

Report of the Management Council Meeting of the Policy Partnership on Food Security, 6 April 2013, Singapore

The Policy Partnership on Food Security Management Council Meeting was held on 6 April 2013, in Singapore. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Achmad Suryana, the Chair of PPFS for 2013, Mr. Pavel V. Skurikhin, Mr. Frank Ning, as Vice Chairs. The Meeting was attended by government and private sector representatives from Australia, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, and the United States of America. Members of ABAC and the APEC Secretariat also attended.

Opening Remarks from Dr. Achmad Suryana, Chair of PPFS for 2013

Dr. Achmad Suryana, Chair of PPFS for 2013 delivered an opening remark, highlighting that the based on agreed working principles of PPFS Management Council, this Meeting was convened so that the Chair, Vice Chairs and interested PPFS members can jointly develop the agenda for the PPFS Plenary Meeting in June 2013. The Management Council Meeting also provided the opportunity for the Working Groups to report on the progress of their works since the last PPFS Plenary in January 2013.

Draft Agenda for the PPFS Plenary Meeting in Medan, June 2013

The Meeting discussed and agreed in principle on the draft Agenda for PPFS Plenary Meeting in Medan during 22-24 June 2013 as proposed by the Chair and Indonesia as the Host of APEC 2013. The Meeting also endorsed, in principle, proposed activities for the Farmer's Day on 22 June 2013.

The proposed topics of discussions on Farmer's Day and the PPFS Plenary will include;

- State of the Art: Farmers and Food Security
- Strategic Partnership along the Food Value Chain
- Hearing Voices of the Farmers

PPFS members from New Zealand, Australia, ABAC, and United States provided comments and inputs to the proposed discussions on the Farmer's Day, which should included a presentation on how marine and aquaculture relate to Food Security, comparison analysis on the types of farms as part of strategic partnership along the Food Value Chain, Sharing of Best Practices by the farmers and the private sector. A recommendation to invite farmers from Indonesia, Viet Nam and Thailand to share their experiences was also made.

The Chair welcomed the inputs and will try to incorporate the recommendations to the Farmer's Day activities and will work with PPFS members inter-sessionally to finalize the program. The proposed PPFS 2nd Meeting is then given in Appendix 1.

Progress Reports from PPFS' Working Groups

The Meeting welcomed and appreciated the progress reports by each of the 4 PPFS WGs, and appreciated the hard work by all members to ensure that the work of PPFS progress according the 2013 Action Plan and, more importantly in achieving Food Security in 2020. Some key developments included;

- WG1 The Co-Chairs (JPN, USA, Russia) reported that
- The drafting of Road Map will be carried out in line with the Operating Guideline for WG and the final draft will be circulated to PPFS members at least two weeks before PPFS Plenary in June 2013 (Appendix 2).
 - The Co-Chairs also asked the Chair to revise the WG1 member list with additional members and distribute the revised lists to all WG1 members. The updated, current list will also be maintained at the ABAC website for all PPFS to view.
 - The three Co-Chairs aim to present first revised draft of Roadmap by April 19, 2013 and distribute it to all WG1 members for comments.

- The three Co-Chairs aim to present the second draft by May 17, 2013 for comments and inputs.
- By June 8, 2013 the three co-chairs will coordinate a final consensus draft based on all comments and will submit the final draft to PPFS Chair, two weeks before the PPFS Plenary on 22-24 June 2013.

WG2 The Chair (Indonesia) reported that:

- Some WG 2 members have also started to propose activities. For example for strengthening resilience of small holders, one activity was proposed to have a workshop on conservation and utilization of indigenous vegetables to share best practices and develop recommendations on the sustainable conservation of IVs varieties in the APEC region.
- In similar spirit, another WG member has also been proposing to enhance and mainstreaming local indigenous knowledge in conserving natural resources, that is a combination of threefold work streams of strengthening farmers cooperation, strengthening resilience of small holders, and enhancing positive externalities of agriculture; or even activity to develop a monitoring system of implementation of sustainable agriculture and fisheries to ensure sustainable management of natural resources.
- Progress report of WG 2 is presented on Appendix 3.

WG3 The Chair (Russia) reported that

- JPN will hold a seminar on the Principle on Responsible Agricultural Investment in June 2013, along the margin of PPFS Plenary.
- Progress report of WG 3 is attached on Appendix 4.

WG4 The Chair (New Zealand) reported that

- The WG will continue to work towards enhancing trade and markets in food security.

