

**Work undertaken by APEC as regards to green growth and sustainable development**

Area	Work Undertaken (Initiative/Project) since 2010	Objectives/goals	Sub-fora, Committee, Working Group	Timeline
<p><b>Green Growth and sustainable development</b></p>	<p><b>2012 Leaders' Commitment to Reduce Applied Tariff Rates on the 54 products in the APEC List of Environmental Goods (the EGs List) to five per cent or less by 2015</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Detailed Implementation Plan by each economies was published on the APEC Website in January 2016, which serve to enhance transparency for businesses including SMEs and other stakeholders on tariff reductions under the EGs List.</li> <li>2. CTI continues to monitor the progress of implementing this commitment, with a view to realize its full implementation</li> </ol> <p><b>APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain (GSCNET)</b></p> <p>Progress Achieved [2016]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the website on GSC has been launched;</li> <li>2) Expert Group has been set up;</li> <li>3) more pilot centers on Green Supply Chain was built in Korea, Australia and Chile;</li> <li>4) 1st Annual Conference was held.</li> </ol> <p>Plans</p>	<p>In 2014, APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting agreed to establish the APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain (GSCNET), and endorsed the establishment of the first pilot center of APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain in Tianjin, China, and</p>	<p>CTI/MAG</p> <p>CTI</p>	<p>2012-</p> <p>2014-</p>

	<p>[2017]</p> <p>a) Organize the working group meetings of the Expert Group of APEC GSCNET to discuss issues related to its operation and management;</p> <p>b) boost exchanges and cooperation in such areas as green supply chain, green production and consumption, and green trade, provide technical support to the APEC member economies in green supply chain management, as well as continue to welcome nomination from APEC member economies to join the Expert Group;</p> <p>c) Organize Annual Conference and capacity building workshop for 2017 on the APEC Green Supply Chain Network to be held in July - to share the progress on GSCNET, publish the research outcome, disseminate the best practices, and provide a platform with the pilot centers to share information</p> <p>d) Encourage APEC member economies to establish pilot centers and explore the innovative cooperation, introduce the experience of APEC GSCNET Pilot Centers in Tianjin, Australia and Republic of Korea, and promote information exchange.</p> <p>e) to link the website on green supply chain with the APEC official website (done)</p> <p><b>Environmental Services Action Plan (ESAP)</b></p> <p>(2016) Implementation of the initial part of Phase I - a survey conducted and finalized by the PSU on Regulatory Measures in Environmental Services, in which various regulatory aspects of environmental services in APEC economies classified under CPC 94 (Sewerage/ sewage treatment and septic tank cleaning services, Waste collection services, Waste treatment and disposal services, Sanitation and similar services, Remediation services, and Other</p>	<p>encouraged other economies to establish pilot centers and advance related work actively</p> <p>Endorsed by Ministers in 2015. ESAP envisages a number of actions in 2016-2020, including a survey of regulatory and/or policy measures on services under CPC94 in APEC economies; studies to build and enhance a common understanding of the roles of a wider range of services in environmental</p>	<p>CTI/GOS</p>	<p>2015-</p>
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	<p>environmental protection services) were analyzed, including institutional framework of regulations (central government/sub-central government), content and tendency of regulatory measures and liberalization of environmental services were highlighted.</p> <p>(2017) Second part of Phase I conducted in the margins of SOM2 2017 in Ha Noi - policy dialogue was held to build and enhance common understanding of the role of a wider range of environmental services, water related business, refuse disposal and recycling related business, renewable energy related business, energy efficiency related business, and environmental pollution control business</p> <p>(near future) ESAP further envisages identifying key challenges and compiling recommended actions to address those challenges and sharing good practices as a means to promote liberalization, facilitation and cooperation in this area in the succeeding years</p> <p><b>Sustainability in Building Construction (Commercial Building) - Efficiency and Conservation</b></p>	<p>industries/businesses (such as water business, recycling business, waste management, energy efficiency and renewable energy business); identifying key challenges and compiling recommended actions to address those challenges; and sharing good practices as a means to promote liberalization, facilitation and cooperation in this area.</p> <p>Project focused on the use of specific standards and codes for supporting sustainability and renewable technologies in green commercial buildings. It supported several energy conservation and efficiency initiatives/objectives within APEC.</p>	<p>SCSC</p>	<p>2010-2011</p>
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	<p><b>APEC Environmental Goods and Services (EGSIE) - <a href="http://egs.apec.org">http://egs.apec.org</a> (2010)</b></p>	<p>A project designed to develop and implement concrete actions to promote APEC Environmental Goods and Services (EGS) Work Programme by exchanging the information on both liberalization and technology aspects on environmental services (ES) within APEC economies. Through implementing the project, 1) the APEC members will have chance to further discuss the classification of environmental services proposed by the Environmental Services Survey Report (CTI/31/2008T) and other related issues; 2) to learn the both the negotiations and research trends of trade liberalization in ES; 3) to share information on demand and supply in ES and ES-related technology.. In the long run, this project could be regarded as a positive</p>	<p>GOS</p>	<p>On-going</p>
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	<p><b>Daegu Initiative on SME Innovation Action Plan</b></p>	<p>response to promoting sustainable growth and handling the challenges of the Climate Change.</p> <p>Adopted by SME Ministers in 2005. The objective of the Daegu Initiative is to help each APEC member economy identify those factors which can be improved to accelerate innovation. Asks all members to consider submitting Innovation Action Plans(IAPs) based on a Common Template that contain past achievements, current status and future plans concerning SME innovation.</p>	<p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2006-2020</p> <p>2006-2010 First Cycle</p>
	<p><b>Assessment Framework Development of the Daegu Initiative on SME IAP</b> (SME 03 2008, Korea)</p>	<p>The purpose of the project was to provide the member economies participating in the Daegu Initiative with an effective and easy-to-use framework for making a self-assessment on SME IAP (Innovation Action</p>	<p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2008</p>



	<p><b>APEC SME Green Innovation Conference</b> (SME 09 2010A, Korea )</p> <p><b>Green Initiative Workshop II</b> (SME 08 2011A, Brunei)</p> <p><b>Greening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs): A Pathway Towards Sustainable Economic Growth in the APEC Region</b> (SME 02 2016S, Thailand)</p>	<p>The conference served as a venue for sharing relevant information and experiences to support green SMEs.</p> <p>The objective was to further develop the Green initiative as a follow-up to the First Green Initiative Workshop</p> <p>Objectives: To raise awareness of MSMEs and government officials on the green economy including the benefits of green technologies, investments and standards;to disseminate best practices on the green economy in APEC; and; and to explore possible means for APEC members to collaborate on creating a conducive environment for MSMEs to adopt green practices.</p> <p>Objective: Share best</p>	<p>SMEWG</p> <p>SMEWG</p> <p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2010-2011</p> <p>2011-2012</p> <p>2016</p>
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	<p><b>Green and Sustainable MSMEs in the APEC Region</b> (SME 07 2016S, Peru)</p>	<p>practices and public policies developed that can enable the potential of Green and Sustainable MSMEs as well as successful cases that will highlight the prospects and the existing potential for developing Green and Sustainable MSMEs, including the experience in other multilateral fora such as UNIDO and OECD.</p>	<p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2016</p>
	<p><b>APEC-CANADA GROWING BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP</b> (SME 09 2016S)</p>	<p>The project is intended to work in tandem with the SME Sub-Fund which has already been approved and is currently being administered by the APEC Secretariat to support small-scale projects that build the capacity of regional developing economy MSMEs. Both initiatives will closely collaborate to achieve their common goals.</p> <p>Crosscutting themes of both components include addressing gender</p>	<p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2017-2020</p>

