

ANNEX 7

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE ECOTECH IMPLEMENTATION OF APEC WORKING GROUPS AND SOM TASKFORCES: ANTI-CORRUPTION AND TRANSPARENCY WORKING GROUP (ACT)

Recommendations by Independent Assessor	Comments from member economies and/or APEC Secretariat	Suggested Action to be taken by SCE or ACT	Proposed timeline to implement the recommendation by SCE or ACT	Agreement on the suggested action (Yes/No)
RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACT				
Recommendation to ACT 1. The ACT reverts to the biannual rotation of the Chair in line with Consolidated Guidelines on the Rotation System for Lead Shepherd/Chair and Deputy Lead Shepherd/Chair of APEC Working Groups and Other APEC Fora.		ACT to discuss the feasibility of this recommendation.	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to ACT 2 and 3. Annual Work plans prepared by the Chair are to include a table listing the proposed activities to be addressed for the relevant period. The table is to include reference to the link between the particular activity and the Terms of Reference of the ACT and section indicating the action taken relative to this particular activity. <i>(combining recommendations #2 and #3)</i>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013 / Ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to ACT 4. The Chair (at the end of his/her period) is to provide a status report on each of the activities. This report to address which activities were successfully completed, those not achieved (with reasons why) and those terminated.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013 / Ongoing	Yes

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACT				
<p>Recommendation to ACT 5. The incoming Chair (with the support of the ACT) is to identify what specific activities will be carried over from the previous period. These activities will then form part of the work plan for that period. Reasons must be provided if it is determined any activity is to be terminated.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013 / Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 6. All work plans and attachments (including tables) must be presented and form part of the formal record of the relevant SOM.</p>		ACT to present full work plans. Including attachments at the annual SCE-COW meeting. Updates to be provided as necessary at other SCE meetings.	SCE-COW 2013 / Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 7 and 8. The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) examines the involvement of all Economies in specific projects to identify the Economies that have not been active in either proposing or participating in specific programs. That, once these Economies have been identified, the Chair of ACT (or nominee/s) to meet with these Economies to identify ways they can either directly sponsor or become a co-sponsor of specific initiatives. <i>(combining recommendations #7 and #8)</i></p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 9.</p>		As per the	SCE2 2013	Yes

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<p>The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) identify a sub-group within the ACT to identify programs such as workshops, symposiums or conferences which could be conducted in Economies that have not been directly involved in previous events. This may involve an Economy providing financial assistance and/or guidance in the presentation of the program.</p>		recommendation		
<p>Recommendation to ACT 10. The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) reviews the current Terms of Reference of all other APEC Work Groups and Task Forces a to identify any potential synergistic relationships with the purpose of the ACT as outlined in the Terms of Reference of the ACT.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE-COW 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 11. Once this occurs, the Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) is to arrange meetings with the respective Fora to explore this relationship.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE-COW 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 12. The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) is to explore scheduling of SOM meetings to allow direct liaison between Fora where there is a common linkage.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013 / Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 13.</p>		As per the	SCE2 2013	Yes

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The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) identifies other organisations engaging in similar anti-corruption activities within the APEC region in order to determine where the ACT and these organisations engage in similar activities.		recommendation		
Recommendation to ACT 14. The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) is to identify unique activities in line with the ideals of APEC and consistent with the Terms of Reference of the ACT to allow the ACT to differentiate its activities from other similar organizations.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to ACT 15. The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) is to then develop projects and/or programs to allow the ACT to capitalise on this unique positioning.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to ACT 16. The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) identifies an appropriate process to enable quantitative and qualitative measurement of all ACT projects and/or programs.	APEC Secretariat The BMC is currently undertaking a pilot to review the effectiveness of a small subset of APEC projects. In undertaking work in this regard the ACT may wish to engage the BMC to encourage synergies in effort.	ACT to examine ways in which evaluations of project effectiveness can be undertaken.	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to ACT 17. The results of this research to be utilised to monitor and modify projects and/or programs to ensure APEC achieves maximum results from these activities.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	

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<p>Recommendation to ACT 18. Member Economies should be encouraged to nominate women either as representatives of the Economy or guests at ACT meetings and/or seminars, the workshops, symposiums.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013 / Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 19. The Chair of the ACT (or nominee/s) to form a sub-group with representatives from the PPWE to ensure the interests of women are considered in all planned activities.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to ACT 20. That the web site for the ACT is subject to regular review at least once every six months to ensure the links are updated and operative.</p>	<p>APEC Secretariat Responsibility for ensuring the ACT section of the APEC website lies with the relevant Program Director. Updates are expected following each ACT meeting.</p>	APEC Secretariat Program Director to review the ACT website on a regular basis as per the recommendation.	Ongoing	Yes