

SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation 2015 Work Plan

1. Proposed Work for 2015 in Response to Leaders'/ Ministers'/SOM Decisions and SCE Priorities.

- Provide policy recommendations that are related to ECOTECH groups, to SOM;
- Establish an APEC capacity building policy;
- Coordinate and supervise all ECOTECH-related Working Groups and Taskforces;
- Provide 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;
 - the Mainstreaming Ocean-Related Issues Coordination Initiative
- Identify further cooperation in cross-cutting issues in APEC to help deliver the goals and aims of the APEC Leaders Declaration and Ministerial Statements, including through the preparation of a fora collaboration report at SCE2;
- Encourage all ECOTECH-related Working Groups and Taskforces to identify and reflect cross-cutting issues in annual work plans.

3. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2015

- Preparation of an APEC capacity building policy;
- Successful implementation of the Independent Assessments of the fora scheduled for completion this year, specifically
 - Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group (SMEWG)
 - Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG)
 - Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation (PPSTI)
 - Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG)
- Commencement of new independent assessments for 2016;
- 2015 SCE Fora Report;
- Submission of the annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers at AMM 2015.