

## **SCE Report on Synergies within the ECOTECH Agenda**

### **Background**

1. The SCE has tasked “the Secretariat to undertake a strategic assessment of synergies within the ECOTECH agenda after SOM1 and provide recommendations to SCE2 about gaps that may require SCE attention or direction” (point 7 of “SCE Report on Improving ECOTECH in APEC (2013/SOM3/030)).
2. The first report by the APEC Secretariat (2014/SOM2/SCE/004) was submitted to the SCE2 last year. Based on its analysis of those annual workplans that had been made available at SCE-COW 2014, it put forward a number of proposed recommendations for SCE to make to the SCE fora. Following its adoption, the SCE Chair wrote to the convenors of each forum to relay the SCE’s recommendations.

### **Review of the annual workplans of the SCE fora and other coordination activities.**

3. The APEC Secretariat analysed twelve workplans endorsed by the SCE-COW on 4 February 2015, which are the workplans of SMEWG, CTWG, HWG, OFWG, ATCWG, ACTWG, HRDWG, TELWG, EWG, PPSTI, PPWE and TPTWG. EGILAT, EPWG, TWG and MTF also shared the Secretariat their workplans which they plan to submit to the SCE for approval with for this exercise. The Secretariat included these four workplans in its review, assuming that their general intention to work with the other fora will be confirmed at the SCE2. The outcome of such analysis is found in the attached table “Identified Areas for Cross-fora Collaboration based on Workplans of 2015”.
4. The Secretariat found the following:
  - 4.1. The SCE fora identified more than sixty areas of possible cross-fora collaboration, which may demonstrate the fora’s high level of awareness on cross-fora collaboration.
  - 4.2. It should be also noted that such SCE fora as SMEWG, HRDWG and EPWG, leading the various activities relevant to the Priorities of 2015 (Regional Integration, SME, Human Capital Development and Sustainability/Resiliency), either have identified many cross-fora topics or have been referred to as possible partners by the other fora.
  - 4.3. It is not certain whether every intended cooperation initiative has been matched with another intention by the referred-to fora. Furthermore, mandates or main workstreams of such other fora may not cover the identified areas.
  - 4.4. The Secretariat has also suggested some additional areas for possible cooperation with other fora. These suggestions are meant to facilitate the fora’s discussion on these topics. It is up to the fora’s decision whether to proceed with such collaboration.
  - 4.5. A review of the concept notes which were submitted for the Session 1 of 2015 under the SCE’s purview has shown that there may be certain projects which could be developed in cooperation with other relevant fora.
5. The Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI) and Mainstreaming Oceans-Related Issues Initiative have been clearly identified as cross-fora coordination initiatives by the sub-fora on the relevant topics. The SCE1 agreed to extend the mandate of the TFI Steering Council until 2017. The MOI Steering Council had its first meeting on 3 February 2015.
6. The Secretariat found that the meeting of SCE Fora Chairs and Lead Shepherds, held on 4 February 2015, was helpful for the sub-fora’s convenors to identify possible areas for collaboration at an early part of the year.

### **Recommendations**

7. The Secretariat recommends the SCE :
  - 7.1. To share with its sub-fora this analysis by the Secretariat, including the attached table;

- 7.2. To urge its sub-fora to check for the feasibility of such collaboration and explore ways to cooperate on the topics where synergies could be created through cross-fora collaboration, including those initiatives planned by other fora which identify the former as their partners;
- 7.3. To encourage its sub-fora to take note of the suggestions by the Secretariat for possible cross-fora collaboration topics and partners; and,
- 7.4. To recommend its sub-fora to promote further cross-fora collaboration from the very initial stage of APEC project development.

Attachment: Identified Areas for Cross-fora Collaboration based on Workplans of 2015.

