**The Health Working Group’s Work Plan for 2019**

**Introduction**

Economic growth is inter-sectoral in nature and is influenced by a complex network of social, political, and environmental factors. APEC economies note that there is an explicit link between successful economic growth and the health of an economy’s population.

In order to achieve sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the APEC region, we must ensure healthy populations. The APEC region faces unique health challenges; key among these is the continuous threat from current and emerging infectious diseases, as well as the growing and overwhelming burden of health loss from non-communicable diseases. The APEC HWG was born out of the emergence of regional and global health epidemics—including severe acute respiratory syndrome, avian influenza and H1N1 influenza. Epidemics like this not only impact the health sector but also agriculture, trade, tourism, transportation and business. Economic growth is multi-faceted and inter-sectoral, and the health of a population plays an important role in the health of an economy.

APEC's wide-ranging economic work program makes it uniquely positioned to address the multi-sectoral impact of today's health threats. Continuing on the important work accomplished by the HWG in 2018, the 2019 work plan reflects the HWG’s focus on implementing substantive policy-oriented discussions at the HWG and ensuring that the HWG remains a strategic forum to advance global health priorities.

For 2019, the HWG’s theme will be “*Supporting Health across the Life Course*”, reflecting the importance of continued investments in health from birth to end of life in order to support a healthy economy. This theme is also in alignment with: Chile’s APEC 2019 host year, and health priorities – particularly healthy economies in an ageing world and prevention policies of childhood obesity; the HWG’s objectives and strategic plan; and the 2019 APEC theme of “*Connecting people, building the future*”.

The HWG notes Chile’s APEC 2019 host year priority of ‘*Women and Inclusive Growth*’ and commits to continue to apply a gender lens in the implementation of its 2019 activities. The HWG recognizes the importance of gender analysis in strengthening health systems, as women can be positive agents of change in efforts to advance health for all, including in their roles as decision-makers, leaders, innovators and care givers.

For 2019, the HWG’s mandate will be actualized through activities focused on:

1. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
2. Enhanced Access to Care and Services
3. Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development

**Expected Deliverables for 2019**

1. *Governance Deliverables*
   1. Two Health Working Group Meetings (February/March 2019 – SOM1 and August 2019 – SOM3).
   2. Agreement on process for endorsing concept notes and revised Guidelines for HWG’s consideration and ranking for concept notes (February/March 2019 – SOM1).
   3. Review APEC Guidelines for Engagement with the Private Sector (February/March 2019 – SOM1)
   4. Preliminary discussion on post-Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (August 2019 – SOM3).
2. *Policy/Technical Deliverables*

*HWG Deliverables*

* 1. Policy Discussion on Immunization in the Asia-Pacific Region (February/March 2019 – SOM1).

Rationale: Vaccination currently saves between 2 and 3 million lives every year and is one of the most equitable health interventions. Ensuring access to immunization services is central to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Recent outbreaks of polio and measles in APEC economies demonstrate the need to highlight immunization as a key pillar of UHC, specifically in light of accessibility issues and vaccine hesitancy.

* 1. APEC Statement on Universal Health Coverage (February/March 2019– SOM1)

Rationale: HAP2020 specifically called on APEC economies to strengthen health systems to support Universal Health Coverage (UHC), providing the whole population with access to safe, effective, quality, affordable and sustainable primary health care. APEC economies note that UHC requires political commitment. Building on the HWG’s theme of ‘*Strengthening Health across the Life* Course’, and noting the HWG’s planned work on issues including immunization, healthy eating and ageing, the HWG will consider a proposal for a statement on UHC to be presented to the United Nations High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage in September 2019 to be led by a drafting group of interested member economies

* 1. Policy Dialogue on ‘Health Across the Life Course’ –Prevention Measures to support an ageing population within APEC economies (August 2019 – SOM3)

Rationale: APEC economies are among those with the most rapidly ageing populations in the world. Building on the work of the August 2017 policy dialogue: “Health Policy Dialogue on Promoting Healthy Aging and Non Communicable Diseases Control for a Healthy Asia-Pacific”, noting the outcomes recognizing the need to strengthen cooperation among APEC member economies and development partners, this policy dialogue will aim to leverage APEC’s economic perspective to demonstrate the case for investment and multi-sectoral action to address the needs of an ageing population. Policy dialogue participants will develop recommendations for HWG consideration on how to further engage the working group called on the topic, including exploring the feasibility of developing a Roadmap on Preventative Policy Measures to Address the Needs of an Ageing Population.

