 April 2013 for the 6th VAP.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> summarized the results of VAP work 2013 and briefed on the further activity on the VAP work at SCSC2/2013 Meeting.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> sent voting questionnaire on the 6th Voluntary Action Plan (VAP) Alignment Work to SCSC members.</p> <p><u>SCSC members</u> submitted interested standards of highly priority and to send comments on the proposed new format to Japan before 30 September 2013.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> reported on the results of the voting questionnaire at SCSC1/2014.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> reported on Survey's results of 6th VAP alignment work for 2014, at SCSC2/2014.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> briefed on the further activity on the VAP work at SCSC1/2015.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> circulated to SCSC members the questionnaire to evaluate a new format of the VAP survey in March 2015.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> to report on the results of the questionnaire for the VAP survey and propose a revised survey format.</p>
2. Good Regulatory Practice (01 action)							

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	<p>The SCSC to continue to investigate means of enhancing regulatory practices in the APEC region through a program of case studies, seminars and organization of SCSC Conference on GRP in conjunction with SCSC Meeting</p>	2000 United States	From 2000	On-going	Means of enhancing regulatory practices recommended for implementation	In process	<p><u>United States</u> presented on the Draft Reference Document "Supporting the TBT Agreement with Good Regulatory Practices". Comments are due October 14, 2011 and should be sent to the Chair and the SCSC Program Director.</p> <p><u>Russian Federation</u> briefed on Russian initiatives submitted during the CTI1 meeting, held 14-15 February in Moscow (Common Application of Best Regulatory Practices in APEC Economies and Action Plan on Annex D to Leaders' Declaration "Strengthening Implementation of Good Regulatory Practices) at SCSC 1 in 2012.</p> <p><u>Russian Federation</u> introduced the two CTI proposals 2012/SOM2/SCSC/006, "Action Plan on Best Practices in APEC economies" and 2012/SOM2/SCSC/007, "Good Regulatory Practices Online Database" for consideration.</p> <p><u>Indonesia</u> reported on preparation for the 7th Conference on GRP at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on the status of the self-funded study "GRPs for Conformity Study in APEC Economies" at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>Indonesia</u> reported on the results of the 7th GRP Conference held in Medan, Indonesia on 26-27 June 2013 (CTI 19/12T) at SCSC2/2013.</p> <p><i>Malaysia, United States, Philippines and Indonesia briefed/informed on GRP activities/measures recently taken in their economies, at SCSC1/2015.</i></p> <p><i>Philippines briefed on the preparation for the 8th Conference on GRP (CTI 20/2014) to be held in the margins of SCSC2/2015.</i></p>
3. Recognition of Conformity Assessment (3 actions)							
	In regulated sector:						

<p>1) Member economies to consider participation in Food safety cooperation forum and Sectoral food MRA</p>	<p>1997 Australia, China, Thailand</p>	<p>From 1997</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>- Review yearly participation and its effectiveness in Food , food recall and Sectoral food MRA - Implementation of the measures to improve the effectiveness participation</p>	<p>In process</p>	<p>- <u>Australia</u>, on behalf of the co-chair <u>China and Australia</u>, reported on the current, ongoing and proposed activities of the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum at SCSC2 in 2012.</p> <p>- <u>United States</u> reported on outcomes of FSCF Partnership Training Institute Network (PTIN) workshop on Export Certification Workshop held April 24-25 in Greenbelt, Maryland, United States; on upcoming APEC FSCF PTIN Laboratory Capacity Building Sub-Regional Trainings for 2012, and directed the APEC Members attention to 2012/SOM2/SCSC/012 and reported on status of Global Food Safety Partnership at SCSC 2 in 2012.</p> <p>- <u>Philippines</u> reported on the outcomes of Project CTI 22/2011T APEC Scientific Seminar Workshop on Food Safety Risk-Benefit Analysis held on Nov. 22-24, 2012 in Manila at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>Australia and China</u> reported on the upcoming activities and tasks of the APEC food Safety Cooperation Forum at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on M CTI 03/12A Multi-year project on Building convergence in food safety standards and regulatory system, and upcoming activities in 2013-2015 at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on Update on Laboratory Capacity Building Planning under APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on the 1st annual meeting of Global Food Safety Partnership which developed out of the MOU between the World Bank and APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>Australia</u> further outlined the inaugural Food Safety Incident Network workshop to be held in April 2013 at SCSC1/2013</p> <p><u>Indonesia</u> reported on preparation for the Workshop on Best Practices in Educating Food Safety Standards for SMEs that will be conducted on 10 April 2013 at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>SCSC members</u> provided updates on participation in Food safety cooperation forum and Sectoral food MRA at SCSC2/2013.</p> <p><u>Indonesia</u> reported on the results of the April's workshop at SCSC2/2013.</p>
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	2) 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 JRAC 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	- <u>Peru</u> is preparing participate in Part I and Chile is preparing to participate in Part II of EE MRA. - <u>Peru</u> and <u>Chile</u> informed SCSC about their participation in relevant part of EE MRA. - <u>Brunei Darussalam</u> , on behalf of JRAC Chair, reported on the outcomes of the 17 th JRAC meeting held on 17-18 May 2012 in Singapore at SCSC 2 in 2012. - <u>Australia</u> reported on the outcomes of APEC JRAC workshop on “Developing harmonized electrical equipment regulatory risk assessment tool” held on 15-16 May 2012 in Singapore (2012/SOMs/SCSC/014) at SCSC 2 in 2012. <u>JRAC Chair (Chile)</u> reported on the status of the JRAC EEMRA at SCSC1/2013. <u>JRAC Chair (Chile)</u> reported on the 18 th JRAC EEMRA meeting held on 14-15 April 2013 in Surabaya, Indonesia at SCSC2/2013. <u>JRAC Chair (Indonesia)</u> reported on the 19 th Joint Regulatory Advisory Committee (JRAC) on Electrical and Electronic Equipment held on 10 August 2014 in Beijing, China at SCSC2/2014. <i><u>JRAC Chair (Japan)</u> reported on the progress of the JRAC EEMRA and the proposed seminar at SCSC2 /2015.</i>
	Voluntary sector:						
	3) Member economies to encourage ongoing 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	- <u>Indonesia</u> made a short introduction about SRB activities and requested that Indonesia ends its service as SRB Coordination Chair and asked for a successor to fill this role. - <u>Indonesia</u> through National Accreditation Body (KAN) has gotten recognition from PAC on MLA Food Safety Management by 22 May, 2013 in Hawaii, USA. - On 14 March 2013, KAN also has gotten recognition from APLAC and ILAC on MRA Medical Laboratory . SCSC members informed about participation and expansion in APLAC-MRA, PAC MLAs and CIPM Global MRA at SCSC2/2013.

