

ANNEX 4

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INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG)

Recommendations by Independent Assessor	Comments from member economies and/or APEC Secretariat	Suggested Action to be taken by SCE or EWG	Proposed timeline to implement the recommendation by EWG	Agreement on the suggested action (Yes/No)
RECOMMENDATIONS TO EWG				
Recommendation to EWG 1. The EWG should continue to develop its Strategic Plan and ensure it covers the scope and activities of all the EWG subfora (including the Expert Groups and Task Forces) and identifies priorities for future work		As per the recommendation.	SCE-COW 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 2. The EWG should revise its terms of reference once the Strategic Plan is approved.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 3. The current process of using Expert Groups to review project proposals and concept notes is supported and should continue. This process could be enhanced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ensuring that concept notes are explicit in terms of definitions and the coverage of the project, including explicit linkages to overarching statements and directions and the EWG Strategic Plan; b) confirming there is a benefit to APEC as a whole, in addition to national and local benefits; c) confirmation in capacity building projects that there is an acceptance of the need and 		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes

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priority for capacity building from the recipient economies; and d) providing an analysis of linkages with similar projects of other organisations (including international and regional energy forums, international standards development agencies, UN agencies, WTO and EU projects).				
Recommendation to EWG 4. EWG delegations should ensure there are aware of the APEC project proposal process, including the multi-year funding facility for APEC projects and the project proposal training activities provided by the APEC Secretariat.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 5. The EWG support the APEC Secretariat proposal to the BMC to extend project completion dates to two years after the date of approval.		As per the recommendation.	SCE2 2014	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 6. The EWG should seek to have mutual observer/correspondence membership status with other relevant APEC subfora that are working on energy matters, and appoint a representative that can report on developments of interest to the EWG. Also it would be appropriate for the EWG to occasionally schedule their meetings in the margins of the Senior Officials Meetings.	<u>APEC Secretariat</u> : would note the existing policy on scheduling of meetings, which provides that to the maximum extent possible fora meetings should be held at the same time and place as major SOM meetings, as long as the host economy is willing.	As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes

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Recommendation to EWG 7. The APEC EWG and relevant APEC subfora should establish joint projects where the subject interfaces between both groups. This will avoid duplication and concentrate expertise on the subject.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 8. The use of the peer assessment tool should be maintained as an efficient method for information exchange and knowledge sharing on energy related topics.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 9. The use of regional workshops and symposiums to explore energy topics should be maintained as an efficient method for information exchange and knowledge sharing on energy related topics.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 10. All EWG delegations are encouraged to actively participate in the agenda setting of the EWG and subfora, and in preparing concept notes and project proposals. This is important to ensure a balanced set of policy and technical discussions within the APEC EWG, and meeting the interests of both developed and developing members.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes
Recommendation to EWG 11. All EWG delegations are encouraged to support the agenda setting for the Energy Trade and Investment Task Force, especially in terms of		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes

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actions to: a) encourage the diversification of energy sources; b) facilitate trade in energy products amongst APEC member economies; c) facilitate investment in developing both traditional and new energy sources; and d) engagement with private sector energy investors and establishing public/private energy partnerships.				
Recommendation to EWG 12. APEC member economies should consider options to enhance secretarial and technology support for EWG operations, especially in terms of: a) increasing the number of resources, and plan to revolve the Lead Shepherd and Secretariat functions around APEC member economies ; b) improving timely access to meeting information and papers, including enforcement of deadlines for submission of meeting material and making all documents electronically available prior to the meeting to allow for home-based consultations; c) moving to a paperless system for meeting documents; d) improving the consistency and linkages between the APEC, APEC EWG and Expert Group websites to allow for easier understanding and navigation of the information; and		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes

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e) establish an orientation presentation for new EWG delegates and other interested parties.				
Recommendation to EWG 13. APEC EWG to consider how it might better communicate the details of its projects and the outcomes achieved, especially to external policy, technical, professional and media organisations.		As per the recommendation.	Ongoing.	Yes