*Cross-Fora Deliverables*

* 1. Continued collaboration with other APEC fora on Mental Health (August 2019 - SOM3).

Rationale: Building on the important work done on mental health by the APEC HWG and stemming from the outcomes of the 2018 Mental Health Policy Dialogue: Mental health, human development and economic prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region, the APEC HWG recognized the importance of collaborating with other APEC fora to strengthen the complex network of social, environmental and political factors that affect individuals’ mental health and wellbeing. The HWG will work to promote the importance of mental health in other APEC fora, demonstrating the need for a multi-sectoral approach to both health and economic growth. Given the expiry of the Mental Health Roadmap in 2020, the HWG will also consider a forward plan for continued work on mental health post-2020, with the aim of promoting mental wellness in the Asia-Pacific.

* 1. High-level Meeting on Health and the Economy with the APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum and Joint Statement (August 2019 – SOM3)

Rationale: APEC economies are among those with the most rapidly ageing populations in the world. Noting the importance of adapting not only health care systems, but entire economies to the needs of an ageing population, the HLM will aim to demonstrate how economies can invest in the needs of their population through a variety of innovative partnerships as a means of ensuring the stable economic growth and development of an ageing population. The HLM will highlight the importance of considering the social determinants of health, particularly with regards to healthy ageing. The theme of the HLM will be ‘*Healthy Economies in an Aging World’*.

1. *Approved and on-going HWG Projects*
   1. Workshop on Nutrition Care for Aging Population to Prevent Non-Communicable Chronic Diseases (*Viet Nam*)
   2. Improving Networks of Community Mental Health Services in the Asia-Pacific Economies (*Peru*)
   3. \*Economic Impact of the Rise of Multi-Drug Resistant-TB (MDR-TB) on APEC Economies and Strategies in Resourcing and Responding (*PNG*)
   4. Capacity Building for Community-Based Long-Term Care Supported by High-Tech Low-Cost Resources (*Mexico*)
   5. Regional Workshop on Lung Cancer Prevention and Control (*China*)
   6. International Conference «Promoting Human Security in APEC. Capacity-Building of APEC Economies Through Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases by Implementing Innovative Healthcare Technologies» (*Russia*)
   7. Workshop on Prevention and Promotion Policies for Obesity (*Chile*)
   8. APEC Conference of medical information sharing for enhancing medical and disease management (*Chinese* *Taipei*)
   9. APEC Conference on smart healthcare for Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and its risk factors prevention and control (*Chinese Taipei*)
   10. \*\*A-TRACTION (Asian Tuberculosis Research and Clinical Trials Integrated Organisational Network) (*Singapore*)
   11. Workshop on the healthcare accreditation in the APEC region (*China*)
   12. Workshop on Building the New-leadership of infectious disease prevention and control among APEC Economies ([**Phase**](javascript:;)[**II**](javascript:;)) (*China*)
   13. \*\*\*Workshop on Promoting Universal Health Coverage of International Migration in the APEC Region: Challenges and the Strategy (*China*)
   14. \*\*\*\*TB workshop on tuberculosis molecular epidemiology: To face the Challenge of Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis transmission in the context of globalization (*China*)

\*The Project was proposed by PNG and approved by the BMC for funding in session 1 2018. However, it is still pending for the quality assessment, and has been yet to be endorsed by PMU, APEC Secretariat.

\*\*The Projects is supposed to be completed by the end of 2018. However, Singapore is seeking for the second time of project amendment, which is targeting on having a symposium next year.

\*\*\*The Project is a self-funded on-going project by China.

\*\*\*\*The Project is a planned activity in the endorsed TB collaboration framework.

