

ANNEX 6

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE ECOTECH IMPLEMENTATION OF APEC WORKING GROUPS AND SOM TASKFORCES: TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION WORKING GROUP (TELWG)

Recommendations by Independent Assessor	Comments from member economies and/or APEC Secretariat	Suggested Action to be taken by SCE or TELWG	Proposed timeline to implement the recommendation by SCE or TELWG	Agreement on the suggested action (Yes/No)
RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE				
<p>Recommendation to SCE1. Raise the awareness to the other working groups on the work elaborated by TEL and on its relevance in terms of infrastructure. At least 5 working groups have been identified whose activities can be complemented with the ones done by TEL.</p>		SCE to continue and expand efforts to encourage fora to work in a collaborative fashion.	Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to SCE2. Foster communications between the groups chairs: a better communication between the groups chairs could end in joint working sessions that could be beneficial to some of the activities of the working groups. This kind of work will strengthen APEC's position and already prestigious reputation.</p>		SCE to continue and expand efforts to encourage fora to work in a collaborative fashion.	Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to SCE3. Detailed objectives, expected results and targeted audiences: TEL WG is responding to the priorities and demands from APEC Leaders and Ministers. Nevertheless a more detailed plan with clear objectives, expected outputs and the targeted audience can be useful for the organization of the work and activities.</p>		SCE to consider further guidance that can be provided to fora to encourage greater alignment with overall APEC objectives.	Ongoing	Yes

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE				
Recommendation to SCE4. Assign a clerk for each working group: that will help TEL SOM to work with the economies in order to achieve the strategic plan's objectives.	APEC Secretariat The current APEC Secretariat mandate and resources offer limited scope for additional fora support as envisaged in the recommendation. The Secretariat would, however, welcome suggestions for ways to improve the services we offer to all fora.	TELWG to discuss further clerical support that economies might be able to provide that would meet the objectives of this recommendations	SCE2 2013	Yes

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO TELWG				
Recommendation to TELWG 1. Establish mechanisms to determine when a topic had been sufficiently discussed: elaborate a report that will include the important amount of information sharing as well as the workshops results on a particular subject and submit these documents to the economies for consideration. This mechanism will also help identify the topics that have not been sufficiently discussed.	SCE Members ...	As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013 / Ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to TELWG 2. Plan ahead. The identification of subjects ahead of time gives the Economies more time to plan and finance the workshops attendance as well as to invite relevant stakeholders that could enrich the discussions.		As per the recommendation	Ongoing	Yes

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<p>Recommendation to TELWG 3. Add two categories to the project proposals. In order to facilitate the organization of the processes the project proposals should include two more categories, one with information on the expected result and the second on its contribution to TEL Strategic Plan and objectives.</p>	<p>APEC Secretariat The format for project proposals is standardized across APEC. It should be possible to implement this recommendation within the existing concept note and project proposal templates.</p>	<p>TELOWG to consider expected results and contribution to the TEL Strategic Plan when reviewing / endorsing project proposals.</p>	<p>SCE2 2013 / Ongoing</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Recommendation to TELWG 4. Targeted audience. A clear definition of the expected outcomes from TELs activities will permit the member economies to identify the targeted audience.</p>		<p>As per the recommendation</p>	<p>SCE2 2013</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Recommendation to TELWG 5. If possible set the venues of the meeting as the major SOM meetings or propose in the next TEL WG to elaborate a list of venues for the next TEL meetings following an agreed order. In these difficult economic times with budgetary constraints it would be beneficial for TEL work to be able to establish a list of TEL meeting venues.</p>		<p>As per the recommendation and SCE Policy on Scheduling of meetings, TEL is encouraged to schedule its meetings on the margins of the major SOM meetings rather than at separate times and locations. This would also encourage collaboration with other APEC fora.</p>	<p>SCE2 2013</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Recommendation to TELWG 6. Participation should be encourage. The strength and fruitfulness of the meetings depends directly upon the economies' participation.</p>		<p>As per the recommendation</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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Recommendation to TELWG 7. Remote participation. Remote participation to the meetings should be considered.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to TELWG 8. Elaboration of a roadmap. The elaboration of a roadmap that will organize future topics to be developed in the different steering groups could enhance participation and collaboration in the meetings.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes