

Illustrative List of Possible APEC Actions to Support the APEC Leaders' Growth Strategy

We, the Senior Officials of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), have prepared the following illustrative list of ongoing and possible forthcoming APEC actions to support the APEC Leaders' Growth Strategy. These actions are sorted according to our critical integrated work elements and contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan referenced in the Growth Strategy. Some of these actions are already ongoing, while others are in the planning stage.

A. Structural Reform

Actions	Fora
I. APEC New Strategy for Structural Reform	
(i) Promote more open, well-functioning, transparent and competitive markets. Focus on regulatory reform, competition policy, corporate law and governance, public sector governance, and Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) priority areas. Leverage APEC's traditional strengths in voluntary cooperation, capacity building, sharing of best practices, and working with the private sector, in a multi-year framework.	EC CPLG
(ii) Assist economies in promoting labor market opportunities, education, and training.	HRDWG
(iii) Promote better functioning and effectively regulated financial markets.	SFOM
(iv) Promote sustained SME development and enhance opportunities for the vulnerable and women, e.g., the APEC Women's Entrepreneurship Summit.	SCE GFPN SMEWG
(v) Promote effective and fiscally sustainable social safety net programs.	HRDWG
II. Make Doing Business Cheaper, Faster, and Easier	
(i) Promote capacity building on the EoDB priority areas: Starting a Business, Getting Credit, Enforcing Contracts, Dealing with Permits, and Trading Across Borders.	SOM, EC, CTI
III. Infrastructure Finance for Growth, Competitiveness and Poverty Reduction	
(i) Promote infrastructure finance by mobilizing both public and private financing.	SFOM

B. Human Resource and Entrepreneurship Development

Actions	Fora
I. Develop Human Resources, Vigorously Promote Employment, and Achieve Inclusive Growth	
(i) Implement the Action Plan for Developing Human Resources, Vigorously Promoting Employment, and Achieving Inclusive Growth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Accelerate job creation by employment-oriented growth through sound macroeconomic policies. – Strengthen Social Safety Nets and the link between employment and social protection policies to exploit potential synergies. – Build a skilled and adaptable APEC workforce into and beyond recovery through enhancing education and training. 	HRDWG
(ii) Promote competencies and skills of future work through quality technical and vocational education and training to enhance employment and build a more competent APEC workforce	HRDWG
(iii) Promote entry and temporary stay of business persons through the APEC Strategy on Movement of Business People.	GOS
(iv) Promote business activities through capacity building and creation of an attorney databank.	GOS

II. Reinvalidate Economic Growth with Dual Engines: SMEs and the Asia Pacific Economy		
(i)	Implement the SMEWG Strategic Plan 2009-2012. Priority areas are the Business Environment, Building Management Capability and Promoting Entrepreneurship, Market Access and Internationalization, Innovation, Financing, and Raise awareness of Sustainable Business Practices.	SMEWG
(ii)	Implement the "Strategy for Reinvalidating Economic Growth with Dual Engine: SME and Asia Pacific Economy." (a) Encourage a wider range of SME participation in high-growth sectors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop and present strategies or action plans to bring SMEs into future growth sectors. - Strengthen assistance for human resources development, innovation, business change, productivity improvement, and entrepreneurship. - Develop a coordinated approach between SME- and related agencies to implement measures aimed at improving the business environment for SMEs, in particular, access to finance including trade finance, capability building and the legal system. - Promote policy cooperation and sharing information and best practices among all APEC member economies. (b) Strengthen SMEs' access to global markets (First three items: the Gifu Initiative). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support SMEs to take advantage of each locality's domestic and regional resources to develop high value-added products and to sell to the global marketplace, through the APEC-wide and global "One Village One Product" model. - Promote exhibitions and trade shows that are open to the Asia-Pacific region's SMEs through APEC market-opening activities such as the APEC SME exhibition model and exhibition information sharing platforms. - Support SMEs to expand and strengthen networking by launching international internship and exchange programmes such as the APEC SME CEOs' Network. - Facilitate open and transparent business environments free from the high costs of corruption by the development of APEC codes of business ethics in sectors of export interest to APEC economies, beginning with the medical device sector. 	SMEWG
III. Financing For All		
(i)	Promote Small and Medium Enterprises Finance by sharing best practices and enhancing institutional capacities among our economies through technical assistance.	SFOM
(ii)	Advance the financial inclusion initiative to identify and spread best policy and regulatory practices to foster the expansion of financial inclusion across the APEC region and encourage the development of viable models.	SFOM
(iii)	Hold a policy dialogue on financial inclusion, "Accelerating Financial Inclusion in the Asia-Pacific: An Operational Dialogue on Innovative Financial Inclusion Policies."	SFOM

C. Green Growth

Actions		Fora
I. Make APEC a Low Carbon Society		
(i)	Promote energy efficiency measures through the Peer Review on Energy Efficiency (PREE) and the Cooperative Energy Efficiency Design for Sustainability (CEEDS).	EWG
(ii)	Introduce and implement a peer review mechanism on non-fossil energy related policies like the APEC Peer Review on Energy Efficiency (PREE).	EWG
(iii)	Promote the dissemination of low-carbon technologies through the "Low-Carbon Model Town Project," which demonstrates some successful models of organized usage of low-carbon technologies in an area, e.g., city, town or district.	EWG
(iv)	Undertake activities to analyze, rationalize and phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption, and to reduce waste and limit CO2 emissions while protecting the poor.	EWG

(v) Promote energy conservation activities through the introduction of more energy efficient ICT devices and systems, including data centers and ICT utilization in many sectors and new ICT services such as cloud computing (Green ICT).	TELWG
(vi) Exchange information on initiatives to address aviation's climate change impacts and harmonize systems for more effective and efficient transportation operations.	TPTWG
(vii) Highlight Sustainable Development as a key action area and support related projects.	ISTWG
(viii) Discuss green growth and implement a project on Green Finance.	SFOM
II. Lay the Foundation for Dissemination and Enhanced Utilization of Environmental Goods and Services (EGS)	
(i) Implement the APEC EGS Work Program with revised mapping in 2010.	CTI
(ii) Provide public and private stakeholders in APEC with the latest information, studies, projects, and commitments on EGS through the APEC EGSIE (EGS Information Exchange) website.	MAG
(iii) Develop activities to facilitate trade of energy efficient products through work on standards and conformance, including studies and workshops in the areas of home appliances, solar standards and green commercial building.	SCSC
(iv) Conduct a mapping exercise on energy efficiency standards, labeling, and testing and measurement procedures for electric appliances in each APEC economy and their alignment with international standards to understand any divergence and convergence in these fields in APEC.	EGEE&C
(v) Promote sustainable tourism measures and programs by looking at the opportunities for, and barriers to, sustainable tourism; develop best practices related to energy efficiency.	TWG
(vi) Promote projects to establish ecotourism as tourism which serves to sustain the natural environment, and prosperity of local communities; develop the tourism industry in a balanced manner.	GOS/TWG

D. Knowledge-Based Economy

Actions	Fora
I. Increase Regional Value-Add by Upgrading IP Infrastructure	
(i) Develop a web-based platform for (a) smooth information exchange among IP academies as well as among APEC economies and (b) effective information dissemination in the context of public outreach.	IPEG
(ii) Create a one-stop website providing access to forms for requesting that the search/examination results of one IP Office be referred to by another IP Office.	IPEG
(iii) Align domestic standards with international standards and promote standardization in advanced technologies, e.g., renewable energy. Promote international standardization activities in the Asia-Pacific region in cooperation with specialist regional bodies including the Pacific Area Standards Congress.	SCSC
II. Realize Smart Socioeconomic Activities through ICT Application	
(i) Share best practices in each economy through workshops and seminars and identify benefits and challenges for the application of ICT in areas such as environment health, education, energy, transport and emergency response.	TELWG
(ii) Survey conditions for introducing Health IT to identify the priority areas.	LSIF
III. Promote Digital Prosperity	
(i) Implement the TEL's Strategic Action Plan, focusing on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop ICT to promote new growth. - Enhance socio-economic activities through the use of ICT. - Promote a safe and trusted ICT environment. - Promote regional economic integration. - Strengthen cooperation in the ICT sector. 	TELWG
(ii) Promote services trade utilizing ICT, through information sharing.	GOS

IV. Enhance Innovation as a Primary Growth Driver	
(i) Conduct a dialogue called the Innovation Policy Forum, where APEC economies can share their experiences and best practices with a view to raising and widening their capacity for policy making and implementation.	ISTWG
(ii) Take actions in the life sciences to help stimulate innovation, encourage investment, promote ICT application, assist sustainable development in bioscience-related industries, and accelerate regulatory harmonization work on medical products.	LSIF

E. Human Security

Actions	Fora
I. Strengthen Food Security: Realize Sustainable Development in the Agricultural Sector; Facilitate Investment, Trade and Markets	
(i) Implement the “APEC Action Plan on Food Security.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Develop a platform for information sharing. – Expand food supply capacity. – Enhance disaster preparedness in agriculture. – Develop rural communities. – Confront challenges in climate change and natural resource management. – Promote investment in agriculture. – Facilitate trade in food and agricultural products. – Strengthen confidence in agricultural markets. – Improve the agribusiness environment. – Improve food safety practice. 	SOM Food FotC, ATCWG EPWG HLPDAB MAG
II. Healthy Oceans and Fisheries Management	
(i) Implement the Paracas Action Agenda on “Healthy Oceans and Fisheries Management towards Food Security” focusing on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Sustainable development and protection of the marine environment. – Impact of climate change on the oceans. – Promote free and open trade and investment. – The role of oceans in food security. 	MRCWG FWG
III. Reduce Threats and Disruptions to Business and Trade	
(i) Improve the operation of the APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) scheme including exploring the introduction of a biometric ABTC with smart card technology.	BMG
(ii) Develop Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) programs and encourage mutual recognition of these programs to secure and facilitate international trade. Implement the Trade Recovery Programme (TRP) to promote the safe and quick resumption of trade flows following a major terrorist incident.	SCCP, CTTF
(iii) Encourage greater participation by APEC economies in the APEC Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS) which allows real-time validation of passport data between participating economies, thereby enhancing security at the point of departure without impeding other travelers’ movements.	BMG
(iv) Improve health security and systems in the APEC region with a focus on the new priorities of infectious disease threats; non-communicable diseases; and health system strengthening.	HWG
(v) Implement the 2009-2015 APEC Strategy on Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Preparedness and Response.	EPWG

Note

1. This is not an exhaustive list of relevant actions and is a living one to be updated based on the implementation of the APEC Growth Strategy.
2. Funding of some listed actions will need to be approved by relevant APEC fora in due course.
3. One listed action may contribute to other work elements besides that under which the project is categorized.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

ATCWG	Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group
BMG	Business Mobility Group
CPLG	Competition Policy and Law Group
CTI	Committee on Trade and Investment
CTTF	Counter Terrorism Task Force
EC	Economic Committee
EGEE&C	Expert Group on Energy Efficiency and Conservation
EPWG	Emergency Preparedness Working Group
EWG	Energy Working Group
Food FotC	SOM's Friend of the Chair Group on Food Issues
FWG	Fisheries Working Group
GFPN	Gender Focal Point Network
GOS	Group on Services
HLPDAB	High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology
HRDWG	Human Resource Development Working Group
HWG	Health Working Group
IPEG	Intellectual Property Expert Group
ISTWG	Industrial Science and Technology Working Group
LSIF	Life Sciences Innovation Forum
MAG	Market Access Group
MRCWG	Marine Resource Conservation Working Group
SCCP	Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures
SCE	SOM Steering Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation
SCSC	Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance
SFOM	Senior Financial Official Meeting
SMEWG	Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group
SOM	Senior Official Meeting
TELWG	Telecommunications and Information Working Group
TPTWG	Transportation Working Group
TWG	Tourism Working Group