**Itemized Work Plan for 2019**

| **Title** | **Summary of Specific Plans** | **Mandate**  (Leaders/Ministers/SOM/SCE Priorities and Decisions, Strategic Plans and to ABAC recommendations) | **ECOTECH Priorities/ Host Year Priorities** | **Cross-fora collaboration**  (within APEC and beyond APEC) |
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| Policy Discussion on Immunization in the Asia-Pacific Region (February/March 2019– SOM1) | During the first HWG meeting in Santiago in February/March 2019, the HWG will hold a roundtable policy discussion on the challenges and opportunities within APEC to addressing immunization in the region.  Ensuring access to immunization services is central to achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and this discussion may feed into the APEC HWG’s plan to develop a statement on UHC.  The discussion will incorporate a gender lens. | * Enhance preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disasters including the prevention and control of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. (HWG Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020) * We welcome APEC’s working partnership with other relevant global initiatives for strengthening infectious disease control. (2015 APEC Leaders Declaration) * Strengthening health systems to support Universal Health Coverage providing the whole population with access to safe, effective, quality, affordable and sustainable primary health care. (Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020) | **Host Year Priorities:**  Women and Inclusive Growth  Healthy Economies in an Ageing World (Health Priority)  **ECOTECH Priorities:**  Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health, gender  **2019 HWG Theme Priorities:**  Health Prevention and Promotion  Enhanced Access to Care and Services  Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development | Collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), specifically to learn more about the pooled procurement system for vaccines in the PAHO region. Further collaboration with GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance to learn best practices and to ensure the non-duplication of efforts. May also include collaboration with UNICEF, International Organization for Migration and/or other multilateral organizations. |
| APEC Statement on Universal Health Coverage (February/March 2019– SOM1) | Building on the HWG’s theme of ‘*Strengthening Health across the Life Course*’, and noting the HWG’s planned work on issues including immunization, obesity and ageing, the HWG will consider a proposal for a statement on UHC to be presented to the United Nations High-level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage in September 2019. | * Strengthening health systems to support Universal Health Coverage providing the whole population with access to safe, effective, quality, affordable and sustainable primary health care. (Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020) * We also encourage economies to share best practices and explore innovative sustainable health financing tools, improve health systems and recognize that members’ goals to promote Universal Health Coverage (UHC) can be important in building healthy populations which in turn support economic growth. (2017 APEC Ministerial Joint Statement) * We encourage APEC economies to invest in their health systems to increase productivity and economic growth (2017 APEC Economic Leaders’ Declaration) | **Host Year Priorities:**  Women and Inclusive Growth  Healthy Economies in an Ageing World (Health Priority)  Obesity (Health Priority)  **ECOTECH Priorities:**  Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health, gender  **2019 HWG Theme Priorities:**  Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development  Enhanced Access to Care and Services | Collaboration with international organizations such as the World Health Organization to learn and ensure better regional planning and the non-duplication of efforts. |
