

**INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION WORKING GROUP (TELWG)**

Recommendations by Independent Assessor	Comments from member economies and/or APEC Secretariat	Suggested Action to be taken by SCE	Proposed timeline to implement the recommendation by SCE	Agreement on the suggested action (Yes/No)
RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE				
Prioritize TELWG projects, where possible and appropriate		The SCE Members to note this when scoring the SCE fora projects	2017 and onwards	
Request TELWG to propose a broader high level specific ICT goal in the top level APEC goals such as universal access to smart devices and the development of innovative Internet, electronic and digital economy in the APEC region		As per recommendation	2016	
Encourage TELWG to continue prioritising work to build trust in online services, in particular the privacy and security of personal and confidential information, which remains a barrier to growth for professional services and other sectors		As per recommendation	2016	
Encourage and resource TELWG to better engage industry		As per recommendation	2016	

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Encourage TELWG to become a forum for sharing best practice and policy and regulatory problem solving		As per recommendation	2016	

RECOMMENDATIONS TO TELWG				
Establish a formal induction for new members		As per the recommendation.	2017	Yes
Raise awareness of TELWG activities at Leaders and Ministers Level beyond the work of AHSGIE to build on the 2014 APEC Initiative of Cooperation to Promote Internet Economy		As per the recommendation.	2016 and onwards	Yes
Develop and execute an external engagement strategy		As per the recommendation.	2017	Yes
Establish a TELWG Industry Advisory Board		As per the recommendation.	2017	Yes
Identify the target audience in every TELWG document.		As per the recommendation.	2016 and onwards	Yes

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Revisit the idea of Friends of the Chair		As per the recommendation.	2017	Yes
Consider undertaking a further and deeper penetration survey given that only 11 of the 21 member economies responded to this survey		As per the recommendation.	2017	Yes
Encourage member economies to submit more self-funded project proposals		As per the recommendation.	2016 and onwards	Yes
Develop TELWG as a forum to solve policy and regulatory challenges		As per the recommendation.	2016 and onwards	Yes