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4. Technical Infrastructure Development (5 actions)							
Promote cooperation for technical infrastructure development to facilitate	1) Member economies to strengthen participation in Specialist Regional Bodies activities.	1996 Member economies	From 1996	On-going	- Increased number of member economies participating in SRBs - Active participation in SRBs activities strengthened	In process	- <u>APLAC</u> reported on the ongoing training initiatives of proficiency testing within the APEC region and the interaction with regulators (2012/SOM2/SCSC/018); the 19 th PAC annual meeting was held in Hong Kong, China on 16-23 June 2012; Japan, on behalf of the PASC Secretariat, informed on the PASC 35 meeting on 4-8 June 2012 in Yeosu, Korea, at SCSC 2 in 2012. <u>PAC</u> , on behalf of the 2013 SRB Forum Chair, presented a report on the Forum's meeting on 26 January 2013 and associated outcomes at SCSC1/2013. <i>SCSC members, as the project proposers, to contact the SRBs during the development of proposals to enhance SRBs contributions to SCSC activities.</i>
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	- The 9th Conference on Standards and Conformance will be held in Kazan in 2012 during SOM2. - <u>Russian Federation</u> informed of the 9 th Conference on Standards and Conformance in the field of Innovations and related Good Practices at SCSC1 and reported on the results of the Conference at SCSC 2 in 2012. <u>SCSC members</u> made comments on the draft recommendations until 30 th June, 2012 and <u>Russian Federation</u> to submitted the final report to APEC Secretariat by the end of 30 th August 2012.

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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	In process	<p>- The 6th GRP Conference was held in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with SOM I on 1 - 2 March 2011.</p> <p>- <u>United States</u> reported the results of the 6th GRP Conference at SCSC 1 in 2011.</p> <p>- The 7th GRP Conference will be held in Medan, Indonesia 26-27/6/2013.</p> <p><u>Indonesia</u> reported on the results of the 7th GRP Conference held in Medan, Indonesia on 26-27 June 2013 at SCSC 2/2013.</p> <p>- <u>SCSC members</u> made comments on the PH Concept Note on the 8th Conference on GRP.</p> <p>- The 8th GRP Conference will be held in Cebu, Philippines on 27-28 August 2015 in the margins of SCSC2/2015.</p> <p><u>Peru, Indonesia, Philippines, New Zealand presented/reported on technical infrastructure development in their respective economies at SCSC 1/2015.</u></p> <p><u>SCSC members are invited to update on technical infrastructure development in their respective economies at SCSC 2/2015.</u></p>
	4) The SCSC to undertake the following technical infrastructure projects						

4.1- Building Convergence in Food Safety Standards and Regulatory Systems (MYP CTI 03/12A)	2013 United States, China, Australia	December 2012	December 2015	This project supports engagement of regulators, industry, and academic experts at FSCF and PTIN meetings, related workshops and capacity building trainings. Project activities promote alignment in priority areas of strengthening food safety regulatory systems, food incident management, laboratory capacity, risk analysis and supply chain management	In process	<p>In 2013: FSCF meeting during SOM 2 with a workshop on food incident management, a PTIN Steering Group meeting, and a discussion of a potential capacity building activity on risk assessment on the margins of the FSCF meeting;</p> <p>In 2014: During the next year two food safety activities will continue addressing priority areas: Workshop on Improved Food Inspection Capacity Building Based on Risk Analysis, to be held on 21-23 May 2014 in Seoul, Korea.</p> <p>In 2015: During APEC 2015 there will be a meeting of the Food Safety Cooperation Forum, a project by Australia on pesticide maximum residue limits (MRLs,) and a PTIN Steering Group meeting.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on M CTI 03/12A Multi-year project on Building convergence in food safety standards and regulatory system, and upcoming activities in 2013-2015 at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>Indonesia</u> reported on preparation for the Workshop on Best Practices in Educating Food Safety Standards for SMEs that will be conducted on 10 April 2013 at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on the results of the Workshop held in Surabaya, Indonesia on 10 April 2013 and further activity of the Project (M CTI 03/12A) at SCSC 2/2013.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on progress of Laboratory Capacity Building activity with test pilots in Chile and China (An element of M CTI 03/12A) at SCSC 2/2014.</p> <p><u>Korea</u> reported on APEC FSCF PTIN Workshop (An element of M CTI 03/12A) held on 21-23 May 2014 in Seoul, Korea, at SCSC2/2014.</p> <p><u>China</u> reported on Veterinary Drug Multi-residues in Chicken Proficiency Testing Program (An element of M CTI 03/12A) at SCSC 2/2014.</p> <p><i>China reported on the progress of M CTI 03/12A at SCSC 2/2015.</i></p> <p><i>United States reported on the progress of Laboratory Capacity Building activity under M CTI 03/12A at SCSC1/2015.</i></p> <p><i>Australia and China reported on the plans for the convening of FSCF in 2015 at SCSC1/2015.</i></p>
4.2- Inspiring Next Generation of Standards Professional Development	2013/ Korea	July 2013	Dec. 2014	This project is designed to define next generation of standards professional, future human resources in	In Process	<p>The Project's Work Plan:</p> <p>1) (Sep 2013 – Feb 2014) APEC wide-survey to collect actual workforce information from each economy,</p>

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	<p>- Phase I: Identifying Stakeholder Requirements</p> <p>(CTI 07 2013T)</p>				<p>the area of standards and conformity assessment, so as to improve the competitiveness of the APEC Member economies.</p> <p>The project will identify the stakeholder requirements for standards professionals in public and private stakeholders, and provide recommendations on how best to meet these requirements.</p>		<p>including business, standards and conformity related organizations, education institutions. This survey will be conducted mainly via SCSC representatives. This will include in-depth interviews and a column invitation to executive level thought leaders to be included in the final report.</p> <p>2) (Feb-June 2014) Workshop to identify stakeholder requirements and develop action recommendations. The speakers and participants will be contributors of the survey and thought-leaders as well as SCSC representatives. The workshop will be held in one of the proposing/cosponsor-economies.</p> <p>3) (Sep 2014) Draft report ready by Aug 2014 and final report published by Dec 2014</p> <p>Korea introduced the concept note on Animating Next Generation of Standards Professional Development: Phase I. Identifying Stakeholder Requirements at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>Russia, Indonesia, Peru and Malaysia</u> updated on recent progress in standards education activities in their economies at SCSC1/2013.</p> <p><u>Korea</u> briefed on the progress of the Project (CTI 07/13T) at SCSC2/2013.</p> <p><u>Korea</u> reported on the results of the Workshop on Standards Professionals Development held on 9 August 2014 in Beijing, China, at SCSC2/2014.</p> <p><u>Korea reported on implementation results of CTI 07/13A at SCSC1/2015.</u></p> <p><u>Korea published the final report for Inspiring Next Generation of Standards Professional Development in March 2015.</u></p>

