

## **SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation's 2016 Work Plan**

### 1. Proposed Work for 2016 in Response to Leaders'/ Ministers'/SOM Decisions and SCE Priorities.

- Provide policy recommendations that are related to ECOTECH groups, to SOM;
- Explore options to implement the APEC capacity building policy jointly with the BMC;
- Coordinate and supervise all ECOTECH-related Working Groups and Taskforces, including reviewing and recommending any fora's ToR revision to SOM;
- Review the operation and effectiveness of the SCE, including through exploring options to improve and streamline fora planning and reporting arrangements;
- Provide policy guidance on the ECOTECH agenda in the development of fora strategic plans;
- Review the Independent Assessment program and conduct Independent Assessments of APEC fora and monitor the implementation by fora of previous reviews' recommendations;
- Subject to the ranking procedure, approve and rank all ECOTECH-related project proposals ahead of presentation to the Budget Management Committee (BMC); and,
- Consolidate the SCE Fora Reports and prepare annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers

### 2. Strengthening coordination among and across Fora

- Promote joint-meetings and capacity building across APEC fora;
- Supervise or coordinate cross-cutting initiatives assigned to SCE:
  - the Travel Facilitation Initiative; and
  - the Mainstreaming Ocean-Related Issues Coordination Initiative
- Identify further cooperation in cross-cutting issues in APEC to help deliver the goals and aims of the APEC Leaders Declaration and Ministerial Statements, including through the preparation of a fora collaboration report at an earlier stage;
- Consider any means or concrete steps to encourage such cross-cutting initiatives; and

### 3. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2016

- Consideration of any elements to implement the APEC Capacity Building Policy, jointly with the BMC;
- Improved arrangements on SCE fora's planning and reporting;
- Approval of the SCE Fora's annual work plans;
- Review and approval of the Strategic Plans for those fora with expiring strategic plans;
- Review and recommendation of the revised ToRs of certain fora to SOM, including MTF and SMEWG;
- Successful implementation of the Independent Assessments of the fora scheduled for completion this year, specifically

- Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group (ACTWG)
  - Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group (ATCWG) and High-Level Policy Dialog on Agricultural Biotechnology (HLPDAB)
  - Policy Partnership on Women and Economy (PPWE)
  - Telecommunications and Information (TELWG)
- Decisions and commencement of new independent assessments for 2017; and
  - Submission of the annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers at AMM 2016.