		<p>equality, youth inclusion, and environmental sustainability, with particular attention given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Strengthening human capital,</li> <li>2) Reducing barriers to market access,</li> <li>3) Encouraging the use of technology and innovation, and</li> <li>4) Investing in social entrepreneurship.</li> </ol>		
<p><b>Reduce carbon emissions, decrease environmental degradation, improve energy and resource efficiency</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) (topic for 2016 ARCAM Dialogue)</b></p> <p>(2016)  The 4th ARCAM Dialogue on Facilitating Trade and Investment in Sustainable Materials Management Solutions was held on 17 August in Lima, Peru in the margins of SOM3, attended by regulators, industry representatives, and other key stakeholders. The dialogue included issues such as the updates of the survey results, where gaps and divergences in APEC member economies' definitions of key SMM terms were observed including in waste and renewable energy, and that there is an opportunity to coordinate among member economies to better align those definitions to promote trade and investment in SMM solutions and services which in addition to spurring economic growth will also help to reduce marine litter</p>	<p>SMM is chosen as a topic for "Promoting APEC Regulatory Cooperation Advancement Mechanism on Trade Related Standards and Technical Regulations (ARCAM)" in 2016 at CTI.</p> <p>SMM is a systemic approach to using and reusing materials more productively over their entire lifecycles, from the point of resource</p>	<p>CTI</p>	<p>2016-</p>