<p>4.3- Wine Regulatory Forum Strategic Plan to Implement Good Regulatory Practices through Capacity Building and Regulatory Cooperation/ Wine Regulatory Forum - Good Regulatory Practices Action Plan</p>	<p>2013/ United States</p>	<p>Feb. 2013</p>	<p>Dec. 2017</p>	<p>This project seeks to increase developing economies' capacity as regulators in each of those areas. Through active participation in the activities and technical events, these economies will gain improved assurance of the safety of imported wine. A reduction in unnecessary impediments to trade, such as redundant export certificate requirements, and a better understanding of foreign regulatory regimes and wine science, will lead to increased opportunities for developing economy wine exports.</p>	<p>In Process</p>	<p>Actively participate in the FSCF Working Groups on electronic certification and MRLs. The APEC WRF has been approved as a partner with the FSCF. It is expected that the working groups will become active in mid 2013.</p> <p>Conduct a technical workshop on November 4-6, 2013 in Washington, D.C. on the margins of the World Wine Trade Group (WWTG) Annual Meeting. The program will include a technical tour of a wine production facility and TTB's Beverage Alcohol Laboratory to facilitate discussions of laboratory capacity, methods of analysis, and testing concerns.</p> <p>Expand the Compendia of Certification Requirements to include market entry and product requirements.</p> <p>Identify and engage an expert subcontractor to review existing databases and other resources for populating the Compendia and building a comprehensive regulatory database for the use of the regulators and industry of member economies. Establish the subcontractor as the focal point for collecting the data for the database. Set an 18-month time period for completing the regulatory database.</p> <p>Participate in 7th APEC SCSC Conference on Good Regulatory Practice at SOM 3. The WRF will be represented at the GRP event by New Zealand. Kay Shapland from the Ministry of Primary Industries will brief the group on future work items and the new linkages with the FSCF on electronic certification and MRLs for pesticides.</p> <p>Begin to identify standards and processing aids to be presented to Codex via a member economy. □</p> <p>Initiate discussions on developing a priority list of MRLs for pesticides on wine grapes in coordination, and in support of, parallel work currently underway in the World Wine Trade Group.</p> <p>Continue the quarterly regulator conference calls and investigate funding support for those calls for eligible economies.</p> <p>Create an electronic platform where cosponsors and other interested parties can follow the progress of the WRF. The final project proposal, upcoming event information, and information about the working groups, among other information, would be made available on the site.</p> <p>Create a public-private Working Group to provide guidance on the implementation of the work plan as well as other assignments as required.</p>
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United States reported on the results of the Washington DC's Workshop held on 4-6 November 2013 at SCSC1/2014.

United States reported on progress of M CTI 01/13A and upcoming Wine Regulatory Forum to be held on 11-12 September 2014 in Beijing, China at SCSC2/2014.

United States reported on M CTI 01/13A "2015 APEC Wine Regulatory Forum (WRF) Export Certificate Goal Paper" at SCSC 2/2015.

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	<p>4.4- The Role of Standards and Conformity Assessment Measures in Enhancing the Performance and Energy Efficiency of the Commercial Building Sector</p> <p>(MYP CTI 02 2012A)</p>	2012/ United States	May 2012	Dec. 2015	<p>The project will deliver the following outputs:</p> <p>1) Research Report: The report will provide baseline information on regional use of building codes and green codes to increase building performance. The report will be published on the APEC website.</p> <p>2) Survey: The survey results will be discussed at Workshop 1. Survey results will be posted to the APEC website.</p> <p>3) Workshop 1: Exchange of Best Practices in the Design and Implementation of Building Codes and Green Codes.</p> <p>4) Workshop 2: Building Information Modeling to Facilitate Green Building Practices.</p> <p>5) Workshop 3: Elaboration of Testing and Rating Requirements for Products in the Building Envelope.</p> <p>6) Workshop 4: Laboratory Testing Requirements as a Non-tariff Barrier for Ceiling and Flooring Products.</p> <p>7) Evaluation Report: This assessment report will enumerate changes in the Asia-Pacific region, ongoing and contemplated, that correspond to the project activities.</p> <p>8) Collaboration. The workshops will provide a catalytic opportunity for development of new collaborative dialogues and approaches to the subject matter.</p>	In Process	<p><u>The Project's Work Plan for 2013-2014:</u></p> <p>2013 Two U.S. self-funded workshops: Workshop 1 – Lima, Peru (March 5-7, 2013) Workshop 2 – Medan, Indonesia (on the margins of APEC SOM 3)</p> <p>2014 Workshop 3: spring, location TBD Workshop 4: summer/fall, location TBD All APEC members will be contacted to review and comment on workshop agendas; APEC members will be encouraged to nominate expert speakers and send delegates to the workshops.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on the 10th APEC Conference on Standards and Conformance (joint event of M CTI 02/12A and CTI 27/13A) held on 7-8 August, 2014 and other activities related to M CTI 02/12A and CTI 27/13A, at SCSC 2/2014.</p> <p><u>United States reported on progress of M CTI 02/12A at SCSC1/2015.</u></p> <p><u>Two publications delivered: APEC Green Building Code Infrastructure Guide (May 2015) and Guide to Performance Metrics and BIM to support Green Building Objectives (June 2015)</u></p>

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	4.5- Aligning Energy Efficiency Regulations for ICT products – Implementing A Strategic Approach (CTI 27 2013A)	United States	01/9/2013	31/12/2014	<p>This project will address the APEC leaders' priority of promoting sustainable growth by "advancing work on sharing best practices in energy efficiency with a view to deploying cleaner and more efficient technologies." It will also advance the APEC Business Advisory Council's recommendation to "explore ways to standardize or align energy efficiency and labelling."</p> <p>Further, it will implement SCSC endorsed principles on alignment of energy efficiency standards and conformity assessment requirements.</p>	In Process	<p><u>United States</u> briefed on the activities of the Project to be implemented in 2014 at SCSC1/2014.</p> <p><u>United States</u> reported on the 10th APEC Conference on Standards and Conformance (joint event of M CTI 02/12A and CTI 27/13A) held on 7-8 August, 2014 and other activities related to M CTI 02/12A and CTI 27/13A, at SCSC 2/2014.</p> <p><u>United States reported on implementation of CTI 27/13A at SCSC1/2015.</u></p>
	4.6- Harmonizing standards and Enhancing Technical Capacity in Measurement and Verification of Energy Savings (CTI 13/14A)	China	Oct. 2014	Sept. 2015	<p>This project will initiate an exchange on best practices of M&V standards and improve the technical capacity of member economies to apply these standards. The main activities include: 1) Review of M&V activities in APEC region, including methodologies, stakeholders, capacity and barriers, Oct. 2014 – June 2015; 2) A workshop to enhance experiences sharing among APEC economies on M&V standards and capacity building of application of internationally accepted standards such as ISO 50015 and ISO 17741, August 2015.</p>	In Process	<p>To be held from 15-16 October 2015 in Beijing</p> <p><u>China reported on progress of CTI 13/14A at SCSC1/2015.</u></p>

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	4.7- 8 th GRP Conference (CTI 20/2014)	Philippines	August 2014	November 2015	<p>The objective of the project is to further promote understanding on the elements of good regulatory practices and identify capacity building initiatives by APEC in building support for the implementation of GRPs across APEC.</p> <p>The project will continue the work from previous conferences in identifying good regulatory practices that are being implemented by APEC Member Economies and share experiences on the optional tools identified in implementing GRP as such 1) single online locations for regulatory information; 2) prospective regulatory planning; and 3) periodic reviews of existing regulation</p> <p>The project is targeted to be implemented through a two (2) day conference during the SCSC 2 meeting in the side-lines of SOM 3 in Cebu City, Philippines.</p>	In Process	<p>To be held at the Raddison Hotel, Cebu City, Philippines on 27-28 August 2015</p> <p><i>Philippines briefed on the preparation for the 8th Conference on GRP at SCSC 1/2015.</i></p>
	4.8- Facilitating trade through updates on food safety regulatory standards of APEC economies (CTI 18/14A)	Chile	2 nd Semester 2015	2 nd Semester 2015	<p>Chile is pursuing APEC funding to conduct a workshop on updates of food safety regulations of APEC economies. The workshop will focus on understanding modernization in standards and responsibilities regarding food safety of APEC economies, raising awareness on these topics to facilitate food trade and improve food safety standards, and the manner in which APEC economies are dealing with emerging food safety challenges. The workshop is intended to be held in Santiago, Chile, in 2015. The outcome of it will consist in obtaining detailed data of all APEC economies on their modifications in food safety regulations and a better understanding of the similarities and differences on food safety challenges in the region.</p>	In Process	<p>To be held at Santiago, Chile on 23-25 September 2015</p> <p><i>Chile reported on the plans for CTI 18/14A at SCSC1/2015.</i></p>

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	4.9- Medical External Quality Assurance (EQA) Capacity Building Program (CTI 24/14A)	Malaysia	May 2015	November 2015	This is the first APEC project focusing on Medical External Quality Assurance. Previous work in APEC Sub-Committee on Standards Conformance was focused on other field such as food safety, seafood toxicity and veterinary drug residues. The Project's workshop is aimed to initiate efforts to build up capacity and capability of EQA providers especially in developing countries in APEC region. This project will benefit EQA providers where it can increase their readiness to establish and run its own EQA programmes.	In Process	To be held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 27-29 October 2015 <i>Malaysia reported on the plans for CTI 24/14A at SCSC1/2015.</i>
	4.10- Coordinated Research Initiative for the Implementation of Antimicrobial Control Strategies (CTI 25/14A)	Chile	January 2015	December 2015	The activity will focus on Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) present in microbial strains isolated from animals, environment and food, in order to lay the foundations and economies' needs for establishing a Resistance Surveillance System in each economy in the short term. The outcome of this Workshop will include a capacity building training module on antimicrobial resistance for use by all APEC economies. Also, a final report of the advances and commitments of each economy will be delivered.	In Process	<i>Chile reported on the plans for CTI 25/14A at SCSC1/2015.</i>

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	4.11- APEC Survey on Packaging and Labelling Requirements for Pre-Packaged Food Products (SCSC 03 2015S)	Philippines	2015	2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is the aim of this initiative to stocktake the labelling and packaging requirements of Member Economies, particularly in the sectors of food processing and agriculture. This survey will focus on pre-packaged food products and follow-up surveys can then include other products. - The results of the survey will be shared by the Philippines in support of finding convergences in the work of SCSC and SMEWG as well as the initiative of CTI in improving transparency vis-à-vis trade requirements within APEC. - To further the Ministers' instruction set forth in the Boracay Action Agenda to Globalize MSMEs in May 2015. 	In Process	<i>Philippines reported on the plans for SCSC 01 2015S at SCSC1/2015.</i>
	4.12- Development of a Guideline for the Harmonisation of Pesticide Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Imported Foods within APEC Economies (SCSC 01 2015S)	Australia	2015	2015			<i>Australia reported on the plans for (SCSC 01 2015S) at SCSC1/2015.</i>

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	4.13- APEC Conference on Management and Related Scientific Detection of Food Additives in Foods (SCSC 02 2015S)	Chinese Taipei	05/01/2015	30/04/2015	<p>The key objective of this project is to develop a guideline to facilitate the harmonisation of MRLs between APEC member economies by allowing automatic recognition of Codex MRLs or a trading partner's MRL where appropriate, or through the establishment of 'import tolerances' on a case-by-case basis supported by risk assessment processes</p> <p>Two days meeting will be held in the GIS MOTC Convention Center in Taipei on April 29 and 30, 2015. Experts from Chinese Taipei and other economies, including Japan; Korea; Singapore; China; the United States; Hong Kong, China, etc., will be invited to give lectures, sharing the knowledge and experience about regulations, analytical techniques, monitoring system and mechanism of food additives in each economy. The main language in the meeting will be in English. This conference will be helpful for preventing illegal additives being used in foods. It will be beneficial to human health.</p>		<u>Chinese Taipei reported on the plans for SCSC 02 2015S at SCSC1/2015.</u>
	<u>Others CNs submitted or to be submitted</u>	<i>SCSC members</i>				<i>To be submitted/ approved</i>	<i>Relevant SCSC members provided summary of their submitted CNs at SCSC1/2015.</i>
	4.14- Development of a guideline for the harmonization of pesticide maximum residue limits (MRLs) for imported foods within APEC economies (self-funded project proposal put forward by Australia)	Australia	February 2015 (proposed)	June 2016 (proposed)			<i>Australia provided brief information on the project at SCSC1/2015. (CN approved by SCSC in January 2015)</i>

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	4.15- Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) Enhancement Project on Information security management system (ISMS) Certification (ISO/IEC 27001:2013 and ISO/IEC 27006:2011) (CN proposed by Indonesia).	Indonesia	October 2015 (proposed)	November 2015 (proposed)			<u>Indonesia</u> provided brief information on the proposed CN at SCSC1/2015. <u>Indonesia</u> sent the proposed CN to SCSC members for comments on 19 th February 2015. CN not approved in Session 1, 2015.
	4.16- Conference of Management and Related Scientific Detection Technology of Food Additives in Foods within APEC Economies (self-funded project proposal put forward by Chinese Taipei).	Chinese Taipei	January 2015	April 2015			<u>Chinese Taipei</u> provided brief information on the proposed CN at SCSC1/2015.
	4.17- Enhancing Regional Conformity Assessment to Ensure Successful ISO 50001 Standard Outcomes (CN proposed by United States).	United States					<u>United States</u> sent the proposed CN to SCSC members for comments on 25 th February 2015. CN transferred to the Energy Working Group and approved in Session 1, 2015.
	4.18- 1 st Meeting of the Competent Authorities in Organic Agriculture the APEC: "Regulation and performance in organic products (CN proposed by Peru).	Peru	2016 (proposed)	2016 (proposed)			<u>Peru</u> provided brief information on the proposed CN at SCSC1/2015. CN not approved in Session 1, 2015.
	4.19- Development of guidelines for using DNA barcoding as a new quarantine diagnostic tool to support trade of agricultural products within APEC economies (CN proposed by Peru).	Peru	2016 (proposed)	2016 (proposed)			<u>Peru</u> provided brief information on the proposed CN at SCSC1/2015. CN withdrawn after SCSC1/2015.
	4.20- Train the Trainer Workshop on Aquaculture Focused on Emerging Animal Diseases and Food Safety (United States, Viet Nam)	United States, Viet Nam					<u>United States</u> provided brief information on the proposed CN at SCSC1/2015. CTI 09 2015 (SCSC): Preparing Trainers to Deliver Sustainable Education to Prevent Food Safety Concerns Threatening Aquaculture Development including Related Concerns for Disease Management - A Joint APEC Food Safety

