

ANNEX 9

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE ECOTECH IMPLEMENTATION OF APEC WORKING GROUPS AND SOM TASKFORCES: POLICY PARTNERSHIP ON WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY (PPWE)

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE				
<p>Recommendation to SCE1. Develop and Implement an efficient publicity and communications strategy both within Member Economies and across APEC Fora to elevate recognition on gender achievements. To help with this work the following actions could be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A compound including gender actions and achievements since 1996 could be prepared and be widely distributed and publicized. • This compound should be publicized at APEC and WEF websites, should include links to this section from other fora web pages. Email alerts can be sent to all focal points as and when new information and updates are uploaded into the websites. • Maintain this compound updated by providing a summary of achievements at the beginning of each PPWE meeting. • Report relevant achievements on gender-inclusiveness at the beginning of other fora meetings 	<p>APEC Secretariat The APEC Secretariat Communications and Public Affairs Unit will continue to support APEC in implementing agreed communications strategies and is prepared to work with members to design such strategies.</p>	<p>Communications strategy design to be led by PPWE and presented to a subsequent SCE meeting.</p>	SCE3 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to SCE2. Review current PPWE mechanism to request that all Economies and APEC Fora report on the proportion of women and men on their</p>		<p>PPWE should be invited to make a presentation and formal proposal in this regard</p>	SCE-COW 2013	Yes

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delegations and meetings to be effectively reported.		at the next SCE-COW meeting.		

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Recommendation to PPWE 1. Adopt as soon as possible PPWE's Strategic Plan. In this regard the following is recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of APEC's Secretariat proposal to technically assist sub-fora in the creation of a strategic plan. • Adopt a strategic plan with a clear vision and objectives from which a Working Plan will be easier to define. • To continue to set a reduced number of targeted topics for each meeting to focus PPWE's work and make it more efficient. • To review PPWE work plan annually through the efforts of volunteering economies representing different development levels. The review outcomes and suggestions should be reported in PPWE meetings for economies to follow. 	APEC Secretariat Technical assistance in the creation of strategic plans is offered with the generous assistance of the APEC Technical Assistance and Training Facility rather than through the Secretariat itself.	As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to PPWE 2. Create a Performance Chart which would include concrete variables of advancement on		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes

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<p>gender issues for both Member Economies and APEC fora to provide PPWE concrete tools to measure progress and success. Introducing gender variables in the vital information of APEC economies' performances would also help Leaders to better include gender into economic development policies.</p>				
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 3. Prioritize and focus on a small set of strategies and achievement of targets that should be followed up over the following year.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 4. Strengthening HLPDWE as a formal mechanism of the PPWE to elevate its recommendations within APEC. To do so, the following could be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include it as part of PPWE Terms of Reference. • Invite Economic and Trade Ministers and Advisers to attend the HLPDWE to ensure better mainstreaming across APEC • Assure that the HLPDWE includes closed sessions to lead to agreement on actions and not only restrict the meeting to the presentation of country-statements. A closed session may also facilitate the host economy to delegate activities to other economies to follow up throughout the year to promote the integration of gender considerations within APEC 		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes

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Recommendation to PPWE 5. Implement strategies to encourage former WLN members to actively participate		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to PPWE 6. Formalize as soon as possible PASC to be able to reassume PPWE’s work in assuring the use of gender-sensitive criteria in APEC projects.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to PPWE 7. Strengthen the assessment process through the following actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the assessment framework to be followed within PPWE to evaluate projects. Results from the APEC Symposium on GFPN Strategies held in Chinese Taipei in May 2010 could be revised. The correlation with other fora should be carefully addressed. • Extend gender considerations in the QAF. Currently they form one part of consideration of whether a project is satisfactory or unsatisfactory against “impact criteria”. The inclusion of a specific, stand-alone criterion in the QAF to determine if an economy has adequately mainstreamed gender in project methodology, implementation and anticipated impact could be very helpful to assure a successful gender perspective. 		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to PPWE 8. Evaluate the Gender Equality Guideline. To receive other fora feedback on the use of the		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes

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Gender Equality Guideline and be able to improve it, a half day workshop on the topic could be very useful. Currently Economies are unaware if the Guideline has been successful and facilitates other fora activities.				
Recommendation to PPWE 9. Assist to other fora meetings and promote consciousness regarding gender equality principles and the importance of their inclusion in project proposals.		As per the recommendation	ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to PPWE 10. Increase the capacity for cross-fora project funding and collaboration. Identify 2 or 3 Working Groups with whom to work on an activity or project to address gender as a cross cutting issue.		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
Recommendation to PPWE 11. Identify a strategy to reactivate former WLN members to actively participate in PPWE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take advantage of PPWE newly creation to ask Member Economies to provide a point of contact list for private sector delegates. • Evaluate the possibility of reusing APEC funded scholarships for female private sector delegates to attend as part of their economies delegation. 		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes

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<p>Recommendation to PPWE 12. Implement actions to share amongst PPWE, ABAC's women activities to identify projects to collaborate and avoid effort duplication.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 13. To increase interaction during the Public-Private Dialogue on Women, identify one issue on best practices of public-private collaboration per meeting and discuss it on a round table.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 14. Create an executive (including only relevant information in a synthesized manner), easy to access, to read and to update database on best gender integration best practices.</p>	<p>APEC Secretariat The APEC Secretariat Information Technology Unit is willing to provide support on the development of relevant IT projects, however there may constraints on the level of support due to resource limitations.</p>	As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 15. Create an executive (including only relevant information in a synthesized manner), easy to access, to read and to update database on APEC's gender achievements.</p>	<p>APEC Secretariat The APEC Secretariat Information Technology Unit is willing to provide support on the development of relevant IT projects, however there may constraints on the level of support due to resource limitations.</p>	As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 16. Both databases should be available on APEC website and publicized for Member Economies and all fora to visit. E mail alerts could be considered once new information is available.</p>	<p>APEC Secretariat The APEC Secretariat Information Technology Unit is willing to provide support on the development of relevant IT projects, however there may constraints on the level of support due to resource limitations.</p>	As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes

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<p>Recommendation to PPWE 17. Individual Action Plans should also be circulated prior to PPWE meetings in a standardized manner to give Member Economies an opportunity to compare and contrast with their own.</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 18. Agenda could be decided and circulated to PPWE points of contact earlier. Host Economies could commence their collaboration on preparing agenda for next year right after the meeting and generate pre-PPWE teleconferences to enrich the agenda and to help enhance communication among economies.</p>		As per the recommendation	Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 19. PPWE Management Council (PPWEMC) should meet before PPWE Meeting in order to effectively guide PPWE efforts. It should take place back to back with other relevant WG meetings to enable collaboration. Economies are encouraged to have a long term participation in the PPWEMC to facilitate the comprehensiveness and the coherence of the agenda preparation as well as the improvement for economies participation in PPWE meetings.</p>		As per the recommendation	Ongoing	Yes
<p>Recommendation to PPWE 20. Include in PPWE Strategic plan a specific strategy to increase cross fora</p>		As per the recommendation	SCE2 2013	Yes

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<p>cooperation. Actions such as the following could be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify three APEC relevant Working Groups to work with in an annual base. Include in this cooperation the assistance to their meetings as well as an invitation to PPWE’s ones and share relevant documentation. • Name other working groups co-chairs as gender contacts to share PPWE’s information or achievements, remind about the importance of use of gender criteria in project development and assist to PPWE’s meetings 				