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## Proposed APEC Health Working Group (HWG) Theme for 2015

### ***“Building better and more sustainable health systems for a healthier Asia Pacific 2020”.***

APEC indeed plays a critical and vital role in promoting and nurturing regional economic integration. Further advancing regional economic integration and attaining prosperity will primarily creating an enabling business environment and strategic health care investments. Health is an integral and important part of APEC as well as life sciences and is extremely complex. Health is not just about medicines and providing adequate basic health packages, such as reproductive health, maternal and child health services and programs on non communicable diseases and lifestyle promotion. It is also about developing efficient and sustainable national health systems with the end goal of promoting equitable access to health care for all . It is also about balancing public health context and need for nurturing partnerships with stakeholders . Moreover , health relates to economics and to the development of our human capital towards an inclusive economic growth.