

SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation's 2017 Work Plan

1. Proposed Work for 2017 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;
- Provide policy guidance on the ECOTECH agenda in the development of fora strategic plans;
- Implement SCE's Decision on New Fora Assessment program;
- Monitor the implementation by fora of previous Independent Assessment 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 cross-fora collaboration across APEC fora, including through implementation of the 2016 Recommendations on Cross-Fora Collaboration;
- Review and consider any possible options to make the SCE and SCE COW arrangements more effective; and,
- Supervise or coordinate cross-cutting initiatives assigned to SCE:
 - the Travel Facilitation Initiative; and
 - the Mainstreaming Ocean-Related Issues Coordination Initiative

3. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2017

- Consideration of any elements to implement the APEC Capacity Building Policy, jointly with the BMC;
- Development of Standardized Program for Fora Assessment, selection of the fora subject to the new Fora Assessment System for 2018 and establishment of Assessment Team for 2018;
- Consideration of new ways to strengthen cross fora collaboration through the SCE process;
- 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; and,
- Submission of the annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers at AMM 2017.