

Chinese Taipei Self-Funded Project for APEC MTF
APEC Seminar on Marine Mining Development

Introduction

In the joint statement of the 2012 APEC Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Mining, Ministers recognized the importance of advancing sustainable development in mining. Specifically, Ministers called for achieving mining's sustainable development through strengthening regional integration, investment, social responsibility, innovation and environmental protection.

Furthermore, the MTF Workplan for 2013 has stated the need to promote long-term sustainability of resource reserves, to improve the efficacy of exploration and to consider structural reforms in mining. The MTF will also be used as a platform for APEC economies to exchange information on the latest mining technologies. With regard to the rising importance of cross-cutting issues for APEC, the MTF will seek to identify cross-cutting issues. Most importantly, the MTF will seek opportunities to support the broader APEC agenda through showing the rising significance of mining in advancing prosperity in the APEC region.

During the 2013 SCE-COW Meeting, the SCE-COW Dialogue on Mainstreaming Ocean-related Issues in APEC was held. The reason was that APEC and Indonesia (2013 APEC host), recognized the value of emphasizing ocean-related issues. In addition to the discussion on fisheries, food security, and tourism, Russia made a presentation on marine energy development.

Therefore, there is a strong interest this year in APEC to promote ocean-related issues. In the case of MTF, there exists the need to link the work of MTF with the ocean-related issues, since marine mining development is related. The MTF's advancement of APEC cooperation in marine mining development will serve as the contribution of MTF to the APEC promotion of Mainstreaming Ocean-related Issues. Furthermore, subsequent APEC hosts (China, Philippines and Peru) have indicated their support for continuing the work on advancing ocean-related issues.

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In recognition of the rising importance of ocean-related issues in APEC, Chinese Taipei would like to contribute to the work of MTF by initiating a self-funded project that seeks to hold the APEC Seminar on Marine Mining Development. The purpose of the Seminar is to show that marine mining cooperation among APEC economies is an important way to advance APEC ocean-related issues. At the same time, the seminar addresses issues, such as sustainable development, capacity building and regulatory cooperation, which are stated in the 2013 MTF Workplan. Most importantly, the Seminar will show that cooperation in marine mining can lead to the advancement of prosperity in the APEC region.

Specifically, the Seminar will provide information on marine mining policies in selective APEC economies. Furthermore, the Seminar will discuss the linkage between marine mining development and APEC ocean-related issues as well as case studies. Most importantly, a report that offers suggestions for advancing marine mining development in the APEC region will also be developed and presented to APEC MTF members. The report will focus on areas of importance for APEC cooperation, such as ECOTECH and capacity building, human resources development, information exchange platform and regulatory cooperation.

Work Schedule

March 2013: Seek endorsement from MTF members for Seminar.

March-April 2013: Prepare for the hosting of the Seminar.

May 21-22, 2013: Hold the Seminar in Taipei, Chinese Taipei.

June or July 2013: Present the report to 2013 MTF Meeting.

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Taipei, Chinese Taipei

Program

Day 1 (5/21) - Plenary Meeting

Venue: Meeting Room 501, Bureau of Mines, MOEA

Time	Agenda
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:20	Opening Ceremony
09:20-10:00	Session 1 : Keynote Speech—Marine Mining Cooperation and Development in Asia-Pacific Region Q & A
10:00-10:30	Group Photo & Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	Session 2 : Marine Mining Policies in Selective APEC Economies (1) Q & A
12:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:30	Session 3 : Marine Mining Policies in Selective APEC Economies (2) Q & A
15:30-15:50	Coffee Break
15:50-17: 20	Session 4 : Linking with APEC's Mainstreaming Ocean-related Issues and Case Sharing (1) Mainstreaming Ocean-related Issues and APEC Marine Mining Cooperation (2) Marine Mining: The Case of Malaysia's Cooperation with Neighboring Economies Q & A
18:30	Welcome Dinner (By Invitation Only)

Day 2 (5/22) - Roundtable Discussion

Venue: Meeting Room 208, TIER

Time	Agenda
09:00	Gather at the hotel lobby
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:30	Session 5 : Joint Cooperation and Development of Marine Mining in APEC (1) Innovative ECOTECH and Capacity Building (2) Human Resources Development (3) Information Exchange Platform (4) Regulatory Cooperation
10:30-10:50	Coffee Break
10:50-11:50	Session 6 : Drafting of Policy Recommendations for APEC Cooperation
11:50-12:00	Conclusion and Closing Ceremony
12:00-14:00	Lunch