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							Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network (APEC FSCF PTIN) and World Bank Global Food Safety Partnership (GFSP) Program sponsored by the United States and Vietnam. to be held in Hanoi, Viet Nam, from September 21-24, 2015
	4.21- Enhancement Project on Material Flow Cost Accounting (ISO 14051:2011) (CN proposed by Japan).	Japan, Philippines	July 2015	July 2016			CN not approved in Session 1, 2015.
	4.22- APEC Guidelines on Online Business Retail Dispute Resolution Mechanism	Malaysia	January 2016	December 2016	<p>With the increase in number of online retail transactions disputes, it is imperative that this issue is to be addressed to support growth of healthy online retail operations in the APEC Economy region. This project aims to share best practices and develop APEC guidelines on online dispute resolution mechanisms for policy makers, regulators, the business community and consumers by using the ISO 10008-Quality management customer satisfaction standards 'Guidelines for business-to-consumer electronic commerce transactions' as a reference. In brief, the planned activities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A 3-day workshop for sharing best practices on voluntary online dispute resolution mechanisms; and 2. Develop APEC guidelines on online retail dispute resolution mechanisms. <p>It is hoped that this project will allow APEC economies to explore opportunities to improve business to consumer (B2C) transactions in a safe and trusted platform by utilizing the guidelines which will be developed in this workshop.</p>		<u>CN approved by SCSC in July 2015, then submitted to CTI for prioritization</u>

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	4.23 Capacity-building and Awareness Project on Enhancement of Total Environmental Efficiency (Energy/ Carbon and Material Efficiency) through MFCA, ISO 14051	Japan, Philippines	January 2016	December 2016	<p>This project aims to build the capacity of industries, standard practitioners and policy-makers through three workshops including trainings at three different locations (Thailand, Malaysia and Chinese Taipei) to promote low carbon economies by improving energy and material efficiency based on the International Standard, ISO 14051 (Material Flow Cost Accounting/ MFCA).</p> <p>Efficient use of energy and material is one of the greatest challenges to sustainable development. Especially, production-losses including material loss and associated energy loss are often overlooked by SMEs. This project contributes to promote systematic improvement in energy and material efficiency. As a result, it reduces carbon emissions for enhancement of the competitiveness of APEC economies, especially SMEs.</p>		<u><i>CN approved by SCSC in July 2015, then submitted to CTI for prioritization</i></u>

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	4.24- Supporting MSMEs trade facilitation through Standardization activities	Peru	January 2015	December 2016	<p>MSMEs are important part of APEC economies and have been an APEC's objective to integrate them in regional and global markets. The promotion of the use of standards and conformance among MSMEs will support them to access new markets and to be part of Global Value Chains. This project aims:</p> <p>1) To conduct a survey on best practices, incentive programs and activities that National Standards Bodies (NSBs) apply to involve MSMEs in standardization and conformity assessment, 2) To exchange information about best practices and discuss the survey results and 3) To make a publication with best practices that NSB could apply to increase their MSMEs competitiveness and integrate them in international trade.</p> <p>During delivering of the project cross-fora collaboration with SMEWG will guarantee to produce crosscutting outcomes. The project will start at December 2015 and the workshop is planned to be held during SCSC 2 in 2016 in Peru.</p>		<u><i>CN approved by SCSC in July 2015, then submitted to CTI for prioritization</i></u>

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	4.25- 11 th Conference on Standards and Conformance	Peru	November 2015	November 2016	<p>The 11th Conference on Standards and Conformance will be held in Peru in 2016 at the margins of SCSC2. The main goal of this project is to share the importance of standards innovation, conformity assessment and metrology as means to facilitate trade among APEC economies. A 2-day workshop will be held aiming:</p> <p>1) To establish a clear relationship between standards and innovation used in APEC economies, this will help to better understand standards innovation concept, especially for developing economies. 2) To share experiences on standards innovation and related conformity assessment 3) To increase knowledge on standards innovations and related conformity assessment for trade facilitation.</p> <p>In order to cover all the perspectives about standards innovation, the Conference will include the participation of: National Standards Body Business Community (including MSMEs), Conformity Assessment Bodies and Academia.</p>		<u>NC approved by SCSC in July 2015, then submitted to CTI for prioritization</u>
	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 Member Economies	From 2003	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building program approved for implementation - Encouraging member economies to provide inputs for training program 	In process	As per the Work Plan in Support of Collaboration of SCSC and SMEWG, updates to be included with regard to the concept notes/projects that are being proposed by APEC member economies that directly impact the competitiveness of SMEs.
5. Transparency (02 actions)							

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Ensure the transparency of the standards and conformity assessment of APEC economies	<p>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.</p> <p>Member economies agreed that this information should be maintained on the APEC Secretariat's homepage.</p>	1997 APEC Secretariat	From 1997	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<i>Member economies are encouraged to update contact points annually.</i>
	<p>2) Member economies to endeavor to establish Internet websites to disseminate standards and conformance information.</p>	1997 Member economies	From 1997	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The internet website to disseminate standards and conformance information is established by member economies 	In process	<i>Member economies continue to establish and maintain internet website to disseminate Standards & Conformance information.</i>
6. Cooperation with Specialist Regional Bodies (01 action)							
	<p>1) SCSC to pursue closer cooperation with the Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs) e.g. in development of technical activities relevant to SRBs</p>	2000 Indonesia	From 2000	On-going	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 minimize technical barriers to trade. 3. Industry (especially SMEs) makes use of the SRB standards and conformance infrastructure to help achieve its aims. 4. Closer ongoing dialogue between ABAC and SRBs. 	In-process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 projects and activities planned for the next five years <i>The SRB Forum Chair presented a report on the SRB Forum's meeting held on 31 January 2015, at SCSC 1/2015.</i> <i>APLAC, APMP, PAC, PASC provided updates on activities and briefed work program priorities of their respective bodies, at SCSC 1/2015.</i> <i>Representatives of SRBs to brief on the measures to improve the overall quality of regulatory cooperation work in the APEC region at SCSC2/2015.</i>

7. Cooperation with International Bodies (01 actions)						
	1) The SCSC to monitor the developments within the WTO Committees on the TBT and SPS and discuss implementation issues.	2001 Japan and China	From 2001	On-going	SCSC be kept informed on and contribute to TBT/SPS activities.	<p>In process</p> <p>- <u>Japan</u> and <u>China</u> report at SCSC meeting, the relevant TBT/SPS discussions as well as SCSC's contribution and implementation for these activities.</p> <p>- For development within WTO TBT Committee:</p> <p><u>Japan</u> reported on the results of the WTO TBT Committee meeting held on 5-7 March 2013 and other related developments at SCSC2/2013.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> reported the WTO-TBT committee meeting held in October 2013 including the Specific Trade Concerns, the Thematic Session and the Future prospects of the TBT Meetings at SCSC1/2014.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> reported the WTO-TBT committee meeting held in June 2014 including the Specific Trade Concerns, the Thematic Session and the Future prospects of the TBT Meetings at SCSC2/2014.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> reported the WTO-TBT committee meeting held in November 2014 including the Specific Trade Concerns, the Thematic Session and the Future prospects of the TBT Meetings at SCSC1/2015.</p> <p><u>Japan</u> to report the WTO-TBT committee meeting held in June 2015 including the Specific Trade Concerns, the Thematic Session and the Future prospects of the TBT Meetings at SCSC2/2015.</p> <p>- For development within WTO SPS Committee:</p> <p><u>China</u> reported a summary of the WTO SPS Committee meeting held in October 2012 in Geneva at SCSC 1/2013.</p> <p><u>China</u> reported a summary of the WTO SPS Committee meeting held in March 2013 in Geneva and other related developments at SCSC2/2013.</p> <p>- <u>China</u> provided a summary report on the WTO-SPS committee meeting held on 16-17 October 2013 in Geneva, at SCSC1/2014.</p> <p>- <u>China</u> provided a summary report on the WTO-SPS committee meeting held on 25-26 March, 2014 in Geneva at SCSC2/2014.</p> <p><u>China</u> to report on the developments within the WTO SPS Committee at SCSC 1 and SCSC2/2015.</p>