Closing Remarks

Dr Suryana (PPFS Chair 2013 closed the meeting. In his remarks he emphasized some important points for the success of PPFS. As we have agreed on the PPFS agenda and each WGs has completed updating their works and offered gratitude and vote of thanks to ABAC Singapore for its generous help that MC PPFS meeting could be conducted successfully. Some important points to be followed by PPFS Chair Office and WGs are, among others:

1. As time limit is approaching for PPFS Plenary 2 in Medan, each WG should work even harder to meet with the schedule in PPFS Plenary 2 within the framework of procedure and time frame agreed upon.
2. As the main goal for PPFS 2013 is to provide inputs to our Leaders on how partnership between privates and governments could substantially contribute to achieving food security in the region in 2020, the Chair would take more active parts of consolidating inputs of each WG so inputs to the Leaders could be delivered timely.
3. To facilitate the works of WG2, the Chair requested the APEC Secretariat to provide updated Working Group list with their email addresses to be circulated to the Working Groups' Chairs-Co-Chairs and members.

**ANNOTATED AGENDA PPFS Plenary 2
Policy Partnership on Food Security
Medan-North Sumatera, 22-24 June 2013**

1. Opening:
PPFS will be officially opened by the Minister of Agriculture. Before official opening, several opening remarks from the Chair and Vice Chairs will be delivered and followed by welcoming address by Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
2. Adoption of the Agenda (**DOC 01/for consensus**).
3. State of the Art: Farmers and Food Security.
*Farmers' role in pursuing sustainable food security is obviously important. Farmers in Asia are mostly small-scale farmers. This agenda would present conditions, capacity, challenges, and ways improve farmers' role in achieving sustainable global food security. (**Doc 002 for discussion**)*
4. Strategic partnership along the food value chain.
International organizations have develop PRAI (Principle of Responsible Agriculture Investment). This agenda would seek ways to include farmers along the food value chain, that farmers could benefit from a more concentrated food trade. (**Doc 003 for discussion**)
5. Hearing Voices of Farmers.
Farmers representatives from each economy would be allocated 5-10 minutes to voice their concern and hope for PPFS in achieving global food security. The agenda will be concluded by summarizing farmers concerns and hopes formulated as a letter to PPFS.
6. Update from APEC Secretariat
The APEC secretariat will update PPFS on its new development.
7. Report on the intersessional work.
The PPFS Chair will present its intersessional work to the Plenary.
8. Report of Farmers' Day.
Farmers Representative will present its report on the previous farmers' day.
9. WGs Reports.
Each working group will present its progress report and seek further advice from PPFS.
10. PPFS Chair's note on Input to the Leaders
The Chair will present a concept note to be presented to SOM to be reported to the Leaders. The concept note will accomodate all the WGs reports and farmers concerns.
11. Other matters.
12. Closing.

TENTATIVE TIME TABLE

22 June 2013 : Farmers Day

07.30-09.00		Registration
09.00-09.30		Agenda 1: Opening: 1. Opening Remarks from PPFS Chair and Vice Chairs 2. Welcoming Address by Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry 3. Keynote Speech from Minister of Agriculture of Indonesia
09.30-10.00		Agenda 2. Adoption of the Agenda
10.00-10.30	EXPO	Coffee break and Opening EXPO/Exhibition by Minister of Agriculture
10.30-11.30		Agenda 3: State of the Art : Farmers and Food Security (FAO/IFAD/WFP)
11.30-12.00		Agenda 4: Strategic Partnership along the Food Value Chain (World Bank)
12.00-13.30		Lunch Break
13.30-15.00		Agenda 5: Hearing Voices of Farmers
15.00-15.30		Coffee Break
15.30-17.00		Agenda 5: (continued)
17.00-17.30		Concluding remark : Farmers' letter to PPFS

23 June 2013 : Plenary

09.00-09.30	EXPO	Agenda 6:Update from APEC Secretariat
09.30-09.45		Agenda 7: Report on Inter-sessional Work (by PPFS Chair)
09.45-10.00		Coffee Break
10.00-10.30		Agenda 8: Report of Farmers Day
10.30-12.00		Agenda 9: PPFS Report (WG 1)
12.00-13.30		Lunch Break
13.30-15.00		Agenda 9 : (Continued, WG 2, WG 3 and WG 4)
15.00-15.30		Coffee Break
15.30-17.00		Agenda 10 : Input to the Leaders

24 June 2013 : Plenary (continued) and Field Trip

09.00-11.30	EXPO	Agenda 10 : (continued)
11.30-12.00		Agenda 11 : Other Matters
12.00-12.30		Agenda 12 : Closing
09.00-15.00		Field Trip

Appendix 2

Appendix to the PPFS ToR on Roadmap 2020 (version 2013) Drafting Procedures

Jointly submitted by Working Group1 Co-Chairs

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Overall Principle

- ✓ Roadmap drafting needs to be carried out in line with the Operating Guideline for WG adopted at the 1st PPFS meeting and “Report of the WG1”. It is necessary to circulate the final draft of Roadmap to all the PPFS members at least two weeks before the 2nd plenary meeting in June.
- ✓ All the PPFS members need to be equally treated.