| Policy Dialogue on ‘Health Across the Life Course’ –Prevention Measures to support an ageing population within APEC economies (August 2019 – SOM3) | On the margins of the second HWG meeting in August 2019, this Policy Dialogue will aim to bring together international and regional experts to leverage APEC’s economic perspective and demonstrate the economic case for early investment and multi-sectoral action to address the needs of an ageing population. This policy dialogue will also address the dual burden women face in relation to their risk for age-related illnesses (ex: dementia, Alzheimer’s) as well as the caregiving burden they typically face. | HLM8 welcomed the continued partnership with the APEC Finance Ministers’ Process and the exploratory dialogue to address the fiscal and economic impacts of the steep rise in chronic disease and of ageing societies in APEC economies, while keeping the healthcare system sustainable. (Joint Statement on the 8th APEC High-level Meeting on Health and the Economy). | **Host Year Priorities:**  Women and Inclusive Growth  Healthy Economies in an Ageing World (Health Priority)  **ECOTECH Priorities:**  Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health, gender  **2018 HWG Theme Priorities:**  Enhanced Access to Care and Services  Health Prevention and Promotion  Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development | Collaboration with other APEC Fora (TBC) and multilateral organizations, ex: FAO, WHO, PAHO, SEARO, WPRO, World Bank, OECD,Mercosur, ORAS-CONHU, etc. |
| Continued collaboration with other APEC fora on Mental Health (August 2019 - SOM3). | Stemming from the outcomes of the 2018 Mental Health Policy Dialogue: Mental health, human development and economic prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region, the APEC HWG recognized the importance of collaborating with other APEC fora to strengthen the complex network of social, environmental and political factors that affect individual’s mental health and wellbeing.  The HWG will work to promote the importance of mental health in other APEC fora, demonstrating the need for a multi-sectoral approach to both health and economic growth. Given the expiry of the Mental Health Roadmap in 2020, the HWG will also consider a forward plan for continued work on mental health post-2020, with the aim of promoting mental wellness in the Asia-Pacific. | * HLM8 recognized that mental health is essential for sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific Region. Without it, individuals are limited in their choices and opportunities to improve their lives and to contribute as members of the society. * HLM8 noted that focus should include upstream prevention of mental illness through primary and community healthcare settings and ensuring e-access to mental health services. * We encourage cross-fora collaboration to achieve the common goal of proactive investment in healthy workforces and access to healthcare (2016 APEC Ministerial Joint Statement) * Supporting healthy populations across the life course, including the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases…( HWG Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020) | **Host Year Priorities:**  Digital Society  **ECOTECH Priorities:**  Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health, gender  **2019 HWG Theme Priorities:**  Health Prevention and Promotion  Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development  Enhanced Access to Care and Services | Collaboration with the APEC Digital Hub, LSIF, the APEC Healthy Women, Healthy Economies (HWHE) forum, Human Resources Development Working Group, World Health Organization, World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. |
| Joint statement of the HWG-LSIF Joint High-Level Meeting | During SOM3 in August 2019, the HWG will collaborate with the LSIF to host a joint High-level Meeting on Health and the Economy.  The HLM will aim to demonstrate how economies can invest in the needs of their population through a variety of innovative partnerships as a means of ensuring the stable economic growth and development of an ageing population. | * Strengthening health systems to support Universal Health Coverage providing the whole population with access to safe, effective, quality, affordable and sustainable primary health care. (Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020) * We also encourage economies to share best practices and explore innovative sustainable health financing tools, improve health systems and recognize that members’ goals to promote Universal Health Coverage (UHC) can be important in building healthy populations which in turn support economic growth. (2017 APEC Ministerial Joint Statement) * We encourage APEC economies to invest in their health systems to increase productivity and economic growth (2017 APEC Economic Leaders’ Declaration) | **Host Year Priorities:**  Digital Society  Women and Inclusive Growth  Healthy Economies in an Ageing World (Health Priority)  Obesity (Health Priority)  **ECOTECH Priorities:**  Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health, gender  **2018 HWG Theme Priorities:**  Enhanced Access to Care and Services  Health Prevention and Promotion  Strengthening Health Systems for Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development | Collaboration with the Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF) |

