

Chemical Dialogue
Report for the
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For AMM’s information

(a) Key outcomes and achievements in 2025 • Worked to prevent barriers to trade by and facilitate trade in chemicals by implementing three workshops: minimizing unnecessary confidential business information at the border (SOM 1), building resilient supply chains for the chemical sector (SOM 3), and plastic recycling technologies (SOM 3). • Continuous update of the “GHS Reference and Exchange Tool” (GREAT), an online database of information related to labeling requirements for different economies.
(b) Work undertaken by fora in pursuit of the Putrajaya Vision 2040, including through the Aotearoa Plan of Action (APA) Through the Aotearoa Plan of Action: • Supports implementing the APEC Roadmap on Marine Debris and advances APEC’s circular economy work. • Aims to reduce unnecessary barriers to trade and foster regulatory convergence. • Deepen engagement with ABAC and the private sector. Putrajaya + Aotearoa Plan of Action • Promotes seamless connectivity, resilient supply chains and responsible business conduct.
(c) Work Undertaken by the fora in response to Ministerial, SOM and CTI direction Facilitating Trade and Regulatory Alignment • The CD emphasizes the facilitation of trade and the enhancement of sound chemical management through regulatory cooperation and alignment. This approach reduces trade barriers and supports the creation of a seamless regional market, aligning with the Ichma Statement's goal of fostering a cooperative and evolving FTAAP agenda. Promoting Sustainable Economic Development • The CD actively promotes understanding of its contributions to sustainable economic, environmental, and social development. Initiatives such as the “Confidential Business Information Workshop” held at SOM 1 in 2025 aim to build capacity among APEC member

economies, particularly developing ones, by enhancing proficiency in chemical risk management and customs clearance. These efforts align with the Ichma Statement's emphasis on adaptability and responsiveness to emerging global challenges and the evolving needs of economies. Enhancing Public-Private Collaboration • The CD serves as a unique platform for trade/environment officials and industry representatives to collaboratively address challenges in the chemical industry. By facilitating effective cooperation between industry and governments, the CD improves chemical product stewardship and safety. This collaborative approach supports the Ichma Statement's vision of a regional trade and investment environment that is both adaptable and responsive to global challenges.
(d) Key Issues Under Discussion by the Fora (if any); & The primary issue undertaken by the Chemical Dialogue was its future. Economies were not able to reach consensus on a new Terms of Reference. As a result, the CD will terminate at the end of 2025. Until then, the CD will continue to fulfill its mandate by working to complete all ongoing projects and deliverables.
(e) Private sector / Stakeholder engagement and cross-fora collaboration in 2025 (if any) • The CD is designed as a group that includes both government and private sector representatives. • The Confidential Business Information (CBI) Workshop, which was implemented in February 2025, was a cross-fora collaboration between the CD and the SCCP. • The Virtual Working Group on Marine Debris is a partnership between the CD and the Oceans and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG).
(f) Items to submit to Senior Officials or Ministers (if applicable) • None