

ANNEX 8

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FUNDING CRITERIA FOR ALL APEC-FUNDED PROJECTS IN 2013

In assessing APEC-funded projects in 2013, priority should be given – pursuant to instructions from Leaders and Ministers – to funding capacity-building activities, with special emphasis on developing economies, in accordance with the following rankings. These criteria will be used for ranking all of APEC’s funded projects.

Rank 1: Projects that demonstrate a direct link to promoting regional economic integration via free and open trade and investment

This includes projects related to:

- Strengthening the Multilateral Trading System
- Promoting SMEs Development, including improving access to global market.
- Enhancing Supply Chain Connectivity, including through Infrastructure Development and Logistics Cooperation
- Activities under the APEC Environmental Goods and Services Programme Framework
- Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues
- Investment
- Services
- Standards, conformity assessment, technical regulations and regulatory cooperation
- Trade and Travel Facilitation
- Ease of doing business
- Information technology and digital economy
- Implementation of the APEC New Strategy for Structural Reform (ANSSR)

Rank 2: Projects that directly support the APEC Leaders' Growth Strategy

This includes project closely related to:

Balanced Growth

- Strengthening financial markets (including financial regulatory systems and capital market development), financial inclusion and ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability

Inclusive Growth

- Human resources development
- Women and the economy

Sustainable Growth:

- Promotion of Energy efficiency and Low Carbon technology, and Development of Renewable energy and alternative energy sources.
- Sustainable development of oceans and marine resources and their crucial role in climate change and food security
- Conservation, sustainable management, and rehabilitation of forest resources, combating illegal logging and associated trade

Secure Growth

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation of the Niigata APEC Action Plan on Food Security, including Food Safety ○ Strengthening health system and prevention and control of infectious and non-communicable diseases ○ Emergency preparedness and disaster management ○ Counter terrorism initiatives/anti-money laundering activities ○ Fighting corruption and improving governance and transparency <p>Innovative Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education ○ Promoting innovation policy and research cooperation, including for green jobs and industries
<p>Rank 3: Projects that are linked to other priorities identified by Leaders and Ministers but are less closely linked to regional economic integration via free and open trade and investment</p>
<p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities which contribute to balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative and secure growth in the long term such as Youth Issues and Tourism.

NOTES

Cross-cutting issues: All projects should maximise: regional economic integration; developing human capital; building linkage between APEC economies; gender equality; engagement of other APEC fora, ABAC, the private sector and other multilateral organisations; multi-year capacity building opportunities; and the spectrum of capacity building models and activities, although the extent to which projects incorporate these methodologies will not affect their priority rankings.

Prioritisation within a rank: In the event that there are more project proposals than available funding for initiatives within a particular rank, projects will be prioritized in accordance to the degree to which they contribute to its rank's objective (and therefore to the APEC's overall objective of the furtherance of the goal of economic integration via free and open trade and investment).