**Approved and On-going Projects for 2019**

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| Workshop on Nutrition Care for Aging Population to Prevent Non-Communicable Chronic Diseases (Viet Nam) | The project will organize a 2-day workshop in 2019 in Hanoi, to review the current situation of nutrition problems and share experiences on nutrition care to aging population among APEC economies. | * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 * Global Action Plan for NCD prevention and control | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020.  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. |  |
| Improving Networks of Community Mental Health Services in the Asia-Pacific Economies (Peru) | Cooperation between economies is proposed to develop the capacities of mental health personnel in implementing and managing community health services through the exchange of experiences, research and knowledge transfer. | * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 * APEC Roadmap to Promote Mental Wellness in a Healthy Asia-Pacific (2014-2020) | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020.  This project is in alignment with the APEC Roadmap to Promote Mental Wellness in a Healthy Asia-Pacific (2014-2020). |  |
| Economic Impact of the Rise of Multi-Drug Resistant-TB (MDR-TB) on APEC Economies and Strategies in Resourcing and Responding (PNG) | The project involves a desk-top review/study and two-day workshop. The project is aimed at policy makers, health experts and program managers, and builds on work by Chinese Taipei and Singapore.  The project will look at the rise of DR-TB in APEC economies and the associated dramatic increase in health and human costs. It will also explore the economic impact this is having on costs to the health system and the wider economy from productivity loss, as well as seeking to quantify the overall resourcing envelope and identifying innovative resourcing approaches | * 2015 APEC Health Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement * Healthy Asia‐Pacific 2020 | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. |  |
| Capacity Building for Community-Based Long-Term Care Supported by High-Tech Low-Cost Resources (Mexico) | Mexico will design a Capacity Building Program on community based LTC. The first workshop will aim to prioritize needs and areas of focus. The second workshop will target recipients for the activity to share the developments of the deliverables. | * Healthy Asia‐Pacific 2020 * APEC Strategic Plan * HWG Strategic Plan 2016-2020 | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. |  |
| Regional Workshop on Lung Cancer Prevention and Control (China) | The workshop will be held in China to build and strengthen capacity for lung cancer prevention and control, with the ultimate goal of reducing the economic burden of lung cancer on healthcare systems, economies, and families in the region.  Activities include: (1) sharing guidelines and practice to prevent, screen, and treat lung cancer; (2) discussing innovative prevention and control measures in use and under investigation; and (3) identifying medical and public health interventions, innovations, public policies, public-private partnerships, and best practices. | * 2011 APEC NCD Action Plan * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 Roadmap * 6th and 7th APEC High-level meeting on Health and Economy statement | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. |  |
| International Conference «Promoting Human Security in APEC. Capacity-Building of APEC Economies Through Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases by Implementing Innovative Healthcare Technologies» (Russia) | The international conference to be held in Krasnoyarsk (Russia) in October-November 2018 will concern the following issues:  - cooperation on science and technology: development of an expert medical network to identify and implement best practices in health systems of APEC economies;  - cooperation on education and training: development of the platform for training specialists in the field of innovative technologies for diagnostics and treatment of NCDs;  - development of the list of best practices for prevention and control of NCDs as a contribution to safeguarding the quality of human life;  - development of a pilot model for implementation of telemedicine and information system including a database of molecular images.  The Project will contribute to development of sustainable and high-performing health systems and efficient human resources. | * 2017 APEC Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement * 7th APEC High-Level Meeting on Health & the Economy * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 Roadmap | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. | World Health Organization (WHO)  International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) |
| Workshop on Prevention and Promotion Policies for Obesity (February/March 2019– SOM1) | On the margins of the first APEC HWG meetings in February/March 2019 in Santiago, the HWG will hold a workshop to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the prevention and promotion of policies to address obesity.  HWG members will discuss lessons learned and what role APEC can play in the prevention and promotion of policies to address obesity. The discussion will incorporate a gender lens, particularly looking at the unique needs of different sexes in terms of nutritional needs. | • Supporting healthy populations across the life-course, including the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases…(HWG Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020)   * Supporting healthy populations across the life-course, including the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases… (HWG Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020) * Strengthening the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases... (Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 Roadmap) | **Host Year Priorities:**  Women and Inclusive Growth  Obesity (Health Priority)  **ECOTECH Priorities:**  Inclusive growth—addressing the social dimension of globalization, health, gender  **2019 HWG Theme Priorities:**  Health Prevention and Promotion | Collaboration with international organizations such as the World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), OECD and PAHO to learn and ensure better regional planning and the non-duplication of efforts. |
