

**APEC HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP
EDUCATION NETWORK (EDNET)**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

For the term of 2026-2029

Article I: Mission and Priorities

The Education Network (EDNET) focuses on fostering strong and vibrant learning systems and promoting quality education across APEC member economies. Through promoting cross-border education cooperation, EDNET aims to strengthen quality education to enable people of all ages to meet the challenges of rapid change in today's world through enhancing competencies, accelerating innovation and increasing employability.

EDNET priorities align with the principles outlined in the guiding documents of HRDWG.

EDNET recognizes the complementary missions and priorities shared with the Capacity Building Network (CBN), particularly in Vocational and Technical Education, and may engage in cross-cutting project work and policy exchange on education systems with respect to skills development and secondary-tertiary vocational education pathways.

Article II: Governance, Membership and Leadership

EDNET operates under the APEC Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG) and reports to the HRDWG Lead Shepherd.

Membership and Quorum

Members of EDNET comprise all 21 APEC member economies, represented by representatives appointed by the member economies. A quorum for EDNET meetings requires participation from at least 14 economies. Decisions can only be made when quorum is met.

EDNET Leadership

EDNET is led by one Network Coordinator and supported by one Co-Chair from the host economy.

- EDNET Coordinator is nominated by economies and approved by consensus, serving up to two two-year terms.
- EDNET Co-Chair is nominated by the host economy of the year, serving a one-year term.

Key responsibilities of EDNET Coordinator

- Coordinate activities pertaining to education development and cooperation across participating economies
- Provide technical guidance on project development
- Represents and speaks on behalf of EDNET

- Prepare and chair the annual EDNET meeting in collaboration with the Co-Chair
- Ensure broad participation of members to meet quorum
- Engage other APEC and non-APEC stakeholders in EDNET meetings
- Monitors the progress of the Action Plan of the APEC Education Strategy 2016-2030, and regularly reviews the plan in consultation with member economies
- Report to the Lead Shepherd and submit reports as requested.

Nomination Criteria for EDNET Coordinator

- Endorsement from relevant ministries of the APEC member economies
 - Demonstrated expertise relevant to EDNET's mission and focus areas
 - Sufficient executive experience in relevant domestic or international settings
 - Commitment to APEC's mission and values.
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Article III: Meeting Arrangements

EDNET will organize at least one annual meeting in the host economy in conjunction with the HRDWG Plenary Meeting. Technical meetings may be held virtually or in-person as needed throughout the year.

Under the leadership of the HRDWG Lead Shepherd, the EDNET contributes to the APEC Education Ministerial Meeting when convened by the host economy.