WG1 membership

- ✓ Three co-chairs ask the PPFS chair to notify, as soon as possible all PPFS members of the two step process described below and give all PPFS members an opportunity to join the Roadmap drafting process as a WG1 member.

The two step process means that, beyond the first draft, only WG1 members are involved in the drafting process of the final draft, which will be distributed to all the PPFS members at least two weeks before the 2nd PPFS meeting in June.
- ✓ Three co-chairs ask the PPFS chair to revise the WG1 member list with additional members and distribute the revised lists to all WG1 members. The updated, current list will also be maintained at the ABAC website for all PPFS members to review as they want.
- ✓ Three co-chairs ask the PPFS chair to explain to all PPFS members that for the sake of transparency all comments to the draft Roadmap will be circulated among all WG1 members.

Reviewing the first draft

- ✓ WG1 Co-Chair Sakai will transmit all the comments received from PPFS members in response to the first draft to the other co-chairs and the current WG1 members as soon as possible. The complete set of comments will also be sent to new WG1 members, when the WG1 member list is revised based upon the above-mentioned process and as new members may join in the future.
- ✓ The comments on the first draft from PPFS members who refused to share them with the WG1 members will be sent, as soon as possible, only to the other co-chairs.
- ✓ The three co-chairs will produce the revised first draft on their consensus by April 19 and distribute it to all the WG1 members.

Draft revision process with the new WG1 membership

- ✓ The three co-chairs will proceed with their stock-takes. They will immediately distribute the results

- of the stock-takes as they are received by posting them on the ABAC Secretariat website.
- ✓ WG1 members will provide their comments to the revised first draft by May 3, 2013. They are especially encouraged to make suggestions based on any specific area of expertise they may have or on their reading of stock-take inputs received up until that time.
 - ✓ The three co-chairs will produce a consensus second draft by May 17, 2013.
 - ✓ This second draft will be circulated among all WG1 members and posted on the PPFS member-only section of ABAC website. The WG1 members will be asked to comment on the second draft. The PPFS members who log in to the website and read the second draft may also make comments.
 - ✓ The deadline for comments/inputs by WG1 members, and PPFS members visiting the website, will be 8:00pm Jakarta time June 3, 2013.
 - ✓ By June 8, the three co-chairs will coordinate a final consensus draft based on all the comments, including those from ABAC, received, input from the stock-takes. If necessary the three co-chairs may meet physically to ensure a timely and cohesive final draft.

Final Draft Distribution

The three co-chairs will submit the final draft to the PPFS chair no later than 8:00pm Jakarta time 8 June 2013 and ask him to send it to all the PPFS members at least 2 weeks before the 2nd PPFS meeting.

Appendix 3

Progress Report of WG2 - Sustainable Development of Agriculture and Fisheries Sectors

Introduction

1. Chair: Mr. Franky Welirang, Indonesia Chambers of Commerce.
2. Priorities: Following up, PPFS Plenary in Jakarta, 25-26 January 2013, WG3 has eight priorities to be explored; namely:
 - a. Mutually beneficial technology dissemination
 - b. Promoting effective management of marine ecosystem, fisheries, and agriculture
 - c. Strengthening Farmers' cooperation
 - d. Strengthening resilience of small farmers
 - e. Enhancing positive externalities of agriculture
 - f. Ensuring sustainable management of natural resources such as land, water and so on.
 - g. Strengthening resilience of natural disasters
 - h. Integrating small holder into food supply and value chain
3. Time Frame: the WG2 agreed to follow the following time Frame to complete its works:
 - a. End of February 2013: submission the objectives and activities of WG2
 - b. Mid March 2013: Consolidation and circulation the objectives and activities of WG2
 - c. End of March 2013: Feedback from WG2 members
 - d. June 2013: Report to MC
 - e. Early June: Completion of the WG2 works

Works Progress

4. From the PPFS Plenary 1 in Jakarta, 25-26 January 2013, WG2 has formulated early objectives of each priority, with expectation that WG2 members would share their input subsequently. The preliminary objectives as submitted by WG2 members outlined as follows:

Work Stream	Objectives (of the work programme)
1. Mutually beneficial technology dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrating science and technology into the supply chain
2. Promoting effective management of marine ecosystem, fisheries, and aquaculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of data available for fishery statistics → develop data availability to improve fishery management system
3. Strengthening farmer cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership between smallfarmers and Private sector
4. Strengthening resilience of small holders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership between smallfarmers and Private sector• Enhancement of smallholder innovation and traditional knowledge system
5. Enhancing positive externalities of agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
6. Ensuring sustainable management of natural resources, such as land, water and so on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To use water and land efficiently – encourage to use efficient land and water resources
7. Strengthening resilience of natural disasters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying areas where government and private sectors can cooperate with
8. Integrating smallholder into food supply and value chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• understanding smallfarmers can contribute to value chain

5. In the early stage, some WG2 members were intensively communicating to explore the objectives of each priority. A more general approach for overall system from Good Agriculture Practices

(GAP), both in the large estate and smallholders should be considered, in views of governance, production system, and welfare of each actor, including farmers and fisher.

6. One member also connected the WG2 with Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) of APEC to gain more insight on what has been completed by the OFWG that the WG2 does not have to repeat to invent the wheel.
7. Until early April some WG2 members still submitting their inputs to complete the objectives of each priority.
8. Some WG2 members have also started to propose activities. For example for priority 4: strengthening resilience of small holders, one activity was proposed to have a workshop on conservation and utilization of indigenous vegetables to share best practices and develop recommendations on the sustainable conservation of IVs varieties in the APEC region. In similar spirit, another WG member has also been proposing to enhance and mainstreaming local indigenous knowledge in conserving natural resources as activity of the priority 3, 4 and 5, that is a combination of threefold work streams of strengthening farmers cooperation, strengthening resilience of small holders, and enhancing positive externalities of agriculture; or even activity to develop a monitoring system of implementation of sustainable agriculture and fisheries to ensure sustainable management of natural resources.

Evaluation

9. WG2 very much appreciates the participation of each WG2 members in providing input to improve Objectives of each priority, but WG2 think that WG2 is still lack behind the schedule agreed in the PPFS 1.
10. Hence, the WG2 seeks the input from MC and PPFS members to encourage WG2 members of each economy to be more active in sharing and submitting their inputs.
11. WG2 request the APEC Secretariat to resend an updated consolidated WG members, and their email addresses especially WG2 members that WG2 could work more cooperatively with all WG2 members.

Appendix 4

Report on Facilitation on Investment and Infrastructure Development Working Group Progress

The following is a brief report summarizing the progress of WG3 as of March 22nd, 2013.

1. Acting Chair – Mr. Kirill Antyukhin, Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation
2. Priorities

No.	Objective
1	Promoting the Principle for Responsible Agricultural Investment
2	Strengthening confidence in agricultural markets
3	Infrastructure development and PPP
4	Analyzing negative implication of Foreign Direct Investment

3. Work progress

Nichirei Foods Inc., Japan, contributed to the work of the Group by conducting a research on cold chain infrastructure in Japan and making proposals to both emerging and developed economies on how to reduce food losses through a strong public and private partnership.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan is actively engaged in promoting the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment (PRAI). It is organizing a one-day seminar on the PRAI on the margins of 2nd PPFS plenary in June 2013 to share and discuss the outcome of the pilot projects in APEC economies.

National Center for APEC, USA, provided the information in the framework of the main activity of the working group concerning Infrastructure development and financing. This information was presented at Infrastructure financing conference hosted by the US, APEC and World Bank in 2011.

Russia proposes to take actions to increase collaboration and investment in the agri-food sector. The longstanding under-investment in agriculture across the globe may have resulted in low agricultural productivity and stagnation in many economies, especially in developing economies. To address the task of enlarging food supply in APEC economies, it is necessary to significantly increase public and private investments and identify existing barriers to investment cooperation in agriculture and ways to reduce them.

To join forces in this effort, Russian PPFS members will present a detailed presentation on Russian business initiative during the next PPFS Plenary session pointing out the concrete steps Russian business taking in a close collaboration with public sector to increase its export capacity and to ensure food security in the region.

Russia proposes considering the possibility of developing such business initiatives in all the APEC economies and introducing them to PPFS, so that in the nearest future we can submit a joint list of infrastructure initiatives and projects which should be reflected in the Roadmap 2020 and jointly realized as a ‘business plan’.