	<p>among other tourism, environmental, and health benefits. In addition, discussions touched upon regulatory aspects including the importance of transparency of regulations, coordination among authorities, partnership with private sectors in promoting trade and investment in SMM solutions and technologies.</p> <p>(2017) At CTI2, 2017, the United States tabled a draft report on “Facilitating Trade and Investment in Sustainable Materials Management Solutions in the APEC”. The draft report is under consideration by CTI members, which will be further discussed at CTI3 2017.</p> <p><b>Most of the 158 APEC EWG projects undertaken since 2010 to support reliable, affordable and environmentally sustainable energy in the APEC region benefit MSMEs as significant energy consumers.</b></p> <p>Below are a few particularly relevant projects</p> <p>Energy Smart Communities Initiative (multiple APEC Projects and non-project activities 2011-2017)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015 Energy Smart Community Initiative (ESCI) Best Practices Awards Program (EWG 03 2015S - Chinese Taipei; United States)</li> <li>• 2017 Energy Smart Communities Initiative (ESCI) Best Practices Awards Program (EWG 04 2016S - Chinese Taipei; United States)</li> </ul>	<p>extraction through material recycling or final disposal, to reduce environmental impacts, conserve resources, and reduce costs.</p> <p>All projects are in line with EWG’s goal (from its Mission Statement) to: build the capacity of APEC members to strengthen domestic and regional energy security and lower the carbon intensity of energy supply and use across the region</p> <p>The energy smart innovations of various SMEs, and programs benefitting SMEs from around the APEC region have been recognized over the years through the APEC ESCI</p>	<p>EWG</p> <p>EWG</p>	<p>2010-2017</p> <p>Multiple APEC Projects and non-project activities 2010-2017</p>
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	<p>Various projects boosting Energy Efficiency of Electrical Appliances – which lowers energy costs to MSMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Survey of Market Compliance Mechanisms for Energy Efficiency Programs</b> (EWG 07 2010A)</li> <li>• <b>Engagement by APEC Economies in International Smart Appliance Standards for Air Conditioners and Other Appliances</b> (EWG 01 2011T - Australia)</li> <li>• <b>Catalysing Monitoring, Verification and Enforcement Best Practices Exchange and Building Compliance Capacity in the APEC Region</b> (EWG 12 2013A - Australia)</li> <li>• <b>Technical Reference on Harmonisation of Energy Efficiency Test Methods of Refrigerators Toward the New IEG 62552 among APEC Region</b> (EWG 04 2014A - China)</li> <li>• <b>APEC-ASEAN Harmonisation of Energy Efficiency Standards for Air Conditioners (Phase 1)</b> (EWG 12 2012A - Japan)</li> </ul> <p><b>Heating Applications of Bio-Pellet made from Ecological-Hazard Plant in Small and Medium Enterprises to Enhance Utilization of Renewable Energy in the APEC Region</b> (EWG 18 2016A, Chinese Taipei)</p>	<p>Knowledge Sharing Platform and the APEC ESCI Awards.</p> <p>Lower energy costs to businesses and consumers through improved energy efficiency in electrical appliances (including office equipment)</p> <p>To encourage small-and-medium enterprises to utilize renewable energy, the objectives of this</p>	<p>EWG (EGEEC – Energy Efficiency Experts, also with SCSC in the case of some projects)</p> <p>EWG (EGNRET – Renewable Energy Experts)</p>	<p>Multiple APEC Projects 2010-2017</p> <p>2016-2017</p>
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	<p><b>Workshop on Improving Energy Resiliency in Off-Grid Areas in APEC Member Economies</b> (EWG 09 2015A, Philippines)</p>	<p>project is to assess and demonstrate the utilization of bio-pellets, made from a common invasive species of tree, in existing boilers for green energy applications. The economic feasibility study of utilizing these bio-pellets instead of fossil fuel for boiler application, introduced to provide the economic benefits to the small-and-medium enterprises is also evaluated.</p> <p>This project developed the “APEC Guidelines to Improve the Climate Change Resiliency of Energy Facilities in Off-Grid Areas”, providing policy makers with an important tool to strengthen energy resiliency by providing alternative off-grid solutions. Many of the energy consumers in these remote off-grid</p>	<p>EWG (Energy Resiliency Taskforce)</p>	<p>2015-2017</p>
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	<p><b>APEC Conference on Facilitating the Solar Supply Chain</b> (EWG 23 2013A, Vietnam)</p>	<p>areas are MSMEs with business continuity usually requiring a reliable energy supply.</p> <p>This project explored opportunities, challenges and potential cooperation opportunities among APEC member economies in facilitating the solar supply chain and came up with recommendations. The solar supply chain includes a large number of MSMEs whose interests actively considered through the project.</p>	<p>EWG (EGNRET – Renewable Energy Experts)</p>	<p>2013-2014</p>
	<p><b>Capacity Building for Installers and System Designers for Solar PV Rooftop Installations</b> (EWG 22 2013A – USA)</p>	<p>This project built the competency of rooftop solar PV installers and system designers, many of which are MSMEs, through producing training and certification materials and programs. The comprehensive training materials produced, drew from best practices around APEC,</p>	<p>EWG (EGNRET – Renewable Energy Experts)</p>	<p>2013-2015</p>

		and were transferred to competent training institutions in APEC economies. Those materials are being used by training institutions (SMEs) in developing APEC economies.		
<p><b>Enhance competitiveness through the use of green processes. Green procurement, green standards and certifications, eco-labeling schemes as well as the effective implementation of environmental laws.</b></p>	<p><b>APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain (GSCNET)</b> (The activities of GSC-NET covers activities under this column)</p>		CTI	
	<p><b>Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) Readiness Project in Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification (GHG)</b> (CTI 38 2011T, Japan)</p>	<p>This project aimed to contribute to the enhancement of capability of GHG accreditation and Validation/Verification bodies of APEC economies.</p>	SCSC	2011-2012
	<p><b>Aligning Energy Efficiency Regulations for ICT Products – Developing A Strategic Approach</b> (CTI 15 2011T, United States)</p>	<p>Promoting greater data sharing among APEC economies on energy performance of global ICT products to ensure greater consistency in methods for developing standards and regulatory limits; and examining the leveraging of existing international agreements</p>	SCSC	2012-2013

