

APEC Secretariat Updates

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of the APEC Energy Working Group
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Project Session Dates for 2025 - Project Session 1

Concept Notes:

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| CN Submission Deadline*: Project Overseers submit Concept Notes to Program Directors (via email) | <u>Thursday, 13 March</u> |
| CN Endorsement Deadline All the Concept Notes are endorsed by all relevant fora (via email) | Tuesday, 8 April |
| CN Upload Deadline: Project Overseers upload the endorsed Concept Notes (on APAS) | <u>Wednesday, 16 April</u> |
| Responsible APEC Fora assess Concept Note eligibility and conduct scoring (on APAS) | 29 April – 16 May |
| BMC in-principle approval of Concept Notes (via email) | 27 May – 2 June |
| Project Overseers notified of funding results (via email) | Tuesday, 3 June |

Project Proposal:

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| PP Submission deadline: Project Overseers submit Project Proposals to Program Director on APAS | <u>Monday, 23 June</u> |
| Upon completion of endorsement, Project Overseers submit the endorsed Project Proposal on APAS | From Wednesday, 23 July |
| Project Overseers notified of Final Approval | July to November 2025 (1st batch: First 40 PPs) November 2025 to January 2026 (2nd batch: Remaining PPs) |

* Concept Notes must be submitted at this deadline with minimum co-sponsors already agreed. (e.g., EELCER sub-fund: 4 co-sponsors)

Note: All submission deadlines are set at **12:00pm (Noon) Singapore Time.**

Project Session Dates for 2025 - Project Session 2

Concept Notes:

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| CN Submission Deadline*: Project Overseers submit Concept Notes to Program Directors (via email) | <u>Wednesday, 2 July</u> |
| CN Endorsement Deadline All the Concept Notes are endorsed by all relevant fora (via email) | Monday, 28 July |
| CN Upload Deadline: Project Overseers upload the endorsed Concept Notes (on APAS) | <u>Tuesday, 5 August</u> |
| Responsible APEC Fora assess Concept Note eligibility and conduct scoring (on APAS) | 18 August – 4 September |
| BMC in-principle approval of Concept Notes (via email) | 15 – 19 September |
| Project Overseers notified of funding results (via email) | Monday, 22 September |

Project Proposal:

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| PP Submission deadline: Project Overseers submit Project Proposals to Program Director on APAS | <u>Friday, 10 October</u> |
| Upon completion of endorsement, Project Overseers submit the endorsed Project Proposal on APAS | From Tuesday, 11 November |
| Project Overseers notified of Final Approval | November 2025 to March 2026 (First batch: 1st 40 PPs) March to June 2026 (2nd batch: Remaining PPs) |

* Concept Notes must be submitted at this deadline with minimum co-sponsors already agreed. (e.g., EELCER sub-fund: 4 co-sponsors)

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Project Session 1 2025 - Available Project Funds

| Project Fund | Amounts in US\$ |
|---|----------------------|
| General Project Account (GPA) | \$ 361,500 |
| TILF & Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation Account (TILF) | \$ 642,900 |
| ASF Support Fund (ASF) General Fund | \$ 1,722,300 |
| ASF Sub-Funds | |
| Human Security | \$ 319,200 |
| Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon and Energy Resiliency Measures (EELCER) | \$ 1,374,200 |
| Supply Chain Connectivity (SCC) | \$ 137,600 |
| Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and Global Value Chains (FTAAP and GVCs) | \$ 72,300 |
| Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth (IERG) | \$ 714,300 |
| Connectivity | \$ 706,400 |
| Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) | \$ 142,600 |
| Women and the Economy | \$ 350,400 |
| Digital Innovation | \$ 1,046,600 |
| Marine Debris Management and Innovation (MDMI) | \$ 1,014,100 |
| Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure (SELI) | \$ 841,000 |
| Enhanced APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (EAASR) | \$ 715,700 |
| Structural Reform and Sustainable Green Growth | \$ 827,400 |
| Promoting Digitalisation for Green Transitions | \$ 450,000 |
| Total Amount Available (GPA +TILF +ASF Sub-Funds) | \$ 11,438,500 |

