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IEG Convenor's Report to CTI – IEG Work Plan for 2015

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IEG WORK PLAN FOR 2015

This work plan for 2015 is based on SOM's decision on key priorities for APEC 2015 namely; (1) Enhancing the regional economic integration agenda; (2) Fostering SMEs' participation in regional and global economy; (3) Investing in human capital development; and (4) Building sustainable and resilient communities. IEG will continue to review and implement IFAP to improve the investment climate in the APEC region, and also organize such actions as laid out in the APEC Strategy for Investment, a comprehensive package consisting of three pillars, and undertake projects and activities under these pillars.

Priority	IEG task/project
1. Supporting for the Multilateral Trading System	Analyze different multilateral fora with the purpose of evaluating the benefits of multilateralism.
2. CAP Implementation and Review	<p>Continue to review the CAP with particular emphasis on "Transparency" and "Policy Dialogue" and implement relevant projects by member economies.</p> <p>Review the IFAP for its continued implementation in 2015 and beyond, with a view to maintain progress toward achieving the Bogor Goals.</p>
<p>3. Strengthening Regional Economic Integration</p> <p>(a) Exploring an FTAAP</p> <p>(b) Promoting Convergences</p> <p>(c) Investment</p> <p>1) Advanced Principles & Practices</p> <p>2) Facilitation</p>	<p>Report back to CTI on measures taken to implement the <i>APEC Regional Economic Integration Agenda</i> including:</p> <p>Review existing analytical work on investment issues relevant to a possible FTAAP and assess the need for any additional analytical work.</p> <p>Achieve greater consistency in key provisions of RTAs/FTAs in the region through capacity building projects.</p> <p>Report back to CTI on activities related to three pillars for the APEC Strategy for Investment.</p> <p>Implement projects by member economies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No on-going projects. New projects may be developed. <p>Review the IFAP for its continued implementation in 2015 and beyond.</p> <p>Implement projects by member economies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Investment should be organized as direct response to the Leaders' Yokohama Vision in November 2010 to take actions laid out in the APEC Strategy for Investment. - APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Identifying and Addressing Impediments to Improve a Business-Friendly Infrastructure Investment in the APEC Region (CTI11/14, Lead Economy: Viet Nam) - Case Studies on the Best Practice of Sustainable Investment in APEC Region (CTI18/13T, Lead Economy: China) - Enhancing the Investment Environment in APEC and ASEAN Economies (Self-funded, Lead Economy: Australia) - Research on Best Practices in Prompt Consideration of Investors' Complaints in the APEC Region (CTI06/13T, Lead Economy: Russia)

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3) Promotion	<p>Implement the Action Agenda on Promoting Infrastructure Investment Through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) which was endorsed by Leaders in Beijing.</p> <p>Implement projects by member economies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidebook on PPP Frameworks in the APEC Region (Self-funded, Lead Economy: Indonesia)
4. Improving Business Environment	Implement projects by member economies.
5. Enhancing Regional Connectivity and Promoting Trade Facilitation	Collaborate with other Sub-fora/Working Groups under the coordination of the SCE in implementing the APEC Multi-year Plan on Infrastructure Development and Investment (MYPIDI)
6. Contributions to APEC Leaders' Growth Strategy	See 3. (C) Investment 2) Facilitation and 3) Promotion.
7. Other areas including APEC-wide initiatives on security, structural reform and gender	No activities planned.
8. Activities with ABAC and/or other external stakeholders	<p>Maintain regular contact with ABAC and other stakeholders for exchange of views and discussion, including receiving reports from the Regional Investment Analytical Group. Members are strongly advised to seek ABAC's views as appropriate in developing projects and invite business sector participants for project events.</p> <p>Continue cooperation with international organizations for input on current investment issues, and in development and implementation of collaborative projects.</p>