2014 SOM Chair's Report to the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Trade

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This report focuses on issues expected to result in deliverables for APEC 2014 that are of relevance and interest to Ministers Responsible for Trade.

Our work programme and efforts in 2014 are concentrated under the following priority areas:

I. Advancing Regional Economic Integration;
II. Promoting Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth; and
III. Strengthening Comprehensive Connectivity and Infrastructure Development

Appended is a report summarizing the main outcomes of Senior Officials’ work. Based on the report, Senior Officials recommend that Ministers:

• Welcome the continuing progress towards the Bogor Goals of free and open trade and investment and the Bogor Goals Progress Report 2014.
• Reaffirm commitment against protectionism and extend our standstill till end 2018.
• Deliver a strong statement in support of the multilateral trading system and conclusion of the WTO DDA negotiations, including implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, and development of Post-Bali work program.
• Welcome the CTI’s report including the List of Expected Trade and Investment Liberalization Facilitation (TILF) Deliverables for 2014, on progress in all priority areas.
• Agree to kick off and advance the process towards the realization of an FTAAP, with an aim of translating Leaders’ commitment into actions. Agree on the establishment of the Friends of the Chair (FoTC) group in the CTI to progress work to strengthen REI and advance an FTAAP. Agree to enhance transparency among RTAs/FTAs in the region, strengthen capacity building activities in pursuit of an FTAAP, formulate a Roadmap for APEC’s contribution to the Realization of an FTAAP, and enhance the analytical work on realizing an FTAAP. Endorse the 2014 Work Plan of the FoTC on Strengthening REI and Advancing FTAAP. Welcome the progress achieved thus far, and instruct officials to intensify efforts and continue consultations on remaining issues, with a view to achieving consensus and producing tangible, meaningful outcomes this year and beyond.
• Agree on the establishment of an APEC Information Sharing Mechanism on RTAs/FTAs and welcome the outcomes of the inaugural dialogue on Information Sharing on RTAs/FTAs in Asia-Pacific Region, held in Qingdao in May 2014; instruct officials to further advance work under this mechanism and report progress to MRT and the APEC Annual Ministerial Meeting (AMM).
• Endorse the APEC Strategic Plan on Capacity Building to Promote Trade and Investment Agenda in response to the demands of developing economies, through a strategic, goal-oriented, multi-year approach.
• Reaffirm support of APEC progress in the implementation of the Action Plan Framework on Capacity Building Needs Initiatives (CBNI), its assessment and the development and implementation of the 2nd CBNI action plan framework.
• Reaffirm commitment to reduce applied tariffs to five percent or less by end 2015 on the 2012 APEC List of Environmental Goods and welcome progress in its implementation to-date including capacity building work to assist economies with the implementation.
• Instruct officials to advance actions to address agreed 2011 and 2012 next generation trade and investment issues; welcome the selection of advancing cooperation on manufacturing related services in supply chains/value chains for work in 2014 and 2015 and encourage the identification of additional next generation trade and investment issues for work in 2014 and beyond.
• Welcome the establishment of the APEC Public-Private Partnership on Environmental Goods and Services (PPEGs) and instruct officials to use this forum as a platform for enhanced dialogue in this sector.

• Endorse the APEC Strategic Blueprint for Promoting Global Value Chain Development and Cooperation.

• Endorse the Strategic Framework on Measurement of APEC Trade in Value-added (TiVA) under GVCs to compile input-output trade data related to global value chains and trade in value added products and services among APEC economies and instruct officials to intensify efforts in 2014 and beyond.

• Welcome recommendations from the Public-Private Dialogue on Building Asia Pacific Partnership through Global Value Chains Collaboration held in Qingdao, China in May 2014 and continued information sharing with international organizations in this regard.

• Endorse the comprehensive capacity building plan for improving supply chain performance to guide APEC’s work towards achieving a ten percent improvement in supply chain performance by 2015; implement resources in the Supply Chain Connectivity Sub-Fund; and help developing economies overcome obstacles in implementing their supply chain and trade facilitation commitments; welcome the establishment of the APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2) to advise and assist in the capacity building.

• Endorse the APEC Initiative on Asia-Pacific Model E-port Network (APMEN) and instruct officials to identify APEC model E-ports and related best practices based on economies' nominations, with an aim to establishing an Asia-Pacific Model E-port Network in 2014.

• Endorse the APEC Strategic Framework of Mutual Recognition, Mutual Assistance and Mutual Sharing in Customs Procedures and instruct officials to advance work in the areas of Single Window system, Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) and manifest data exchange between land bordering Customs agencies.

• Endorse the "Asia-Pacific Region Automotive Industry Sustainable Development Declaration" submitted by Automotive Dialogue (AD).

• Welcome the APEC Regulatory Cooperation Advancement Mechanism (ARCAM) Dialogue on Electric Vehicle Standards and support the establishment and harmonization of international standards for electric vehicles.

• Reaffirm the importance of the priority of “promoting innovative development, economic reform and growth” and the identified 5 pillars of cooperation, namely: economic reform, new economy, innovative growth, inclusive support and urbanization; and look forward to pragmatic outcomes at AELM 2014. Under these 5 pillars, agree to conduct experience sharing, policy dialogues, capacity building and cooperation in economic structural reform, green economy, sustainable energy and resources, blue economy and internet economy and other key areas.

• Reaffirm the importance of the APEC New Strategy for Structural Reform (ANSSR) endorsed by the Leaders in 2010; Instruct officials to build more effective and targeted capacity-building initiatives to assist economies to achieve their individual ANSSR targets by the end of 2015.

• Reaffirm APEC Leaders’ commitment to strengthen the implementation of Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs); instruct officials to progress related capacity-building and information sharing activities on a voluntary basis.

• Commit to strengthening cooperation on environmental protection and green development; welcome the outcomes of the APEC High Level Roundtable on Green Development held in Tianjin, China in May 2014; and encourage economies to make efforts to establish an APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain; encourage economies to further cooperation in this area.

• Reaffirm the importance and urgency to promote trade in legally harvested forest products and combat illegal logging and associated trade.
Welcome the report of the Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) to APEC Senior Officials’ in 2014; commit to strengthening food policy coordination, trade facilitation, information exchange between members and private sector; and formulating open, inclusive, mutually beneficial and win-win partnerships.

Welcome efforts to strengthen connectivity and infrastructure development through formulation of an APEC Blueprint on Connectivity; pursue actions under the Multi-Year Plan on Infrastructure Development and Investment (MYPIDI); continue work to advance APEC cooperation in hard, soft and people-to-people connectivity; further work to explore ways to address impediments to connectivity and infrastructure development.

Encourage efforts to strengthen regional economic and financial cooperation, and expand financing channels for infrastructure and connectivity development.

Reaffirm commitment to continue exploring opportunities for diversifying and optimizing transportation and supply chain routes across all modes including the 2013 APEC Transportation Ministerial Meeting outcomes to develop a transportation “Connectivity Map” and “Quality Transport” vision.

Welcome work towards the establishment of an APEC Higher Education Research Center to enhance joint research, information sharing and mobility of students; and to develop practical systems of Credit Transfer, Qualification Verification, Joint Degree Awards, and Higher Education Quality Assurance within the APEC region.

Welcome work on an End-to-End Review and further improvement of the APEC Business Travel Card Scheme; encourage all member economies to implement more convenient visa policies and customs clearance measures to facilitate the mobility of business people, tourists, scholars, students, artists and other key human resources.

Commit to providing demand-driven ECOTECH activities and targeted capacity-building for APEC economies, in particular, developing economies; encourage increased contributions to ECOTECH and capacity building to help bridge development gaps among economies.

Instruct officials to take forward business engagement, policy partnerships and private-public interactions with APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), G20, ASEAN, international financial institutions, other relevant international organizations and stakeholders.
INTRODUCTION
APEC 2014 has adopted the theme of “Shaping the Future through Asia-Pacific Partnership” and three priorities, namely advancing regional economic integration (REI); promoting innovative development, economic reform and growth; and strengthening comprehensive connectivity and infrastructure development.

Member economies, in the spirit of openness, inclusiveness, mutual benefit, and win-win progress, will make joint efforts in fostering a forward-looking Asia-Pacific partnership. This partnership would help member economies grasp development opportunities, overcome challenges and differences and deepen pragmatic cooperation, so as to make the region continue functioning as the engine of the world economic growth.

2014 also marks the 25th anniversary of APEC and the 20th anniversary of the Bogor Goals. Member Economies will take this historic occasion to review the past and look toward the future. We will set forth a vision for long-term development in the region and launch concrete actions to strengthen regional economic integration and achieve common development.

I. ADVANCING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION
APEC remains committed to supporting the multilateral trading system, maintaining centrality of World Trade Organization (WTO) in the global trading system and the pledge against protectionism. APEC has a unique role to play in promoting implementation of the Bali Package and formulating Post-Bali work program. We agreed to send a positive signal for an early conclusion of the Doha Round.

We welcomed the Bogor Goals Progress Report 2014 prepared by the APEC Policy Support Unit (PSU) based on economies’ individual action plans (IAPs) and held useful discussions in Qingdao to review economies’ progress towards these goals.

We agreed to kick off and advance the process towards the realization of an FTAAP, with an aim of translating Leaders’ commitment into actions. We endorsed the establishment of the Friends of the Chair (FoTC) group in the CTI to progress work to strengthen REI and advance an FTAAP, co-led by China and the United States, to oversee the work. We decided to enhance transparency on RTAs/FTAs in the region, strengthen capacity building activities, formulate a Roadmap for APEC’s contribution to the Realization of an FTAAP, and enhance the analytical work on realizing an FTAAP. We will intensify efforts and continue consultations on remaining issues, including the name of “feasibility study” and the target year (2025) for realizing an FTAAP.

We agreed on the establishment of an APEC Information Sharing Mechanism on RTAs/FTAs. A policy dialogue on Information Sharing on RTAs/FTAs in Asia-Pacific Region was held in Qingdao on 8 May 2014 with the aim of raising APEC economies’ awareness and understanding on the developments of RTAs/FTAs in APEC region, and promoting exchanges of experiences and practices in developing, negotiating and implementing RTAs/FTAs among APEC economies, and building up a good basis for an FTAAP.

A proposal on Strategic Blueprint for Promoting Global Value Chains (GVCs) Development and Cooperation was endorsed at SOM2. An APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Building Asia Pacific Partnership through GVCs Collaboration took place on 12 May in Qingdao. The dialogue sought to improve awareness of the changing international business situation, promote awareness and understanding of global value chain relevant policies and regulations in each APEC economy, and to enable corporations and developing economies to more actively engage in and further integrate global value chains and supply chains. We adopted the Strategic Framework on Measurement of APEC Trade in Valued-added under GVCs at SOM2.
We reviewed the implementation of the list of environmental goods agreed in 2012 and are progressing toward identifying capacity building needs in this regard.

We also made progress in implementing the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP) including the systematic approach to improving supply chain performance. A Supply-Chain Connectivity (SCC) Sub-fund was established to take forward the Capacity Building Plan to Improve Supply Chain Performance. We endorsed the proposal on Establishing APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2) to advise and assist in the capacity building.

We endorsed the APEC Strategic Plan on Capacity Building to Promote Trade and Investment Agenda. We also looked at streamlining CTI sub-fora, realizing the need to re-energize sub-fora agendas to ensure alignment with host priorities and the importance of services agenda across SOM, CTI and SCE.

We endorsed the Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network. We endorsed the APEC Strategic Framework of Mutual Recognition, Mutual Assistance and Mutual Sharing in Customs Procedures (3”M”s).

II. PROMOTING INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC REFORM AND GROWTH

Member economies commit to exploring the links between innovative development, economic reform and growth, and fully releasing the impetus of innovation, dividends of reform and potential of growth, so as to make due contribution to the robust, sustainable, balanced and inclusive world economic growth. To this end, we established the cooperation framework underpinned by 5 pillars, namely, Economic Reform, New Economy, Innovative Growth, Inclusive Support, and Urbanization. Work efforts under this priority extend to information sharing, policy dialogue, capacity building and practical cooperation.

Under “Economic Reform”, we held discussions in such areas as APEC New Strategy on Structural Reform, regulatory coherence, and finance and taxation policy reform in support of economic restructuring. We held a Policy Dialogue on Avoiding Middle Income Trap and agreed to incorporate this important issue into the Economic Committee agenda. We welcomed the APEC Economic Trend Analysis Report by the Policy Support Unit.

As for “New Economy”, We welcomed the outcomes of the APEC High-Level Roundtable on Green Development with the theme of “Green Transformation and Development”, held in Tianjin on 8 to 9 May, which called for the promotion of green and sustainable development and transformation in the Asia-Pacific Region. We welcomed the proposal on the Establishment of APEC Network on Green Supply Chain. We will make efforts to establish a Sustainable Energy Centre. We welcomed the progress in the drafting of APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report. We decided to conduct an assessment on the progress towards APEC 2020 Forest Cover Objective. We conducted pragmatic cooperation in green economy, blue economy, internet economy, sustainable energy, environment, forestry, mining and etc.

On “Innovative Development”, we agreed to foster a pragmatic partnership on science, technology and innovation to enhance economic growth and social progress, and improve the innovation capacity of member economies through the development of human capital, scientific research and infrastructure.

With regard to “Inclusive Support”, we further pushed forward cooperation in human resources development, food security, education, youth, employment, health, anti-corruption, disaster management and other areas. We made new efforts in the framework of PPFS. We developed the initiative on Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020.
“Urbanization” is another driving force for economic development. We will hold a policy dialogue during the Third Senior Officials Meeting in August 2014. We expect to review policy experiences and promote good practices in this field.

III. STRENGTHENING COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTIVITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Based on the achievements of the Indonesian year, we took steps to implement the *APEC Framework on Connectivity* and *APEC Multi-Year Plan on Infrastructure Development and Investment*. We decided to further advance cooperation in promoting hard, soft, and people-to-people connectivity and infrastructure development. We commit to establishing an all-dimensional, multi-tiered and comprehensive connectivity framework so as to pave the way for the long-term development of the Asia-Pacific.

We set up a SOM FotC to guide and oversee the work on connectivity. We made remarkable progress on the drafting work of *APEC Blueprint of Connectivity* and agreed on its outline. We agreed that timelines, targets and benchmarks could be included in the Blueprint. We held a symposium on its further development. We tasked APEC PSU to carry out an information-gathering exercise on connectivity initiatives of members and encouraged member economies to actively participate in this exercise. We are making efforts to help existing PPP centers enhance capacity building and form cooperation networks. With a view to promoting people-to-people connectivity, we discussed a variety of initiatives on *APEC Business Travel Card*, cross-border education, and establishing *APEC Think-tank Network*.

STRENGTHENING AND REFORMING APEC

We welcomed the outcomes of the Budget and Management Committee’s (BMC) first meeting in February 2014 in Ningbo, and its work to develop an aspirational target for voluntary contributions to better support APEC’s capacity-building projects and the efforts by the APEC Secretariat to engage member economies for funding support in this regard. We stressed the importance of good quality strategic plans for SCE working groups and task forces.

We welcomed efforts by the Executive Director to strengthen the APEC Secretariat through the APEC Secretariat’s Strategic Plan for 2014-2016 and other reform measures to help improve efficiencies in APEC.
# Annex

## List of Expected TILF Deliverables For 2014

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| Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) | - APEC Information Sharing Mechanism on RTAs/FTAs  
- PSU studies on (i) Promoting Products which Contribute to Sustainable and Inclusive Growth through Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation; (ii) Comprehensive Analysis on Enhanced Resiliency of Cross-Border Value Chains; (iii) Self-regulation on Advertising; and (iv) Non-Tariff Measures.  
- APEC Strategic Blueprint for Advancing Global Value Chains Development Through Asia-Pacific Partnership  
- Strategic Framework on Measurement of TiVA under GVCs  
- Possible Roadmap for APEC’s Contribution to the Realisation of an FTAAP  
- Recommendations to strengthen REI, kick off and advance the process of realisation of an FTAAP  
- Implementation of action plans to address the 8 chokepoints identified in the Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP)  
- Completion of Diagnostic Reports under Stage 2 of the Systematic Approach to SFCAP  
- Capacity Building Plan to Improve Supply Chain Performance under Stage 3 of the Systematic Approach to the SCFAP and commencement of capacity building activities  
- Establishment of APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2)  
- Initiative on Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN)  
- APEC Strategic Plan on Capacity Building to Promote Trade and Investment  
- Capacity Building to assist economies with the implementation of their commitments to reduce their tariffs on the 54 products in the APEC List of Environmental Goods to five percent or less by 2015  
- Possible Establishment of APEC Network on Green Supply |

