Enhancing Labour Mobility in the APEC Region: A New Project

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APEC HRD Action Plan 2015-2018: Facilitating mobility of labour and skills development

• Mapping current and future needs and potentials
• Recognition of qualifications
• Experiences of other for a where APEC members participate
• Coordination of capacity building
• Social protection for international workers
• Sectoral partnership activities
• Supporting a long-term, regional, and sector-based framework of cooperation on facilitating mobility of professionals, researchers and skilled workers

Complicated and diverse issues, rich body of work, and many ideas – where to for APEC??

- Multilateral organisations’ research, policy analysis and projects
- ABAC Earn, Learn, Return model
- Individual member economy situations
- Worker experience
The new project: parameters

• To provide a baseline and clearer framework of issues
• To inform next steps and targeted projects
• APEC Study Centre at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia contracted for research
• April to October 2015

The new project: main questions

• Patterns of labour flows around the APEC region, including baseline indicators and key trends
• The potential benefits of labour mobility in the region in reducing unemployment and boosting productivity
• The major drivers and impediments to labour mobility in the region, organised in a holistic framework to guide a regional strategy
• Recommendations concerning priorities for the short and longer terms
Outputs

• RMIT research report
• An APEC Labour Mobility Strategy or framework of cooperation
• Complementary projects

Key dates

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<td>RMIT University (Australia) contracted for research</td>
<td>Early May 2015</td>
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<td>HRDWG 2015 annual meeting, incl. labour mobility workshop</td>
<td>14-17 May</td>
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<td>Survey of HRDWG member economies</td>
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<td>APEC Business Advisory Council Meeting #3, Melbourne</td>
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<td>Draft report for general feedback by HRDWG members, experts and stakeholders</td>
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<td>Final report and consideration by APEC HRDWG</td>
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<td>APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting</td>
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