8. Cooperation with other APEC Fora (04 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	The coordination activities with other APEC fora such as MAG, Chemical Dialogue, etc that are carried out by SCSC in its work program. Mainstreaming Ocean-Related Issues (MOI) (OFGW, TPTWG, PPFS, TWG, SCSC, EWG) - SCSC project (CTI 09 15): Preparing trainers to deliver sustainable education to prevent food safety concerns threatening aquaculture development including related concerns for disease management (United States, Viet Nam)
2) The SCSC to conduct work plan for promoting the business interaction with SCSC activities including:						
a) Involvement of the business in the SCSC's Conferences on GRP and SCSC's conference on Standards and Conformance	2008 Host economies	2008	On-going	- Business' participation increased; - Information circulated and shared.	In process	- Business involvement in 8 th Standards & Conformance conferences in 2010 and other SCSC projects/workshops held in SOM 3. - <u>A SCSC concept note from US and Australia</u> : seminar on key issues in wine regulation has been in principle approved by BMC. This seminar has the objective of promoting regulatory coherence in the APEC region, improved dialogue and cooperation. Regulators in developing economies will have a forum to develop regulations that are trade facilitating, prevent consumer deception, guarantee food safety and are WTO consistent. - <u>Japan</u> hosted SC conference for Green Harmonization at SCSC2/2010. - <u>Australia</u> reported on the activities of the World Wine Trade Group (WWTG) at SCSC 2 in 2012. <u>Australia presented an updated report</u> of the World Wine Trade Group at SCSC1/2013. <u>New Zealand</u> reported on the 2012 Wine Regulatory Forum event (CTI/06/12T) and the 2012 Auckland recommendations at SCSC1/2013. <u>United States</u> reported on the MYP CNs that supported two WRF conducted in 2011 and 2012 to exchange best practices regarding wine regulations (2013/SOM1/SCSC/017) at SCSC1/2013. <u>SCSC members</u> reported on business engagement in SCSC activities at SCSC2/2013. <u>SCSC members comment</u> of the model APEC WRF Consolidated Wine Certificate in 2015.

	b) ABAC/Industry-SCSC dialogue on specific SCSC's activities interested by business at SCSC conferences and meetings	2008 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 in August 2008. 2009 APEC Response to ABAC 2008; Recommendations and Consolidated 2010 ABAC Response to 2009 APEC Response to be reported by APEC Secretariat.
	3) The SCSC to hold Policy Dialogue sessions on standards and conformance and follow-up the policy implications arising from them	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 meeting annually. <i>SCSC Chair informed on comments contributed by SCSC members for reviewing the SCSC TOR at SCSC1/2015.</i> <i>SCSC members to continue providing their comments for reviewing SCSC TOR up to SCSC2/2015 and to discuss on it during the SCSC2/2015 meeting.</i>
	4) The SCSC to collaborate with SMEWG on the work plan in support of the collaboration	Member Economies	2015	On-going	Information shared and disseminated	In process	The Philippines is currently conducting a self-funded survey on the packaging and labeling requirements of pre-packaged food products of APEC member economies. The Work Plan on SCSC-SMEWG Collaboration includes sharing of standards and conformance learning materials and capacity building activities which could be cited under action 5, technical infrastructure development.
9. Reform of SCSC (01 action)							
	1) Member economies to suggest their initiatives/recommendations for further development and implementation of SCSC CAP.	2011 Viet Nam	From 2011	On-going	- For further development and implement of SCSC CAP.	In-process	Open for suggesting initiatives from member economies. <i>Member economies are encouraged to provide their initiatives/suggestions to Viet Nam.</i>

Customs Procedures: 2015 Work Program of SCCP

APEC Priority	Subject	Objective	Action	Status
Trade Facilitation	Supply Chain Connectivity	<p>Continue implementing the proposed actions with relevant to Customs under the following SCF Chokepoints:</p> <p><u>Chokepoint 1:</u> Lack of transparency</p> <p><u>Chokepoint 4:</u> Inefficient clearance; Lack of coordination</p> <p><u>Chokepoint 5:</u> Burdensome customs procedures</p> <p><u>Chokepoint 8:</u> Lack of regional cross-border customs transit arrangements</p>	<p>Discuss and identify specific actions to improve the chokepoints relevant to Customs specified by the SCF.</p>	<p>Ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues to support the CTI systematic approach on utilizing the SCF Action Plan focusing on chokepoint implementation and coordination of policy recommendations for a meaningful approach and more visibility into specific economy capacity building needs and opportunities. • The SCCP continues to contribute to the systematic approach to addressing the SCF chokepoints relevant to Customs. <p>Ongoing: Chile has submitted a concept note in July 2015 to conduct a dialogue on the Best Practice Implementation Guidelines on Chokepoint 8. The outcome of the workshop will be reported to SCCP in 2016.</p>
	Single Window	<p>Continue capacity building efforts and efforts to support the development of SW systems, as identified within the SCF.</p>	<p>Support the development of SW and promote international interoperability among APEC members.</p>	<p>Ongoing: SCCP has compiled the survey on SW interoperability and continues to work on the development of SW by 2020 and promote international interoperability between/among SW systems.</p>

APEC Priority	Subject	Objective	Action	Status
Trade Facilitation / Secure trade	Authorized Economic Operator	Assist in establishing an AEO program in consistent with WCO SAFE Framework of Standards by each APEC economy, which leads to promotion of Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) between the interested economies.	Implement the AEO action plan including the development of the AEO Best practices and an AEO Capacity Building Plan	SCCP endorsed the concept note "Trusted Trader Program" as proposed by Australia in August 2014. However, it was not funded due to the lack of project funding. Ongoing: SCCP will continue to promote AEO as best practice and work intersessionally in 2016 through evaluation, assessment, and information sharing.
	Partnership with Business Community	Enhanced cooperation between the public and private sector Customs stakeholders in order to jointly develop and progress SCCP Priorities.	Establish the Virtual Working Group (VWG) to enhance customs public-private coordination in developing and progressing SCCP priorities	Ongoing: The VWG continues to discuss priorities and work on information sharing when necessary to collaborate on mutual goals as it relates to trade facilitation and secure trade.

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	<p><i>IT Information Technology and Risk Management</i></p>	<p>Exchange information on IT application to Customs clearance procedures and other Customs related trade facilitation areas.</p>	<p>Collate/Share information on new technologies and equipment applied for Customs procedures to facilitate trade.</p>	<p>Ongoing: SCCP continues to exchange experience and information on new technologies applied for Customs procedures to facilitate trade.</p> <p>Ongoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia will resubmit the concept note on “Advance PNR Workshop in 2016. • • Japan has conducted a survey on the use of the PNR by customs. • Indonesia and Japan will continue to promote the development and application of PNR in the APEC region.