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| Chain             | - 3rd APEC Regulatory Cooperation Advancement Mechanism on Trade-Related Standards and Technical Regulations (ARCAM) Dialogue on “international electric vehicle standards” on 7 May.  
- Possible recommendations on International Electric Vehicle Standards, including on adopting an APEC Roadmap for International Electric Vehicles Standards.  
- APEC Advertising Regulatory Capacity Building Mentoring Program  
- Implementation of actions adopted to address the next generation trade and investment issues agreed in 2011 and 2012, including APEC Innovation and Trade Implementation Practices.  
- Adoption of manufacturing related services in supply chains/value chains as a new next generation trade and investment issues for work in 2014/2015. |
| Market Access Group (MAG) | - Implement the Leaders’ commitment for APEC to play a leadership role in the expansion of the membership and product coverage of the ITA.  
- Conclude case studies on the benefits of joining APEC Pathfinder Initiative on Facilitating Trade in Remanufactured Goods.  
- Continue to implement the APEC Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework with a view to achieving an APEC-wide target of a 10% improvement by 2015 in terms of reducing of time, cost, and uncertainty of moving goods and services through the Asia-Pacific region, taking into consideration individual economy circumstances. |
| Group on Services (GOS) | - Implement Phase IV of the APEC Services Trade Access Requirements (STAR) Database.  
- Further discussion and implementation on the work plan on promoting cross-border education cooperation  
- Implement the project on Enhancing provider mobility in cross order education in the APEC region  
- Implement the environmental services workshop: Challenges And Opportunities For Sustainability"  
- Following GOS endorsement on 2 March, implement the symposium: "Facilitating Good Regulatory Practices for Trade and Investment in Transport and Logistics Services in APEC |
| Investment Experts’ Group (IEG) | - Possible Update of the Investment Facilitation Action Plan (IFAP) Progress Report  
- APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Investment (to be held in the |
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<td>- Conference on the Best Practice of Sustainable Investment in APEC Region (September, Beijing, China)</td>
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<td>- Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility International Instruments for APEC Economies (May, Santiago, Chille)</td>
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<td>- Workshop on Best Practices in Prompt Consideration of Investors’ Complaints in the APEC Region (later 2014, Russia)</td>
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<td>- Enhancing the Investment Environment in APEC and ASEAN Economies (Capacity building training program in June, Melbourne, Australia)</td>
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<td>- Guidebook on PPP Frameworks in the APEC Region</td>
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<td>Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC)</td>
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<td>- Workshop on Food Allergen Management (May, Vancouver, Canada)</td>
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<td>Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP)</td>
<td>- A SCCP framework paper titled “APEC Customs 3M Strategic Framework – Initiative to implement SCCP Outcomes”. The paper is designed to sort out progress made by SCCP since its establishment and formulate a future strategic plan for SCCP in its effort to achieve the Bogor Goals.</td>
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<td>- Two workshops, one on Chokepoint 8 and one on IPR border enforcement, are to be held in 2014. The guidelines for tackling Chokepoint 8 is expected to be formulated out of the workshop on Chokepoint 8.</td>
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<td>- Project of Customs control of cross border e-commerce is to be initiated in 2014.</td>
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<td>- Regional Study on APEC Customs Business Initiatives for SMEs is expected in 2014.</td>
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<td>Intellectual Property Rights Experts Group (IPEG)</td>
<td>- Workshop on Technological Protection Measures held on 18 February 2014 in Ningbo, China.</td>
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<td>- Workshop on Appropriate Technology, Strategic IP Utilization for Sustainable Development scheduled to be held on 2-3 July 2014 in Seoul, Korea.</td>
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<td>- Participation in APEC Workshop on IPR Border Enforcement. To be held on 11-13 November 2014, Hong Kong, China. This workshop is organized by the SCCP.</td>
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|                  | - Continuous work on the following issues:  
  1. Protection of Geographical Indications  