**Areas for Cross- fora Collaboration based on Workplans of 2015**

| <b>Fora</b>  | <b>Areas for Collaboration</b>  | <b>Intended partners reflected in the Sub-fora's Work Plan</b> | <b>Possible Partners as suggested by the Secretariat</b> |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| <b>SMEWG</b> | SMEs' participation in Global Supply chain and global value chains  | CTI, SCSC, HWG, LSIF, ABAC                                     | ATCWG  |
|              | Improving natural disaster resilience of SMEs<br>APEC Train-the-Trainer Workshop on Promoting SME Business Continuity Plans   | EPWG   |  |
|              | E-commerce  | ECSG   |  |
|              | Financing   | FMP  |  |
|              | Business environment, including business ethics and anti-corruption<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Business Ethics for SME Forum  | ACTWG, EC, HWG, LSIF, TPTWG                                    |  |
|              | Synergy between SCSC and SMEWG  | SCSC   |  |
|              | Regulatory Reform – Case Studies on Improving the Business Environment for SMEs/Competition Law, Regulation and SMEs in APEC (by EC)  | EC   |  |
|              | APEC SME Business Matching and Internship Consortium for Global Value Chain Integration<br>Facilitating SME Trade through Better Understanding of NTM in the Asia-Pacific Region                                | CTI  |  |
| <b>OFWG</b>  | Sustainable fisheries products and sustainable aquaculture products   | PPFS, HWG, ABAC, CTI   |  |
|              | Best management practices about the sustainable development and protection of the marine environment  | HRDWG  |  |
|              | Preparedness, response and assessment of oil spills in the APEC region<br>Assessing the economic value of green infrastructure in coastal ecosystems to disaster risk reduction response and coastal resilience |  | EPWG   |
|              | High Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Blue Economy  | PPFS   |  |
| <b>HWG</b>   | <i>No specific areas are identified</i>   | LSIF, ATCWG, EPWG, TWG, HRDWG, SMEWG, SCSC                     |  |

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|              | Building capacity in health hotline response to public health emergencies and emerging public health issues                     |  | EPWG   |
|              | Enhancing Women's Economic Participation through Better Health  | PPWE   |  |
| <b>CTWG</b>  | Securing supply chains(including APEC Trade Recovery Program/ AEO by SCCP and regional awareness of food defence)               | TPTWG, SCCP  |  |
|              | Securing travel(including APEC Consolidated Counter Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy and a Border Capabilities Model by BMG) | TPTWG, TWG, BMG, SCCP, TFI                                     |  |
|              | APEC Cyber Security Strategy  | TEL  |  |
| <b>ATCWG</b> | High Level Public-Private Forum on Cold Chain   |  | TPTWG, SMEWG   |
|              | Agricultural biotechnology  | HLPDAB   |  |
|              | Food security and food safety   | PPFS, SCSC(FSCF)   |  |
|              | Agricultural public-private partnerships  | ABAC, PPFS, SCSC(FSCF PTIN)                                    |  |
|              | Avian influenza   | HWG  |  |
|              | <i>No specific areas are identified (Other issues related to broad sense of agriculture)</i>                                    | OFWG, EPWG, EWG, CTI(MAG, SCSC, IPEG), PPWE                    |  |
| <b>ACTWG</b> | <i>No specific areas are identified</i>   | <i>No specific partners are identified</i>                     |  |
| <b>HRDWG</b> | Cross-border education  | GOS  |  |
|              | APEC Virtual Academic Mobility Card   | BMG  |  |
|              | <i>No specific activities are identified</i>  | SMEWG  |  |
|              | <i>No specific activities are identified</i>  | EPWG   |  |
|              | <i>No specific activities are identified</i>  | PPWE   |  |
|              | <i>No specific activities are identified</i>  | ATCWG  |  |

