

## SUB-COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS PROCEDURES (SCCP)

### *Report for the*

### 2025 CTI ANNUAL REPORT TO MINISTERS

#### For AMM's information

##### (a) Key outcomes and achievements in 2025

- (i) Finalisation of the “APEC Non-Binding Guidelines for Customs & Cross-Border E-Commerce” (endorsed by SCCP on 24 July 2025)
- (ii) Establishment of the “2026 SCCP Friends of the Chair (FotC) Group” by SCCP on 1 August.
- (iii) Finalisation of the “SCCP Terms of Reference 2026-2029” (endorsed by SCCP on 24 July and 2 September, and by the CTI on 10 September 2025).
- (iv) Supported SCCP's four priority areas as identified in the SCCP Strategic Plan 2022-2025, which included:
  - **Priority on Accelerating Implementation of the WTO TFA**  
*The SCCP1 in Gyeongju and SCCP2 in Incheon on 26-28 February; and 30 July-1 August 2025 respectively exchanged information and capacity building efforts to support WTO-TFA implementation.*
  - **Priority on Enhancing Supply Chain Predictability and Connectivity in the APEC Region**  
*Through the SCCP project “Development of AEO Cooperation Scheme and Measurement of Economic Effects of AEO among APEC Member Economies”, members are provided with best practices for adoption and implementation of the AEO system in the region.*
  - **Priority on Exploring the Use of New Technology and Innovative Solutions to Secure Supply Chains**  
*Collective findings from the SCCP “Study on Best Practices in APEC Customs Administrations’ Responses to Cross-Border E-Commerce” offer a range of institutional and technological solutions through a comprehensive review and analysis of cases from APEC member economies. This includes e-commerce customs clearance systems and procedures, clearance platforms, data exchange mechanisms, revenue collection, partnership models, and examples of new technology adoption. The publication of SCCP research paper “Technological Solutions for Green Customs in the Asia-Pacific Region” ([link](#)) details the process undertaken to identify innovative technological solutions available globally and in line with the customs realities of the Asia-Pacific region that focuses on Customs Laboratory-assisted front-line controls, promoting collaboration and technical assistance across stakeholders. Additionally, in alignment with one of APEC 2025 Korea's key deliverables, “AI Cooperation”, the SCCP Exhibitions on Customs Technologies and AI-driven Customs shared experiences and innovative ideas on incorporating AI into customs practices.*
  - **Priority on Promoting Inclusion and Fostering Capacity Building in the International Trading Environment**

*The APEC Customs Business Dialogue (ACBD) convened during SOM3, with the theme ‘Innovation of Supply Chain Management’. Following the SCCP workshop, a publication on “Best Practices to Promote Transparency in the Logistic Supply Chain: Information Platforms of Logistic Services for Foreign Trade” ([link](#)) offers policy recommendations focused on strengthening transparency in international trade logistics through collaborative governance at logistic nodes, adoption of interoperable digital technologies, regulatory clarity, stakeholder engagement, and regional data-sharing initiatives.*

(b) Work undertaken by fora in pursuit of the [Putrajaya Vision 2040](#), including through the [Aotearoa Plan of Action \(APA\)](#)

- (i) Anchored on APV Economic Drive “Trade and Investment” - APA Collective Actions that *Supports the Aotearoa Plan of Action’s call to promote trade and investment facilitation for all, including by: (i) fully implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, and seeking to build on it where appropriate; (ii) working towards digitalizing border processes facilitated by application of internationally recognized standards, strengthening customs cooperation and increasing port cooperation...*

This is based on SCCP’s relevant meetings, side events and capacity building initiatives including the “International Origin Seminar”; and the “AEO Cooperation Scheme and Measurement of Economic Effects of AEO among APEC Member Economies”.

- (ii) APV Economic Driver “Innovation and Digitalisation” - APA Collective Actions that (i) *Adopt new and emerging technologies to stimulate growth, connectivity and digital transformation;*(ii) *Cooperate to accelerate digital transformation;* (iii) *Share best practice and promote approaches for a digital economy that fosters competition and promotes innovation; and (iv) Promote e-commerce / digital trade.*

Based on SCCP’s efforts on “Study on Best Practices in APEC Customs Administrations’ Responses to Cross-Border E-Commerce”; the “Exhibition on Innovative Technologies in Customs”; and the “AI Customs Exhibition”.