	<p><b>The Role of Standards and Conformity Assessment Measures in Enhancing the Performance and Energy Efficiency of the Commercial Building Sector</b> (M CTI 02 2012A, United States)</p>	<p>on certification/testing to meet energy efficiency conformity assessment requirements.</p> <p>This project focused on four aspects of green building standardization: 1) building codes and use of green codes to achieve resource savings; 2) building information modelling to facilitate green building practices; 3) best practices in the testing and rating of products in the building envelope; and 4) mapping of building product testing requirements to identify and remove obstacles to trade.</p>	<p>SCSC</p>	<p>2012-2015</p>
	<p><b>Workshop on Environmental Services in the 21st Century - Challenges and Opportunities</b> (CTI 16 2013A, Malaysia)</p>	<p>Objective: Highlight the relevance of environmental services regionally and how the 21st century has shaped the architecture and breadth/characterisation of the industry; Share experience and information on</p>	<p>GOS</p>	<p>2015</p>

	<p><b>Environmental Services Action Plan (ESAP)</b></p>	<p>environmental services regime among economies on development of environmental services policies, coordination and implementation of strategies for current and future of the sector; discuss and understand the challenges and opportunities in developing, promoting and liberalising the environmental services sector, particularly in developing economies.</p> <p>In 2015, Japan has proposed several key actions to be implemented in 2016-2020 to realize the vision. ESAP takes the following two-track approach: First, a survey will be undertaken to provide APEC economies with necessary information to gain greater insights about efficient regulatory and trade promotion policies in environmental services. Second, APEC</p>	<p>GOS/CTI</p>	<p>On-going</p>
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	<p><b>APEC Green Business Forum - Preparing SMEs for International Green Supply Chain</b>  <b>SME 08 2013A 2013</b></p> <p><b>APEC Carbon-Labeling Workshop</b>  (SME 07 2012A, Korea)</p>	<p>economies will continue to consider and study broader environmental industries/businesses with a view to build and enhance a common understanding of the roles of services in these industries/businesses. This study is expected to contribute towards both the discussions on the scope of environmental services and identifying challenges relating to environmental businesses.</p> <p>Objective: to prepare SMEs for the international green supply chain by focusing on two issues: a.an enabling environment.  b. capacity building.</p> <p>Workshop objectives:  a. Enhance understanding of benefits and challenges of the carbon labeling scheme.  b. Share experience and</p>	<p>SMEWG</p> <p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2012</p>
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		best practices on the carbon labeling scheme c. Build interest for further action including making collective action to reduce trade barrier for SMEs in APEC region.		
<b>Adoption/ financing of green business models to engage more in the Global Value Chains (GVCs)</b>	<b>APEC SME Finance Forum</b> (SME 03 2015, Philippines)	The objective of this project is to connect SMEs, SMEWG delegates and SME Ministers with the Asia-Pacific Financial Forum (APFF) members (financial institutions and finance experts) that have developed an entire platform of financial services for small and medium-sized firms.	SMEWG	2015
<b>Promotion of benefits of the green economy and sustainable development, green values and environmental issues</b>	<b>Systematic Design of Green Skills Development in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)</b> (HRD 01 2014A, China)	Objective: To put forward the list of typical TVET new green skills specialties offering on the basis of green occupations or jobs' analysis. 2) To put forward general contents of "green skills" as essential part of teaching and learning objectives of	HRDWG	2014-2015

