

SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation 2014 Work Plan

1. Proposed Work for 2014 in Response to Leaders'/ Ministers'/SOM Decisions and SCE Priorities.

- Provide policy recommendations that are related to ECOTECH groups, to SOM;
- Review the ECOTECH medium-term priorities;
- Coordinate and supervise all ECOTECH-related Working Groups and Taskforces;
- Provide strategic policy guidance on the ECOTECH agenda in the development of fora strategic plans;
- Conduct Independent Assessments of APEC fora and monitor the implementation by fora of previous reviews' recommendations;
- Subject to the ranking procedure, approve and rank all ECOTECH-related project proposals ahead of presentation to the Budget Management Committee (BMC);
- Prepare annual SCE Fora Report and SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers

2. Strengthening coordination among and across Fora

- Promote joint-meetings and capacity building across APEC fora;
- Supervise or coordinate cross-cutting initiatives assigned to SCE:
 - the Travel Facilitation Initiative;
 - Multi-Year Plan on Infrastructure Development and Investment;
 - APEC Initiative on Mainstreaming Ocean-Related Issues
- Identify further cooperation in cross-cutting issues in APEC to help deliver the goals and aims of the APEC Leaders Declaration and Ministerial Statements;
- Encourage all ECOTECH-related Working Groups and Taskforces to identify and reflect cross-cutting issues in annual work plans.

3. Capacity Building

- Identify ways to strengthen ways and focus capacity-building activities in APEC fora.
- Encourage all ECOTECH-related fora to reflect capacity-building work clearly in annual work plans

4. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2014

- Preparation of a strategic plan by all fora;
- Successful implementation of the Independent Assessments of the fora scheduled for completion this year, specifically
 - Human Resources Development Working group (HRDWG)
 - Tourism Working Group (TWG)
 - Mining Task Force (MTF)
 - Health Working Group (HWG)
- Commencement of new independent assessments for 2015;
- Issue revised ECOTECH medium-term priorities;

- 2014 SCE Fora Report;
- Submission of the annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers in October 2014.