

SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation 2018 Work Plan

1. Proposed Work for 2018 in Response to Leaders/ Ministers/SOM Decisions and SCE Priorities.

- Provide policy recommendations that are related to ECOTECH groups, to SOM;
- Coordinate and supervise all ECOTECH-related Working Groups and Task Groups, including reviewing and recommending any fora's ToR revision to SOM;
- Review the operation and effectiveness of the SCE;
- Provide policy guidance on the ECOTECH agenda in the development of sub-fora strategic plans;
- Continue to implement SCE's Decision on New Fora Assessment program;
- Monitor the implementation by sub-fora of previous Independent Assessment recommendations;
- Determine eligibility and score concept notes applying for funding under ASF sub-funds assigned to the responsibility of the SCE; and,
- Consolidate the SCE Fora Reports and prepare annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers.

2. Strengthening coordination among and across sub-fora

- Promote cross-fora collaboration across APEC sub-fora, including through implementation of the 2016 Recommendations on Cross-Fora Collaboration together with the 2017 APEC Guidelines on Promoting Cross-Fora Collaboration;
- Review and consider any possible options to make the SCE and SCE COW arrangements more effective; and,
- Supervise or coordinate cross-cutting issues and specific initiatives assigned to SCE, such as the Mainstreaming Ocean-Related Issues Steering Council.
- Consider options to coordinate the implementation of the 2017 APEC Action Agenda on Advancing Economic, Financial and Social Inclusion in the APEC Region, as directed by Leaders.

3. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2018

- Implementation of Standardized Fora Assessment Program, including convening of the Assessment Team for 2018, and developing the assessment schedule for 2019 and beyond.
- Consideration of new ways to strengthen cross fora collaboration through the SCE process;
- Approval of the SCE sub-fora's annual work plans;

- Review and approval of the Strategic Plans for those sub-fora with expiring strategic plans;
- Review and recommendation of the revised ToRs of certain sub-fora to SOM, including in connection with governance reforms agreed by SOM in 2017; and,
- Submission of the annual SOM Report on ECOTECH to Ministers at AMM 2018.