APEC Priority	Subject	Objective	Action	Status
Secure Trade	<i>Intellectual Property Rights</i>	Strengthen intellectual property rights (IPR) border enforcement in the APEC region and promote greater collaboration between Customs and right holders	Shared experience of C2C cooperation on information exchange about suspension of counterfeited and pirated goods, and enhance cooperation between Customs and right holders.	Ongoing: SCCP will continue to exchange experiences and information on IPR border enforcement under new CAP.
	<i>Cross-border E-commerce</i>	To strengthen risk control and “Compliance and Facilitation” clearance for better customs control of Cross-border E-commerce	Share experience and the practices of Customs control on Cross-border E-commerce; through the capacity building workshop.	Ongoing: China updated the SCCP 2 on the progress of preparation for an APEC Workshop on Customs Control over Cross-border E-Commerce and will conduct the Workshop on 16-18 September 2015 in China for assisting capacity building in the region.
	<i>Trade Recovery</i>	Build the communication network to facilitate the resumption of the legitimate international flow of goods based on the WCO TRP.	Develop a list of contact points among APEC Customs administrations and develop tools for information exchange among APEC Customs administrations to facilitate trade recovery activities.	Ongoing: Work will continue intersessionally with interested economies as well as continued work to generally enhance emergency preparedness.

APEC Priority	Subject	Objective	Action	Status
Collective Action Plan	Collective Action Plan	Achieve remaining 6 CAP items by 2020 and continue to develop appropriate measures including the creation of new CAP items to tackle rapidly changing environment surrounding customs	Develop and endorse the scope and timeline for all CAP items.	<p>Ongoing: SCCP will make efforts to achieve remaining 6 CAP items by 2020 and consider appropriate measures including the creation of new CAP items to tackle rapidly changing environment surrounding customs.</p> <p>Small working group (Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Philippines) will conduct a intersessional review of the CAP items specifically in relation to the Work Program. Member economies will submit their preferred action plans in the three weeks according to the CAP guiding principles for reviews of the small working group.</p>

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Cross-Fora Collaboration	<i>Cross-Fora Collaboration</i>	Enhance coordination amongst border agencies	<p>Develop practical ways in which border agencies can enhance coordination at the border</p> <p>Coordinate with the BMG, CTWG, ECSG, and other relevant fora to assist in further developing APEC's Counterterrorism, Travel Facilitation, and Secure Trade agendas</p>	<p>Ongoing: The Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI) was endorsed by the SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) in 2011 as a cross-cutting initiative to expedite the movement of travellers across the Asia-Pacific region, with the goal of enabling more efficient, more secure, and less stressful travel. The SCCP serves a coordinating role on Trusted Traveler, which is led by the BMG.</p> <p>SCCP agreed with EGILAT to develop a Network of Points of Contact between customs and forestry authorities, and to submit a concept note on a joint workshop on the customs best practices related to illegal logging.</p>

Acronyms

ABAC	APEC Business Advisory Council	SW	Single Window	TFAP	Trade Facilitation Action Plan
ACBD	APEC Customs-Business Dialogue	TRP	Trade Recovery Program		
AELM	APEC Economic Leaders Meeting	TRS	Time Release Survey		
AEO	Authorized Economic Operator	WCO	World Customs Organization		
AMM	APEC Ministers Meeting	WTO	World Trade Organization		
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation				
BMG	Business Mobility Group				
CAP	Collective Action Plan				
C2C	Customs to Customs				
CTTF	Counterterrorism Task Force				
IPR	Intellectual Property Right				
IT	Information Technology				
KPI	Key Performance Indicator				
MRT	Ministers Responsible for Trade				
SCCP	Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures				
SCF	Supply Chain Framework				
SOM	Senior Officials' Meeting				

Intellectual Property Rights - 2015 Work Program

Objectives/ Goals	Actions with lead economy, if any	Status/ Target Date
<p>SUPPORT THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM</p>	<p>Member economies reported on their respective progress in developing IP systems consistent with the WTO and other international norms.</p>	<p>On going.</p>
<p>ATTAINING THE BOGOR GOALS, TRADE AND INVESTMENT LIBERALISATION, REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION -Attaining the Bogor Goals -Exploring an FTAAP -Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues</p>	<p><u>Attaining the Bogor Goals</u> IPEG considers the importance of IP as an economic tool for development and growth, so activities within the group continue to pursue IP protection and enforcement within IPEG through the on going Collective Action Plan (CAPS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAP: Support for Easy and Prompt Acquisition of Rights. Participation in International IP-related Systems. <p>IPEG exchanged information on a number of IPEG members’ domestic initiatives or joint initiatives to facilitate acquisition of rights, including Guidebook for SME’s IP-Business Cycle, IP Strategy Design for SMEs, Global Work Sharing, and Efforts for Prompt Patent Examination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAP: Support for APEC Investment Facilitation Action Plan. Utilizing new Technology to improve investment environments. <p>IPEG continued to work on “Trade Secrets Protection and Enforcement”. The final report consisting of four volumes (I. Report itself; II. Compilation of the survey responses. III. Survey responses themselves. IV. Compilation of trade secret laws of each economy) was presented and endorsed during the IPEG 40 meeting. IPEG members also conducted intersessional work with a view to drafting a list of best practices in this regard, which was then discussed at the IPEG 41. IPEG’s work will continue to make efforts in this regard. (Lead: the United States)</p> <p>The Philippines presented IPOPHL IP Depot: the Philippines’ first online marketplace for registered Intellectual Property (IP) assets.</p>	<p>On going.</p> <p>Completed/Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Objectives/ Goals	Actions with lead economy, if any	Status/ Target Date
	<p><u>Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues</u></p> <p>IPEG continued to work on “Trade Secrets Protection and Enforcement”. IPEG members also conducted intersessional work with a view to drafting a list of best practices; IPEG’s work will continue to make efforts in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAP: Trade and Investment Facilitation. <p>Several economies shared information on their enforcement related activities as well as their IPR measures and policies updating their latest actions on IP.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING CONNECTIVITY</p> <p>-Implementation of the Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework and Action Plan</p>	<p><u>Implementation of the Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework and Action Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAP: Developing strategies to meet intellectual property needs of SMEs. <p>IPEG considered a joint proposal by Korea and Mexico “Initiative to facilitate the exploitation of IPRs and innovation in SMEs”, which aims to develop a common understanding of best practices of SMEs, also to provide opportunities for bridging the IP gap by consulting on the various economies difficulties within each APEC economy and finally, to contribute the development of APEC’s trade and investment environment by enhancing SMEs competitiveness. This initiative has become an axis in which other projects have found their space, such is the case of Korea’s “Guidebook for SME’s IP-Business Cycle”, Mexico’s proposal on “IP Strategy Design for SMEs” and the project proposal on “IP commercialization for SMEs” by Russia who joined intersessionally to this initiative. There are several delegations with proposals and existing initiatives on the promotion of IP exploitation of</p>	<p>On going.</p>

