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## **Counter-Terrorism Working Group Strategic Plan**

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## APEC COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2017

### I. Introduction

The APEC Counter-Terrorism Task Force (CTTF) was established in 2003 in response to the increased terrorist threat to the Asia-Pacific region's people and its economic, trade, investment and financial systems. APEC leaders' commitments to undertake individual and joint actions to counter terrorism are expressed in two principle statements: the '2001 APEC Leaders Statement on Counter-Terrorism', in Shanghai and the '2002 Leaders' Statement on Fighting Terrorism and Promoting Growth', in Los Cabos, and in every subsequent annual Leaders' Declaration. The CTTF's primary goal is to coordinate the implementation of APEC members' commitments related to counter-terrorism. A key aspect of its role is to help member economies to identify, assess, and address capacity building and technical assistance needs in this area. In November 2011, APEC Ministers welcomed the APEC Consolidated Counterterrorism and Secure Trade Strategy, which focuses APEC's work on secure supply chains, secure travel, secure finance and secure infrastructure, and it is structured around three fundamental pillars of security, efficiency and resilience. Collaborating with a diverse set of APEC working groups and stakeholders, the CTTF develops, supports, and coordinates activities in support of this strategy, which will guide its work for at least the next three years.

### II. Vision Statement

To take a comprehensive integrated approach to enhance member economies ability to protect their economic systems and infrastructure as well as respond and recover rapidly from misuse, attacks, and disruptions without compromising the flow of legitimate trade and travel.

### III. Mission Statements

Coordinate, monitor, and review the implementation of the Leaders' and Ministers' commitments and instructions on countering terrorism and securing trade, including implementation of the Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy; Assist APEC member economies to identify, assess, and address counter-terrorism and secure trade needs, including by developing, sponsoring, and coordinating targeted capacity building and technical assistance programs, using the APEC Counter-Terrorism Action Plans as the foundation for this work; Facilitate close coordination and collaboration among relevant APEC fora on counter-terrorism and secure trade issues; Advise APEC Senior Officials, as appropriate, on current and emerging trends in counter-terrorism and secure trade efforts and report on proposals and projects as necessary; Build

partnerships with relevant multilateral organizations, including multilateral financial institutions, and the private sector to advance leaders' and Ministers' instructions and avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts.

#### IV. Critical Success Factor 2013-2017

- Develop and implement innovative projects and initiatives that support secure supply chains, secure travel, secure finance and secure infrastructure;
- Consider the recommendation of the Independent Assessor's Report to transform the Task Force into a Working Group;
- Promote risk-based approaches to security;
- Foster compatibility and share best practices on security standards and programs to enhance security, efficiency, and resilience
- Enhance capacity building cooperation, including through the identification of gaps, needs and necessary resources;
- Enhance mechanisms to promote comprehensive cooperation and coordination, including the engagement and partnership with relevant APEC sub-fora, multilateral organizations as well as with the private sector.

#### V. Objectives

1. Advance security, efficiency and resilience in the Asia Pacific region through activities in the four cross-cutting areas of APEC's Counter Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy: secure supply chains, secure travel, secure finance and secure infrastructure;
2. Effectively implement leaders' commitments and minister' instructions;
3. Identify key counter-terrorism and secure trade challenges facing APEC economies, including through the CTF's Counterterrorism Action Plans (CTAPs);
4. Build capacity in ways that serve to both secure and facilitate regional commerce, taking into account differing capacities across the region and employing new approaches and multi-stage, multi-year initiatives;
5. Foster whole-of-government approaches within APEC economies, as well as enhancing cooperation and coordination among economies;
6. Strengthen cooperation with the private sector and with relevant multilateral organizations;
7. Continue to work on the cross-cutting the APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI) endorsed by APEC Leaders in 2011.

## VI. Prioritized Implementation Schedule

Objectives	Start Date	Completion Date	Lead Economy	Lead Fora	Key Performance Indicator/ Outputs
<p>1. Advance security, efficiency and resilience in the Asia Pacific region through activities in the four cross-cutting areas of APEC's Counter Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy: secure supply chains, secure travel, secure finance and secure infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secure supply chains</li> <li>- Secure travel</li> </ul>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>	<p>US</p> <p>Australia</p>	<p>CTI/SCCP, TPTWG MEG-SEC, TFI, WCO</p> <p>SCE, CTI/BMG, CTI SCCP, TPTWG, MEG-SEC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Number of workshop, training, capacity building activities</li> <li>- Completing joint trade recovery project with TPTWG MEG-SEC</li> <li>- Holding 3rd APEC Aviation Security Canine Screening Workshop (Joint Project with TPTWG Aviation Security Experts' Group)</li> <li>- Holding APEC Aviation security (low cost/ no cost) security and checkpoint optimization capabilities</li> <li>- Undergoing projects with BMG on advanced passenger information and trusted traveller programs, including the Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI)</li> </ul>

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- Secure finance	2013	May 2013	Australia	CTTF	- Number of capacity building workshops on counter-terrorism finance, including designated non-financial businesses and professionals
- Secure infrastructure	2013	June 2013	Canada	CTTF	- Realization of Major Events Security Planning Workshop
	2013	June 2013	US	SCCP, BMG, and TPTWG	- Holding a Policy Dialogue on Secure Infrastructure
2. Effectively implement leaders' commitments and minister' instructions	2013	2017	CTTF Chair	CTTF and various APEC sub-for a and multilateral organizations	- Adoption of Strategic Plan 2013-2017 - Implementing programs and projects in line with decisions of leaders and ministers - Adoption of annual work plans
3. Identify key counter-terrorism and secure trade challenges facing APEC economies, including through the CTTF's Counter-terrorism Action Plans (CTAPs)	2013	2017	CTTF Chair	CTTF	- Number of Counter Terrorism Action Plans (CTAP) submitted; - Number of additions and updates to CTAPs; - Increased discussion, exchange of views, information and best practices; - Number of initiatives and programs;
4. Build capacity in ways that serve to both secure and facilitate regional commerce, taking	2013	2017	CTTF Chair	CTTF	- Number of targeted activities identified, developed and

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into account differing capacities across the region and employing new approaches and multi-stage, multi-year initiatives;					delivered to meet specific counter terrorism capacity building needs; - Capacity building review and evaluation.
5.Foster whole-of-government approaches within APEC economies, as well as enhancing cooperation and coordination among economies	2013	2017	CTTF Chair	CTTF and various APEC sub-fora and multilateral organizations	- Number of interactions with other APEC sub-fora, and international fora; - Number of decisions and projects as a result of collaboration with other related fora.
6.Strengthen cooperation with the private sector and with relevant multilateral organizations	2013	2017	CTTF Chair	CTTF, various APEC sub-fora and multilateral organizations	-Number of policy dialogues and Secure Trade in the APEC Region (STAR) Conferences; -Number of invitations to attend CTTF meetings, initiatives of collaboration -Number of member economies participating in the CTTF's work; -Number of initiatives proposed and completed. -Transformation of CTTF into a permanent working group;
7. Continue to work on the cross-cutting the APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative (TFI) endorsed by APEC Leaders in 2011.	2013	2017	CTTF Chair	CTTF, BMG, SCCP, TPTWG and TWG.	-Number of decisions and projects as a result of collaboration with other related fora and coordination within the TFI Steering Council.