  2. APEC Information and Experience sharing of IP-related treaties  
  3. Creation and Dissemination of Creative Content in the Digital Environment  
  4. Innovation and SMEs Management  
  5. Intellectual Property Academy Collaborative Initiative (iPAC)  
  6. Relationship between counterfeiting/piracy and organized crime  
  7. More Coherence under the APEC Cooperation Initiative on Patent Acquisition Procedures  
<p>| Business Mobility Group (BMG) | - updated Legal Infrastructure Standards |
|                  | - further development of protocols for managing expedited cases in the ABTC scheme |
|                  | - enhancements to the ABTC System to better manage the passport changes of ABTC holders |
|                  | - improved ABTC scheme program reporting for individual economies and across the program on regional level |
|                  | - improved information for ABTC holders on the visa settings that underpin the ABTC |
|                  | - continued work on the Travel Facilitation Initiative, including the surveys on identifying challenges to implement advance passenger information systems as well as characteristics of trusted traveller programs |
|                  | - completion of the APEC-funded project for an End-to-End Review of the ABTC Scheme, which provide recommendations to the BMG for opportunities of enhancement of the Scheme |
|                  | - Thailand joining the Regional Movement Alert System (RMAS) |
|                  | - Report on the evaluation of data drawn from Phase I of the RMAS web based trial following six months of operation |</p>
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| **Electronic Commerce Steering Group (ECSG)** | - APEC/EU Referential for the Structure of the EU Binding Corporate Rules and the APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules System  
- Continued implementation of APEC Privacy Framework  
- Assessment of ECSG’s initiatives against the 1998 APEC Blueprint on E-Commerce |
| **Automotive Dialogue (AD)** | - Asia-Pacific Region Automotive Industry Sustainable Development Declaration  
- AD Workshop on Experience for Integration of EVs, Electric Grid and Transportation, 18 September, Shanghai |
| **Chemical Dialogue (CD)** | - Finalize a revised Strategic Framework and Action Plan for 2014 to 2016 intersessionally in advance of SOM3;  
- High Level Workshop on Regulatory Cooperation at SOM3 to discuss further implementation of the CD's Best Practice Principles of Chemical Regulation;  
- Continued implementation of the Regulator’s Forum Action Plan endorsed by the CTI in 2013;  
- Joint meeting of the Regulator’s Forum and the OECD New Chemicals’ Clearinghouse at SOM3 in Harbin, China;  
- Approve a Regulator’s Forum training session to build capacity on the risk assessment of metals to be held in 2015;  
- Report to Ministers Responsible for Trade on the status of GHS implementation in APEC member economies;  
- Consolidate and coordinate the CD’s work related to GHS to ensure it aligns with the CD’s revised Strategic Framework and priorities;  
- Develop a revised proposal for a pilot project on GHS classifications for potential input to the UNSCEGHS for consideration by the CD at SOM3;  
- Initiate a workstream on cooperative activity in the Asia-Pacific on marine debris in collaboration with the Oceans and Fisheries Working Group; and  
- Finalize responses to a survey regarding the protection of confidential business information and develop recommendations based on those responses |
<p>| <strong>Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF)</strong> | - Contribution to a “Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020” framework for high level discussion and approval in the late summer in collaboration with the Health Working Group. This initiative would bring a whole of government and whole of society approach to health and improve coordination among all APEC working groups that address issues that have an impact on health and/or the health |</p>
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<td>- Launch an APEC Regulatory Sciences Center of Excellence to support Multi-Regional Clinical Trials.</td>
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<td>- Launch the APEC Bio-medical Technology Commercialization Training Center hosted jointly by Korea and Thailand.</td>
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<td>- Agreement on a roadmap for innovative approaches to mental health challenges</td>
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<td>- Innovations in surveillance and monitoring of healthcare associated infections and measures to assure the safety of the blood supply to support health security.</td>
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<td>- An action plan to ensure the integrity of the medical products supply chain, including the harmonization of global data standards for medical products, agreed steps to combat illegal internet pharmacies and to establish a network of experts as a single point of contact for monitoring and enforcement.</td>
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