		TVET specialties. 3) To establish international cooperation and exchange network of green skills development among APEC economics.		
<b>Adoption of green technologies, use of eco-friendly packaging materials and design, compliance with international environmental standards and socially responsible investment</b>	<p><b>APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain (GSCNET)</b> (The activities of GSC-NET covers activities under this column)</p> <p><b>Facilitating Trade In Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Products through Encouragement of E-Labeling Best Practices</b> (CTI 16 2016A, United States)</p> <p><b>Green Technology Initiative - Establishing Green Technology Innovation Network to Support SME Development</b> (SME 04 2012A, Indonesia)</p>	<p>This project covers electronic labeling (e-labeling) best practices specifically for consumer ICT products and involve a workshop.</p> <p>The objective was: 1) to create green technology innovation network to support SMEs around APEC member economies to further enhance their competitiveness, 2) to develop technology network between green technology-based SMES and the technology innovation providers, and 3) to share best practices on the promotion and</p>	<p>CTI</p> <p>SCSC</p> <p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2016-2017</p> <p>2012</p>

	<p><b>International Workshop and Training the Role of Business Incubators in Developing Green Technology-Based SMEs</b> (SME 04 2011A, Indonesia)</p>	<p>development of green technology-based SMES in APEC member economies.</p> <p>Objectives: developing recommendation for business incubator management in nurturing the development of newly green technology-based firms, strengthening the network and capacity of technology business incubator managers in the Asia Pacific region in order to provide better services to newly technology-based SMEs (its tenants), and offering opportunities for newly green technology-based SMEs (incubators' tenant) to find a new market and establish business partnership in the region.</p>	<p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2011</p>
	<p><b>Seminar on Developing Business Value Proposition through Innovation for Young Entrepreneurs</b> (SME 07 2011A, Malaysia)</p>	<p>Offered the opportunity to bring together young entrepreneurs including new SMEs and women from the Asia Pacific region to share expertise, best practices and</p>	<p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2011-2012</p>

	<p><b>APEC Workshop on Renewable Energy Potentials for SMEs</b> (SME 05 2016A ,Viet Nam )</p>	<p>explore business opportunities in common key areas namely ICT, green and emerging technology.</p> <p>The workshop to be held in the 4th quarter of 2017 seeks for finding opportunities as well as tackling challenges regarding renewable energy potentials for SMEs. Among others, the discussions may focus on renewable energy technologies and its attached policies and regulations that are applicable for or have impacts on SMEs.</p>	SMEWG	2016-2017
<p><b>Education the younger generation on the green economy, environmental awareness and sustainable development to</b></p>	<p><b>Textbook Development for Energy Efficiency, Energy Security and Energy Resiliency: A Cross-border Education Cooperation through Lesson Study</b> (HRD 03 2015A , Japan and Thailand)</p>	<p>The three-year projects aim to produce the innovative textbooks in mathematics and science on the topic of Energy Efficiency (2016), Energy Security (2017) and Energy Resiliency (2018).</p>	HRDWG	2015-2016

<p><b>enhance their understanding and demand for green products and services.</b></p>	<p><b>Youth Sustainable Water Resources Education and Hub Development in APEC Region</b> ( HRD 08 2015S, Chinese Taipei)</p>	<p>Objective: To build best practices of water-responsible entrepreneurship for youth agriculturalists in the APEC region. Management of unpredictable water related risks is becoming more critical due to population growth, depletion of water resources and the phenomenon of climate change.</p>	<p>HRDWG</p>	<p>2015</p>
<p><b>Digital literacy. Training programs to establish online and offline marketing strategies to effectively communicate the attributes of eco-friendly products and services to potential consumers.</b></p>	<p><b>Simple Human Resources to Symbiotic Green Makers - An Education Platform for STI to SMEs</b> (PPSTI 02 2016S, TBC)</p>	<p>HRD-based competition frame of social innovation through bio-energy technology application. Young entrepreneurial teams across APEC Economies will be motivated onto an O2O platform to tackle sustainability problems in their own community. Through a well-designed process of participatory learning by real-site training and virtual-site resourcing, co-created values will be coded online and reported. The competition rules orient in</p>	<p>PPSTI</p>	<p>2016-2017</p>

		promoting disadvantaged and female group targeting inclusive economy. Innovative MSME business models will be required in formative and summative reports. This facilitates massive information exchange and uncovers business opportunities across APEC economies.		
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