| APEC Conference of medical information sharing for enhancing medical and disease management (Chinese Taipei) | Chinese Taipei proposed to share and discuss the efforts for developing information system to enhance medical and disease management.  The proposed conference will be held in July 2019 and will include activities such as: (1) interactive sessions (2) poster presentation (3) site visit. | * Health Working Group (HWG) Strategic Plan 2016-2020 * 2014 APEC Leaders’ Declaration * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020.  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. |  |
| APEC Conference on smart healthcare for Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and its risk factors prevention and control (Chinese Taipei) | Chinese Taipei proposes to share experience on diabetes prevention and control policy, and discuss strategies and actions on how to utilize Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to upgrade diabetes managements and diabetes-related risk factors prevention and control.  The proposed conference will be held in Taipei during 2019 and will include the following activities:  (1) interactive sessions to exchange diabetes prevention and control policies plus ICT-based diabetes care and its risk factor prevention and control (2) site visits to smart cities and smart healthcare providers, such as hospitals, and communities. | * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 * Joint Statement of the 7th APEC High-Level Meeting on Health & the Economy * 2011 APEC NCD Action Plan | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020.  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. | Experts from non-APEC member economies and other international organizations will be invited to participate as either moderators or speakers. |
| A-TRACTION (Asian Tuberculosis Research and Clinical Trials Integrated Organisational Network) (Singapore) | The network meeting will be held in Singapore in 2019, and the aim is to foster and coordinate tuberculosis (TB) clinical research by establishing a unified platform:   1. To promote the conduct of multicentre TB clinical trials and information sharing via a TB Treatment Outcome Database 2. To develop human capital, expertise and infrastructure in TB clinical research | * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 * 2015 APEC Ministerial Statement * 2016 APEC Ministerial Statement | This project aligns with the APEC HWG Theme Priorities  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 through strengthening health systems in the area of human capital development | International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease  Other APEC fora |
| Workshop on the healthcare accreditation in the APEC region (China) | By conduct of literature review, on-site visits and a workshop, this project will help to obtain and share knowledge on healthcare accreditation for APEC region. Through above activities, a network for member economies on improvement of accreditation programs will be built. In June 2019, the project will organization of the workshop in Beijing, which will be focusing on the:  -Experience sharing from selected economies in the region;  -Introduction of models of international accreditations;  -Discussion of methods and policy recommendations to build a regional accreditation program. | * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 * The 2017 APEC Leaders' Declaration * HWG Strategic Plan 2016-2020 | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. | Collaboration with international organizations such as the World Health Organization. |
| Workshop on Building the New-leadership of infectious disease prevention and control among APEC Economies ([Phase](javascript:;) [II](javascript:;)) (China) | The workshop will be hold in August 2019 in Beijing, China. Aims/Activities include: (1) sharing the progress, experience of infectious diseases prevention and control; (2) establishing the new-leadership technical network among APEC economies; (3) put forward the guideline and effective training program and scheme which can help to enhance the capacity of the professionals and realize the goal of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. | * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 * The 2014 APEC Leaders' Declaration * The 2017 APEC Leaders' Declaration * The 2018 APEC Ministerial Chair’s Statement | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. |  |
| Workshop on Promoting Universal Health Coverage of International Migration in the APEC Region: Challenges and the Strategy (June, 2019) (China) | This 2-day workshop plans to invite policy makers from health and migration management sectors, think-tanks from the APEC economies, and delegates from WHO, IOM, WB and related NGOs to share their insights into the situation, challenges and strategies of improving the services coverage and financial protection for international migrations, as well as the experience and lessons at organization and economies level. Knowledge, reflections and policy recommendations generated from the works shop will be submitted to the SOM3 on UHC related agenda. | * Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 * The 2017 APEC Leaders' Declaration * HWG Strategic Plan 2016-2020 | This project aligns with the APEC HWG’s Strategic Plan 2016-2020  The project echoes the statement of Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020. | Collaboration with international organizations including: WHO, International Organization for Migration, World Bank, NGO’s, etc. |
| Workshop on tuberculosis molecular epidemiology: To face the Challenge of Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis transmission in the context of globalization (June/July 2019 – SOM1). (China) | The project will organize a 2-day workshop in June/July 2019 in China, to review the current situation of TB and MDR-TB in APEC region and share experiences on stopping transmission to the community and population among APEC economies. Expenses are covered by participating economies themselves. | To strengthen the collaboration and knowledge sharing of MDR-TB strategy, policies and techniques;  To contribute to TB prevention and control, to reduce the disease burden and mitigate the impact of TB to the economy, trade and security in the region. | Theme Priorities:  MDR-TB control strategy and policy  Transmission  Artificial intelligence | Collaboration with other APEC Fora (TBC) and Life Sciences and Innovation Forum |