

**INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP (ATCWG) AND
HIGH LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE ON AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY (HLPDAB)**

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO ATCWG				
Continue the operation and amend its Terms of Reference to include specific reference to consideration of women in the agricultural economy		As per the recommendation	2017	Yes
Recast ATCWG's Strategic Plan so that its individual goals are more clearly aligned with its Terms of Reference. - Include a paper summarising measurable, objective progress towards its strategic goals at each meeting		As per the recommendation	2017	Yes

Make sure that the POs prepare their Concept Notes to focus on APEC priorities, expand their sources of funding to a larger number of APEC sub-funds, and seek co-sponsorship, where appropriate, with other fora including PPFS, PPSTI, SMWEG and PPWE		As per the recommendation	2017 and onwards	Yes
Remove overlap between the scheduled meeting times of ATCWG and HLPDAB		As per the recommendation	2017 and onwards	Yes
Coordinate the agendas for a joint session between HLPDAB and ATCWG to discuss any issues that are common to both groups		As per the recommendation	2017 and onwards	Yes
Attend and present to plenary sessions of PPFS		As per the recommendation	2017 and onwards	Yes
Review ATCWG's and HLPDAB's operation at the same time in the next review cycle		As per the recommendation	For next fora assessment	Yes
Continue its engagement with the private sector, and expand its consideration of technologies relevant to agriculture so it can address its broad objectives more effectively		As per the recommendation	2017 and onwards	Yes
RECOMMENDATIONS TO HLPDAB				
Continue its work until the current topics of low level presence and data transfer are resolved, while noting the need to close the forum and transfer the work program to PPFS, if it misses another quorum requirement in 2017.		As per the recommendation	2017	Yes
Review its Strategic Plan to ensure alignment with its Terms of Reference and inclusion of objective, measurable		As per the recommendation	2017	Yes

goals, progress toward which is reported at each meeting.				
Continue to hold its workshops prior to the main annual meeting		As per recommendation	2017 and onwards	Yes
Attend and present to plenary sessions of PPFS		As per the recommendation.	2017 and onwards	Yes
Invite speakers from the FAO and/or OECD to its next meeting or workshop in order to learn from their current considerations of mutually relevant topics		As per the recommendation.	2017 and onwards	Yes
Revisit the idea of Friends of the Chair		As per the recommendation.	2017	Yes