Concept Notes submitted to Project Session 1, 2025

| Proposing Economy | Project Title |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Hong Kong, China | APEC Practical Training on District Cooling and Heating Systems (DCHS) |
| Viet Nam | APEC Workshop on Improving Governance and Policy Environment for Sustainable Energy Transition |
| Viet Nam | APEC Workshop on Promoting the Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Future Energy and Sustainable Development |
| Japan | Capacity Building Workshop for New and Renewable Energy Policy |
| China | Sustainable and Resilient Communities: A Guide to Off-Grid Multi-energy Complementary Microgrids Toolkit |
| Chile | Local demand as an enabler to a low-carbon hydrogen economy |
| <i>(PPSTI) Thailand</i> | <i>Capacity Building to Accelerate Investment on Energy Resilient Infrastructure towards APEC Energy Goals</i> |
| <i>(SCSC) China</i> | <i>Standards and best practices sharing on carbon reduction and capture and carbon emission management in urban wastewater treatment</i> |
| <i>(SCSC) Indonesia</i> | <i>Reaction to COVID-19: Strengthening Quality Infrastructure for Energy Efficiency of Lighting Products in Residential in the APEC region (First Follow-Up Workshop)</i> |

APEC ENERGY WORKING GROUP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE TENTATIVE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. ALL APEC ECONOMIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO EACH EVENT.

| Dates | Title | Location | Participants |
|-------------------|--|------------------|--|
| 8-11 April 2025 | Joint Expert Group Meeting (EGCFE, EGEDA, EGEEC, and EGNRET) | Hong Kong, China | Expert Group Representatives |
| 8 April 2025 | Promoting Energy Efficiency Enhancement in Electricity Generation* (HKC: EWG 211 2023A) | Hong Kong, China | Nominated Policymakers and Experts |
| 8 April 2025 | The 8th APEC Oil and Gas Security Network Forum (JPN/APERC: EWG 07 2024S: Self-funded) | Hong Kong, China | Nominated Policymakers and Experts |
| 5-6 May 2025 | Certification of Hydrogen and its Derivatives in APEC Economies: its role in the driving market (CHL: EWG 105 2024A) | Santiago, Chile | Nominated Policymakers and Experts |
| 12-13 June 2025* | APEC Workshop on Promoting New Smart Materials for Sustainable Energy (VN: EWG 203 2024A) | Ha Noi, Viet Nam | Preparing for the nomination |
| 1-2 July 2025* | Floating Offshore Wind Farms development in APEC economies for both electricity and green hydrogen production (CHL: EWG 106 2024A) | Santiago, Chile | Preparing for the nomination |
| 25-26 August 2025 | EWG70 & Associated Meetings | Busan, Korea | EWG and Expert Group Representatives |
| 27-28 August 2025 | 15 th Energy Ministers Meeting | Busan, Korea | Energy Ministers and their representatives |

Fora Assessment for EWG

*“The SCE recommended **the renewal of the EWG**, OFWG and PPWE and provided instructions for follow up actions to be undertaken by the above-mentioned SCE sub-fora (see Annex B; C; & D).”*

Annex B: SCE Recommendation on the Renewal of the EWG

The SCE met on 23 August 2024 and recommended the renewal of the EWG with the following follow-up instructions for the EWG’s action:

1. The EWG, Expert Groups, Research Centres, Task Forces and Satellite Websites (APEC Energy Standards Information System (ESIS) and The Energy Smart Communities Initiative (ESCI) to **draft ToRs** with four-year time horizons, sunset clauses and submit for SCE approval in advance of 31 December 2025.
2. The Expert Groups, Research Centres and Task Forces ToRs to commit to **reporting back to EWG annually**; to adhering to APEC guidelines and policies, including ensuring that APEC-branded outputs are first endorsed by EWG.
3. The EWG to **update its’ Strategic Plan**.
4. The EWG to **review all websites** and instruct relevant members to update/ discontinue websites non-compliant with APEC policies or out of date. In the event no economy is responsible for a website, it is to be discontinued.
5. The EWG to **report to SCE** on its actions **by SCE1 in 2025**