

Automotive Dialogue
Report for the
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For AMM’s information

(a) Key outcomes and achievements in 2025

- AD 41(9-10 May) and AD 42(1-2 August) discussed a broad range of issues on the Automotive Industry aligning with APEC priorities on innovation, sustainability, and inclusiveness.
 - Global and regional market trends and outlook of the automotive sector
 - Strategies to strengthen EV and battery ecosystems: battery safety, charging infrastructure quality, and hydrogen mobility
 - Trade and investment facilitation in the automotive sector
 - Future mobility technologies, including autonomous driving, AI, and robotics, and their societal impacts
 - Inclusiveness and sustainability in mobility systems
 - Evolving technical regulations and standards, including cybersecurity, telematics, and interoperability
- AD has been decided to be renewed and the terms of reference of AD has been successfully approved by CTI.
- Members discussed mid- to long-term strategic planning to enhance AD’s policy relevance and implementation capacity.
 - Proposing the process for identifying focus areas, setting KPIs, and lightweight progress monitoring
 - Highlighting the importance on project-driven discussions and tangible deliverables
 - Encouraging broader participation from economies, including those less active in recent years
 - Promoting submission of Concept Notes through continued outreach and capacity building efforts such as CN training session
 - Strengthening cross-for a collaboration with related APEC working groups to leverage synergies and ensure alignment on shared mobility and sustainability priorities
- Additional sessions and contributions:
 - APEC Workshop on “Driving Innovation: Technologies for Human-Centric Mobility” covering inclusive mobility, sustainable mobility, and enhancing the mobility experience
 - Technical and policy presentations from member economies on national industry updates, market developments, and regulatory initiatives

Based on the discussions and outcomes of AD42, the Dialogue will finalize and submit policy recommendations to CTI, reflecting the focus on inclusive and sustainable mobility, strengthened project pipelines, and a results-oriented cooperative model.

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

Trade and Investment ;

- The forum fosters resilient and diversified supply chains through cooperation in critical minerals, EV battery value chains, and charging infrastructure. It promotes institutional connectivity by aligning regulatory approaches across economies, facilitating smoother cross-border trade. People-to-people connectivity is enhanced through inclusive public-private engagement and exchange of expertise among policymakers and industry leaders.

Innovation and Digitalization by;

- The AD promotes an enabling environment for innovation by discussing future mobility solutions, including autonomous driving, AI integration, and connected vehicle technologies.

Strong, Balanced, Secure, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth by;

- AD supports empowering SMEs and developing economies to participate in global mobility value chains. It also addresses EV battery recycling, hydrogen fuel cells, and alternative energy sources (e.g., solar, wind, hydro).

(c) Work Undertaken by the fora in response to Ministerial, SOM and CTI direction

- N.A.

(d) Key Issues Under Discussion by the Fora (if any); &

- N.A.

(e) Private sector / Stakeholder engagement and cross-fora collaboration in 2025 (if any)

- The Automotive Dialogue itself was formed as industrial dialogue as a public-private partnership forum. Each economy delegation includes members from both government and industry or related academia. There was various participation from members of private sectors not only auto association but also a company and institutes: Kia (Korean auto company), Korea Automotive Technology Institute (KATECH), Korea Automobile Testing & Research Institute, Malaysia Automotive, Robotics and IoT Institute, China Automotive Technology and Research Center.
- AD also had a collaboration with other stakeholders, including SP Global and Bloomberg, to attract mutual interest in AD members and the main Auto stakeholders.
- There were active cross-fora collaboration with EWG and TPTWG. The Lead Shepherds of EWG and TPTWG provided the overview of their activities to AD, and AD co-chair shared the main outcome of AD in TPTWG.

(f) Items to submit to Senior Officials or Ministers (if applicable)

- N.A.