

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR ALL APEC-FUNDED PROJECTS IN 2015

In assessing APEC-funded projects in 2015, priority should be given – pursuant to instructions from Leaders and Ministers – to funding capacity-building activities, with special emphasis on developing economies, in accordance with the following rankings. These criteria will be used for ranking all of APEC’s funded projects.

Rank 1: Projects that demonstrate a direct link to promoting regional economic integration via free and open trade and investment

This includes projects related to:

- Supporting the Multilateral Trading System and the Bogor Goals
- Activities outlined in the Beijing Roadmap for APEC's Contribution to the Realization of the FTAAP
- Building an open economy in the Asia-Pacific featuring innovative development, interconnected growth, and shared interests
- Trade Facilitation and Liberalization
- SME Development, including access to regional and global markets
- Services Trade and Investment Facilitation and Liberalization
- Activities outlined in Global Value Chains (GVCs) Blueprint
- Supply Chain Connectivity, including Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain, Model E-Port Network, Cross-border E-commerce Innovation and Development, Customs 3M (Mutual Recognition of Control, Mutual Assistance of Enforcement and Mutual Sharing of Information) Strategic Framework through infrastructure development and logistics cooperation
- Structural Reform, including overcoming the MIT and implementation of ANSSR
- Connectivity, including the implementation of the APEC Connectivity Blueprint on enhancing physical, institutional and people-to-people connectivity
- Investment Facilitation and Liberalization
- Facilitation of trade and investment to support the LNG market in the APEC region, including by relaxing destination clauses
- Infrastructure Development and Investment, including through PPP
- Environmental Goods and Services, including trade and investment
- Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues
- Ease of Doing Business
- Standards, conformity assessment, technical regulations, regulatory cooperation, and regulatory coherence, including good regulatory practices
- Protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, including trade secrets
- Internet Economy, including the implementation of APEC Initiative of Cooperation to Promote Internet Economy
- Information technology and digital economy, including e-commerce and ICT infrastructure
- Ocean-related issues for economic growth, including Blue Economy, conservation and sustainable development of marine and coastal resources, particularly fisheries
- Travel facilitation for enhancing mobility
- Human capital development, including activities outlined in Strategic Plan on Capacity Building to Promote Trade and Investment Agenda, education and capacity building, as well as cross-border education cooperation

- Building sustainable and resilient communities

- Food safety and security, including implementation of the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2020
- Emergency preparedness and disaster management, including activities relating to the efficient movement of capital, goods, services and people

Rank 2: Projects that directly support the APEC Leaders' Growth Strategy
<p>This includes projects related to:</p> <p><i>Balanced Growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Macro-economic policy coordination and information sharing○ Financial markets (including financial regulatory systems and capital market development), financial inclusion and ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability <p><i>Inclusive Growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Women and the Economy○ Activities/issues related to addressing the social dimension of globalization, including health and gender <p><i>Sustainable Growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Energy efficiency, energy security and energy resiliency including the development of low carbon technology and alternative energy sources○ Urbanization to growth, including smart city and live-friendly cooperation○ Conservation, sustainable management, and rehabilitation of forest resources; combatting illegal logging and associated trade○ Sustainable development in mining○ Activities/issues related to safeguarding the quality of life through sustainable growth <p><i>Secure Growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Human security○ Health and health systems, including the implementation of the Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020○ Counter terrorism○ Anti-corruption, good governance and transparency, including anti-money laundering activities <p><i>Innovative Growth</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Innovation policy and research cooperation, including harnessing new technologies for the future, and for green jobs and industries that promote green growth○ Agricultural biotechnologies, including promotion of sustainable agricultural development○ Science and technology and ICT approaches in disaster preparedness, risk reduction, response and post-disaster recovery and cooperation in search and rescue
Rank 3: Projects that are linked to other priorities identified by Leaders and Ministers but are less closely linked to regional economic integration via free and open trade and investment
<p>This includes projects related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Youth cooperation○ Other related-issues/activities that cannot be directly linked to Rank 1 and Rank 2 projects

NOTES

Cross-cutting issues: All projects should maximize: regional economic integration; developing human capital; building linkage between APEC economies; gender equality; engagement of other APEC fora, ABAC, the private sector and other multilateral organizations; multi-year capacity building opportunities; and the spectrum of capacity building models and activities, although the extent to which projects incorporate these methodologies will not affect their priority ranking.

Prioritisation within a rank: In the event that there are more project proposals than available funding for initiatives within a particular rank, projects will be prioritized in accordance to the degree to which they

contribute to its rank's objective (and therefore to the APEC's further objective of the furtherance of the goal of economic integration via free and open trade and investment).