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Agenda Item: 4

## **ABAC Intervention at PPFS Management Council**

Purpose: Consideration

Submitted by: ABAC



**Policy Partnership on Food Security -  
Management Council Meeting  
Moscow, Russia  
5 February 2012**

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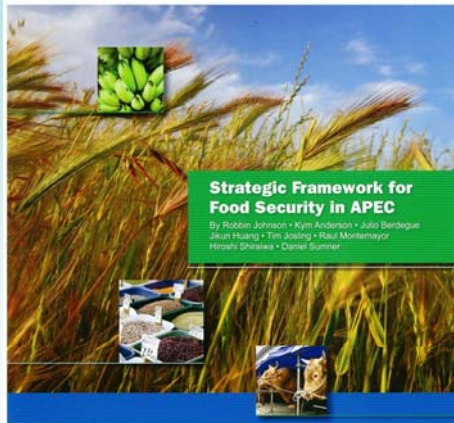
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## ABAC Intervention at PPFS Management Council

Moscow, February 5 2012

## Seeking a strong, strategic framework for food security in APEC



Prepared for the APEC Business Advisory Council and National Center for APEC by  
the International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council

- ABAC has for 10 years championed for a PPFS
- Sincerely welcomes its inception
- Hope today's discussion can construct firm foundations
- Look forward to a strong 2012 agenda and action plan with some clear, early deliverables
- Will report back conclusions from today's meeting at ABAC1 in Hong Kong later this month



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## ABAC view on today's priorities

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- Clarify/confirm PPFS powers, and reporting lines
- Who will representatives be, and how selected?
- How will funding and secretariat roles be organised?
- What should the “normal” meeting cycle look like?
- How will each year’s “Action Plan” be drawn up and developed, to ensure clear and concrete deliverables?
- Premature to discuss substantive content



## Urgent priorities

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- **Kazan PPFS Plenary:**
  - Members organise themselves
  - Review other Food Security for a (APEC, FAO, WB, G20, G8, WWF)
  - Set long term vision/objectives
  - Set 2012 Agenda
  - Prepare input to Ministerial
- **Most important is to get members properly in place: March 1?**



## Selection process: Government representatives

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- Should be “appropriately senior”
- Should represent “demand side”, not just “supply side”

## Selection process: Business representatives

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- Up to three per economy?
- Draw from “demand side” as well as “supply side”
- Draw from business organisations with food security concerns
- ABAC (among others) to be entitled to recommend
- Formal nomination should be the responsibility of Government with SOM to confirm “in consultation with ABAC”
- Appointment for 3 years, with a renewal option for 2 years
- Co-chair from business to be appointed by PPFS business members, initially for three years, to ensure continuity