

## BUSINESS MOBILITY GROUP (BMG)

### CONVENORS REPORT AND INPUTS FOR 2020 CTI ANNUAL REPORT TO MINISTERS

#### Key Achievements in 2020

*This section will be incorporated in the body of the 2020 CTI Annual Report to Ministers. Please provide one paragraph per achievement in dot points. Where possible, please highlight outcomes of these achievements.*

- The BMG Convenor presented at the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Conference in Sydney in February 2020, which provided a platform for the 'soft launch' of the ABTC Mobile Application.
- The BMG held a Virtual Plenary Meeting in August 2020 to further discuss the launch of the ABTC Mobile Application at Leaders' Week in November 2020. The Group was in support of the launch at Leaders' Week.
- The BMG was able to meet quorum with 19 economies present at the meeting.
- The Convenor presented at the CTI Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on Emerging Opportunities and Challenges in Implementing the APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2025.

#### Work Undertaken by the Fora in Response to COVID-19 (if applicable)

*Please provide no more than one paragraph per work undertaken in dot points.*

- The BMG have circulated a survey amongst the Group in relation to the processing of ABTC applications during COVID-19.
- The current status of economies under COVID-19 restrictions was also discussed at the BMG Virtual Plenary Meeting.

#### Key Issues Under Discussion by the Fora

*Please provide a high-level summary of issues in dot points*

- The Convenor confirmed the launch of the ABTC Mobile Application at Leaders' Week 2020  
Australia will be the first economy to transition to the Mobile Application from March 2021.
- The Group discussed changes to the ABTC System and the ABTC Operating Framework so support the transition to the Mobile Application platform.
- The Group discussed the rollout to Online Lodgement for economies.
- Indonesia provided a presentation on the their APEC funded project on Capacity Building Workshop on Improving the Utilization of APEC Business Travel Card they are hosting in 2021.
- The Group further discussed changes post COVID-19 and how IATA could assist in COVID-19 recovery efforts.
- New Zealand, as APEC host for 2021 advised the Group of their intentions to host all meetings virtually in 2021, and dates and more information would be provided in due course.

#### Items to submit to Senior Officials or Ministers/Leaders at the end of 2020 (if applicable)

*Please advise if your Fora intends to submit any deliverables to Senior Officials or Ministers/Leaders and attach these documents.*

- The Convenor's office is currently working with CTI representatives to ensure that the launch of the ABTC Mobile Application is included in Leaders' Week announceables.