- (iii) APV Economic Driver “Strong, Balanced, Secure, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth” that *Cooperate in relevant APEC fora to develop, encourage and exchange best practice policies, and promote capacity building programmes, that address all environmental challenges - including climate change - and support sustainable growth, such as through ... trade, including APEC’s work on facilitation of trade in environmental goods and services.*

Based on SCCP’s initiatives on the “Best Practices to Support MSME Exporters in Implementing Trade-related Environmental Regulations for Sustainable Growth”; and the “APEC Non-Binding Guidelines for Customs & Cross-Border E-Commerce”.

(c) Work Undertaken by the fora in response to Ministerial, SOM and CTI direction  
Since 2024, SCCP’s priorities and initiatives have been built upon these:

- (i) 2024 APEC Leaders' Machu Picchu Declaration

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supports leaders' commitment to advancing Phase Three of the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan and enhancing supply chain connectivity to minimize adverse effects of disruptions, lower costs, facilitate trade and investment in the aim of establishing secure, resilient, sustainable, inclusive supply chains, and encourage capacity building to support these efforts.</li> <li>- Recognises the importance of facilitating trade in environmental related services and enhancing cooperation in green supply chains, supporting the transition to more circular economies.</li> </ul> <p>(ii) 2024 Ichma Statement on A New Look at the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific Agenda, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaborating within the CTI workstream to provide practical insights and to intensify information sharing mechanism</li> <li>- Advancing digitalization by implementing and promoting digital customs solutions such as electronic documents, paperless trade systems, and electronic origin data exchange systems.</li> </ul> <p>(iii) Lima Roadmap to Promote the Transition to the Formal and Global Economies 2025-2040</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advancing inclusive trade and investment environment to broaden access to markets and global trade participation. This includes in (i) Strengthening trade facilitation to promote and enhance MSMEs' participation in global markets, including by simplifying customs procedures, encouraging measures to facilitate paperless trade and enhancing customs cooperation through smart logistics and capacity building; and (ii) promoting the development of MSMEs, including by facilitating their resilient and sustainable growth and integration into the global economy and global supply chains.</li> </ul> <p>(iv) 2024 APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Joint Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate e-commerce and advancing cooperation on digital trade.</li> <li>- Support the accelerate the implementation of the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement</li> <li>- Promotes seamless connectivity, resilient supply chains and responsible business conduct.</li> </ul> <p>(v) 2023 Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrate sustainability into customs procedures, such as promoting the use of green technologies.</li> </ul> | <p>(d) Key Issues Under Discussion by the Fora (if any); &amp;<br/>Nil</p> |
| <p>(e) Private sector / Stakeholder engagement and cross-fora collaboration in 2025 (if any)</p> <p>(i) SCCP ongoing initiatives collaborate and complement with the 2025 ABAC Work Program through the ABAC Regional Economic Integration Working Group on "Facilitating Trade &amp; Supply Chains"; and "Digital Trade".</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                            |

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| <p>(ii) SCCP members during the SCCP meetings and events appreciated the updates and collaboration opportunities highlighted by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SCCP1: Global Express Association (GEA); United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP); World Customs Organization (WCO); World Trade Organization (WTO).</li> <li>▪ SCCP2: Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); World Customs Organization - Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P); UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Asian Development Bank (ADB); and Global Express Association (GEA).</li> </ul> <p>(iii) Engagements of expert speakers during the SCCP capacity building projects which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ APEC Funded Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SCCP 201 2024A (ROK) - Study on Best Practices for Using New Technologies and Innovative Solutions in Cross-Border E-Commerce: Focus on Customs Risk Management System and Customs-Business Cooperation, 28 July [UNESCAP; GEA; Expeditors International of Washington, LLC; US Council for International Business]</li> <li>- SCCP 202 2024A (ROK) - Best Practices to Support MSME Exporters in Implementing Trade-related Environmental Regulations for Sustainable Growth, 24-25 February [UN Environment Programme (UNEP); Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP); Korea Institute of Origin Information (KIOI); Naon Customs Corporation; United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC)]</li> <li>- SCCP 203 2024A (ROK) - Development of AEO Cooperation Scheme and Measurement of Economic Effects of AEO among APEC Member Economies, 25-26 February [WCO; WTO]</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Self-Funded Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SCCP 01 2024S (ROK) - Exhibition on Innovative Technologies in Customs, 24 February-27 February (SOM1); and 28 July-31 July (SOM3)</li> <li>- APEC Customs-Business Dialogue, 29 July [United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP); GEA; Maersk; Expeditors International of Washington, LLC; US Council for International Business]</li> <li>- International Origin Seminar, 29 July [ASEAN]</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>(f) Items to submit to Senior Officials or Ministers (if applicable)</p> <p>Not applicable</p> |
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