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|              | <i>No specific activities are identified</i>   | EC   |  |
|              | <i>No specific activities are identified</i>   | CTI  |  |
| <b>TELWG</b> | Emergency notification and information advisories to general public during disasters   | EPWG   |  |
|              | Promoting safe, efficient, low-cost and inclusive internet financial services  | SMEWG  |  |
|              | Promote the Internet Economy by identifying indicators for APEC's information society and improve understanding among economies of policies that promote economic benefits from the information economy        | CTI(ECSG)  |  |
|              | Promote confidence and trust in electronic environments globally by encouraging secure cross border flows of information, including electronic documents   | CTI(ECSG)  | CTI(SCCP)  |
|              | Continue efforts to expand and strengthen the Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure and to build confidence and security in the use of ICT   | CTI(ECSG)  |  |
| <b>EWG</b>   | Developing an action plan for electric vehicles and an APEC electric vehicle interoperability center, coordination on standard and conformance and identifying barriers to energy-related trade and investment | TPTWG, AD, SCSC, ABAC  |  |
|              | Cyber security – Energy Nexus  |  | TELWG  |
|              | Oil and Gas Security Initiative  |  | EPWG, TPTWG, MTF   |
| <b>MTF</b>   | Chemical's Dialogue-led Risk Assessment Training on Metals and Metal Compounds   |  | CD   |
|              | Group on Services Symposium on Mining and Energy   |  | GOS  |
| <b>PPSTI</b> | APEC Cooperation for Earthquake Simulation   | EPWG   |  |
|              | Workshop on Intelligent Transportation Internet of Vehicles  | TELWG, TPTWG, AD   | EWG  |
|              | APEC Typhoon Symposium<br>Use of Weather and Climate Information for Efficient Disaster Management   |  | EPWG   |

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|               | APEC Smart City Innovation & Technology Cooperation Forum  |  | EWG  |
|               | High Level Policy Dialogue on Science and Technology in Higher Education   | HRDWG  |  |
|               | ASPIRE Prize 2015 – focus on Disaster Risk Reduction   | EPWG   |  |
| <b>PPWE</b>   | Enhancing Women's Economic Participation through Better Health<br>Healthy Women, Healthy Economies   | HWG, HRDWG   | SMEWG  |
|               | Empowering Women through ICT for Inclusive Growth  | SMEWG, TELWG   |  |
|               | Women's Entrepreneurship in APEC Initiative  |  | SMEWG  |
| <b>TPTWG</b>  | Transport systems for low-carbon communities, fuel efficient transport, alternative fuels for transport  | EWG  |  |
|               | APEC Trade Recovery Program  | CTWG   |  |
|               | Travel Facilitation  | TWG, CTWG, SCCP, BMG   |  |
|               | Greater involvement of women in the transportation sector  | PPWE   |  |
|               | Supply chain resilience workshop   | EPWG   | SMEWG  |
|               | Practical safety measures for motorcycle and scooter users   | AD, HWG  |  |
|               | Road safety and vehicle standard harmonisation   | AD   |  |
| <b>EGILAT</b> | A second joint meeting on law enforcement issues relating to combating illegal logging and associated trade<br>A second joint meeting to combat illegal logging and associated trade | ACTWG  |  |
|               | SME best practice standard/code of conduct for forest management and timber processing   | SMEWG  |  |
|               | A joint meeting on customs procedures relating to combating illegal logging and associated trade   | SCCP   |  |
| <b>EPWG</b>   | APEC Policy Dialog for SME Business Continuity Plan<br>Improving Natural Disaster Resilience of APEC SMEs  | SMEWG  |  |

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|             | Supply Chain Risk and Hazard Mapping Workshop<br>Improving Supply Chain Resilience for the Philippines                          | TPTWG  |  |
|             | Economic Valuation of Coastal Ecosystems for Improving<br>Disaster Risk Reduction and Response and Coastal<br>Resilience        | OFWG   |  |
|             | Cooperation program on creating a single concept of<br>systems, providing customized disaster management<br>based on modern ICT | TELWG  |  |
|             | Mainstreaming Oceans-related Issues   | MOI Steering Council   |  |
|             | Emergency Response Travel Facilitation  | BMG, SCCP  |  |
| <b>TWG</b>  | APEC Skills Mapping Project/Tourism Skills Development  | HRDWG  |  |
|             | Development of Micro, Small and Medium Tourism  | SMEWG  |  |
|             | Travel Facilitation   | TFI Steering Council   |  |

\* HRDWG's Workplan may be updated providing further details of cross-fora collaboration.