Objectives/ Goals	Actions with lead economy, if any	Status/ Target Date
	<p>MSMEs. Korea submitted its project proposal on “Guidebook for SME’s IP-Business Cycle” for APEC’s project funding, which was approved in principle by the BMC.</p> <p>The Philippines reported the result of its meeting with Russia, South Korea and Mexico. The three economies agreed to co-sponsor the two proposals of the Philippines on (1) Brand Development for MSMEs, and (2) Enhancing the Competitiveness of MSMEs through IP Valuation, Financing and Commercialization. The economies agreed to discuss intersessionally the next steps and points of collaboration. Philippines also circulated the two concept notes for review and consideration.</p>	
<p>CONTRIBUTIONS TO APEC’S LEADERS’ GROWTH STRATEGY GROWTH, INCLUDING INNOVATIVE GROWTH -IPR</p>	<p><u>IPR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAP: Support for Easy and Prompt Acquisition of Rights. <p>Mexico presented the initiatives on IP within the Pacific Alliance as well as its best practices on Copyrights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CAP: APEC Cooperation Initiative on Patent Acquisition. <p>Japan made two presentations on their efforts for Global Work Sharing and Quality Management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IP Asset Management and Utilization <p>Mexico shared with the other economies its programs on IP awareness for university entrepreneurs.</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>ACTIVITIES WITH ABAC (INCLUDING RESPONSES TO ABAC’s 2014 RECOMMENDATIONS) AND / OR OTHER EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS -IPEG-ABAC Cooperation</p>		
<p>STREAMLINING OF CTI SUB-FORA: CTI RECOMMENDATIONS TO SENIORS OFFICIALS -Terms of Reference</p>	<p><u>The Chair</u> proposed the revision of the IPEG 1997 Terms of Reference in order to strength the efficiency and effectiveness of the group.</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>DELIVERABLES FOR 2015</p>	<p>Project on Guidebook for SMEs’ IP Business Cycle (Lead Economy : Korea)</p>	<p>Approved in-principle</p>

Objectives/ Goals	Actions with lead economy, if any	Status/ Target Date
	<p>Preparation of projects under “Initiative to facilitate the exploitation of IPRs and innovation in SMEs”.</p> <p>Report on Trade Secrets Protection and Enforcements (Lead Economy : the U.S.).</p> <p>It bears to mention that at the margins of the 41st IPEG Meeting a Workshop on the “Role of Trade Secrets for MSMEs in Attracting Financing and Integrating into Global Supply Chains” (<i>Lead Economy: the U.S.</i>) was held in Cebu, the Philippines, on 22 August 2015.</p>	<p>In process</p> <p>Endorsed</p>

Mobility of Business People 2014 Collective Action Plan

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 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.	On going
	Members continue to update to the primary APEC Business Mobility Group website at www.travel.apec.org .	On going
	BMG members continue to use the APEC Coordinating Site (ACS) as a conduit for pre meeting papers. Members also receive notification from the BMG Chair through use of the "Message from the Chair" section of the website.	On going
	Members 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.	On going
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 (ABTC) scheme; • multiple short-term entry and stay visas which are valid for 3 years. Noting that at SOM3 in Beijing, the BMG agreed to in-principle support for extension of the validity of the ABTC from 3 to 5 years. 	Members continue to review and improve their arrangements for short term business travellers, including the progressive implementation of e-commerce arrangements consistent with agreed standards.	On going
	Members continue to explore ABAC's aim of expanding the ABTC scheme to remaining non-participating economies. Canada and the United States began issuing ABTCs to eligible citizens, although without pre-clearance from June 2014.	On going
	Consultancy firm Washington Core, has been engaged to conduct an end-to-end	End of 2014

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	<p>review of the ABTC Scheme. The review will identify opportunities for enhancements, including opportunities around online lodgement, expedited decision making and improvements to processing times. The final report will contain recommendations that will inform the BMG's future strategic objectives and efforts to grow the scheme. The report is due by the end of 2014 and will be considered by BMG members at the forthcoming SOM in the Philippines in early 2015.</p>	
<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 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> <p>As at SOM III 2011, 14 of 17 responding economies advised that were meeting the 30 day service standard on processing timeframes for Intra-company transfers.</p>	On going
	<p>Members report to BMG meetings on implementing e-commerce facilities (standing item).</p> <p>In 2013 the BMG agreed that rather than only investigating an online lodgement system that the group look at the way in which the ABTC Scheme currently operates. To this end, the final report of the end-to-end review of the ABTC Scheme will contain recommendations.</p>	On going
<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>As at 2011, at least 16 economies have introduced Machine Readable Travel Documents and at least 10 have introduced a biometric MRTD.</p>	

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	<p>Biometrics</p> <p>At SOM III 2013, the BMG implemented reporting arrangements for border trials where ABTC holders are facilitated through automated border clearance systems. Identity Assurance Framework Document.</p> <p>At Session 2 of APEC’s Budget and Management Committee (BMC), in-principle approval was granted to two projects. They include Handling Passport Changes in the ABTC System and APEC Business Travel Card – Programme Management Capacity Building Project. Full project proposals and quality assurance framework forms are due to the Secretariat by November 2014.</p> <p>If approved the project will enable the sharing of expertise and building of ABTC Scheme capacity, possibly in the form of a technical working group on the margins of the BMG. This would include training, programme management support/reporting and delivery on ABTC client service standards.</p> <p>Legal Infrastructure Standards and Professional Immigration Service Standards</p> <p>During 2012, the BMG’s reviewed its Legal Infrastructure Standards that seek to regulate legislative framework of economies and the BMG’s Professional Immigration Service standards that set out standards in relation to the professional behaviour of immigration officials. These reviews determined that the standards previously developed by the BMG remain relevant and appropriate to today’s border management context. In the process of review, member economies also suggested a number of additional standards that could be added to these documents. Further consideration of these additional standards will be undertaken in 2013.</p> <p>In 2013, the BMG finalised its review of the Professional Immigration Standards</p>	

OAA Objectives	Action	Time Frame
	<p>and progressed the review of the Legal Infrastructure Standards.</p> <p>The Legal Infrastructure Standards are being updated to keep pace with developments in the immigration and border environment in the region. The Standards focus on building economies' legal infrastructure as a means to enhance their capacity to facilitate business mobility and recognise that an APEC-wide approach to legislation, to the extent achievable, is a worthy goal and could strengthen regional immigration and border arrangements to the broad benefit of all economies.</p> <p>Border Capabilities Model</p> <p>At SOM II 2012, the BMG finalised an APEC Best Practice Border Capabilities Model for Air Travel in the region.</p> <p>This model sets out the ideal capabilities APEC economies can seek to implement to support the dual objectives of business facilitation and human security. It identifies possible efficiencies that can be gained in immigration procedures to facilitate and accelerate travel while managing the risks posed by non-genuine travellers. It also provides a building block upon which economies may decide to explore structural reform, an improvement of coordination mechanisms or the use of innovative technologies in border management.</p> <p>At SOM III 2013, the BMG also agreed to seek the TFI Steering Committee's views on practical next steps to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enable stocktake of expertise available within APEC in relation to border capabilities (contained in the APEC Best Practice Border Capabilities Model for Air Travel, adopted by BMG in 2012) and border systems architecture; • enable the creation of knowledge library in relation to border capabilities; • enable consideration of an appropriate pathway for economies to seek further expert assistance from 	

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	<p>other APEC economies with consideration of border capabilities or strategic configuration of capabilities, gap analysis and emerging opportunities.</p> <p>At SOM III 2014, the BMG undertook to continue to work collaboratively on projects identified in the APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI), working closely with the TFI Steering Council and relevant APEC groups, to enable more efficient, more secure travel.</p>	