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Health Working Group Proposed Work Plan for 2016

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: HWG Chair



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Technical Cooperation - Committee of the Whole
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WORKPLAN FOR 2016 APEC HEALTH WORKING GROUP

In 2016, the Health Working Group (HWG) will continue to implement the mandates related to health addressed in the 2015 Leaders' Declaration, to implement recommendations areas in the joint statement of the Fifth High Level Meeting on Health and the Economy (HLMS5), the key areas of the Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 Initiative, and the objectives of the HWG Strategic Plan 2016-2020. Additional consideration will be given to the SCE priorities and ABC recommendations.

For the year 2016, APEC theme and priorities adopted by the Peru, should be reflected on the planned HWG and cross-fora activities.

- Theme: *"Quality Growth and Human Development."*
- Priorities: 1) advancing regional economic integration and quality growth; 2) enhancing the regional food market; 3) towards the modernization of micro, small and medium-size enterprises in the Asia-Pacific and 4) developing human capital.

A proposal of the HWG Theme will be delivered during the First Meeting.

1. Proposed Work Plan for 2016 in Response to Leaders/Ministers/SOM/CSE Priorities and Decisions, and to ABAC recommendations.

- Background and reference framework
 - 2015 Leaders' Declaration Mandate Pillars
 - **Building Inclusive Economies**
 - *To support comprehensive and ambitious structural reforms; achieve positive economic, social, and environmental outcomes; and promote good governance.*
 - *To deepen our financial markets and mitigate risks.*
 - **Fostering Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises' Participation in Regional and Global Markets**
 - *To foster an enabling trading environment that is responsive to new ways in which goods and services are produced and delivered and that promotes inclusiveness, especially for MSMEs.*
 - **Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities**
 - *To build sustainable and disaster-resilient economies.*
 - *To make urbanization work for growth.*
 - **Investing in Human Capital Development**
 - *To redouble our efforts to empower our people with the tools to benefit from and participate in economic growth.*
 - **Enhancing the Regional Economic Integration Agenda**
 - *To achieve our vision for an integrated community in a comprehensive and systematic manner.*
 - *To develop the services sector as an enabler of economic growth and inclusion.*
 - **Strengthening Collaboration**
 - *To work with stakeholders to address common challenges.*

- *To strongly support the work of our Ministers, the APEC Process, and all its Committees and Fora.*

- 2015 APEC Health and Economy Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement Recommendations Areas
 - Preparedness, prevention and response to public health emergencies, including disasters and infectious diseases
 - Preventing and Controlling Chronic Disease
 - Increasing Awareness of Mental Health
 - Improving Women's Health in the Workplace
 - Safe Medicines and the Health Value Chain

- Key Areas of the Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 Roadmap Initiative
 - Continuing to work on the unfinished health-related MDGs in a manner that complements activities of the post-2015 agenda.
 - Strengthening the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, including mental illness, disabilities, violence and injuries.
 - Strengthening health systems to support Universal Health Coverage.
 - Improving health emergency preparedness, surveillance, response and recovery systems for public health, emergencies, including pandemic events and natural disasters.

- HWG Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Proposed Objectives

The HWG promotes health in all policies, and a holistic approach namely a whole of government, whole of society and whole of the region approach to improve people's health and well-being by:

- Enhancing preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disasters, including prevention and control of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases;
- Strengthening health systems to improve accessibility, sustainability and quality of healthcare;
- Supporting healthy populations across the life-course, including the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and improved maternal, newborn and child health;
- Encouraging and facilitating collaboration between health and other sectors and other APEC fora and international health bodies; and
- Encouraging research and supporting innovation that adds value to health systems and meets the needs of all APEC member economies.

2. *Anticipated Activities and/or Proposed Work Plan of the Health Working Group in response to Leaders' and Ministers' calls for greater engagement:*

- Fora institutional activities
 - First Health Working Group Meeting- Lima, February 27-28
 - Second Health Working Group Meeting – Lima, August 19-20
 - Policy Dialogue (Topic and dates, TBC)

- Sixth High-Level Meeting on Health and Economy – Lima, August 21-22
- HWG Communication activities
- HWG website improvement

- Financed on-going finances project activities
 - APEC Conference on Prevention, Control and Care for Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB), and Supply of Second-Line Anti-Tuberculosis Drug. Taipei, June 2016.

- Self-funded on-going projects activities
 - Enhancing Health Security in APEC Implementation of international campaign to control antimicrobial resistance in the Asia-Pacific
 - Report on the Implementation of international campaign to control antimicrobial resistance in the Asia-Pacific (Republic of Korea – August 2014-December 2016)
 - APEC and Global Health Security Agenda Joint Initiative on Establishing Basic Infection Prevention and Control Infrastructure (US – June 2015 – December 2016)
(Recommendation N°3 “2015 APEC Health and Economy Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement Recommendations”).
 - Report on the outputs of the High-level Policy Forum “APEC-GHSA Policy Forum on Partnering to Establish Basic Infrastructure for Infection Prevention and Control”, held in Seoul, September 2015.
 - Healthy Women, Healthy Economies (US)
 - Implementation workshop August 17 – 18 in Lima to add additional resources in support of Healthy Women, Healthy Economies beyond the Policy Toolkit and Literature Review developed in 2015. This will include case studies to implement the Toolkit’s recommendations and resources for how to make the economic case to governments and business case to businesses to invest in implementing Healthy Women, Healthy Economies policies and programs.
 - Research on Universal Health Coverage Progress in APEC Region (China)
 - Progress report
 - Facilitating regional advancement of the Global Health Security Agenda (Australia – August 2015-October 2016)
 - Report on progress related to Workshop’s agenda: identified preliminary gaps and risks related to health security, work plan for the implementation of the GHSA and draft baseline of health security prevention and response capacity for APEC economies.

- New HWG projects (concept notes) seeking for APEC funding for Session 1, 2016
 - Workshop on the Monitoring of Universal Health Coverage Progress in APEC region: towards “Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020” (China)
 - Promoting the Use of Traditional Medicine and Functional Foods to Promote Sustainable and Resilient Communities (Indonesia)
 - Promoting Medicinal Plant Cultivation and Utilization to Empower Sustainable and Resilient of the Poor Communities (Indonesia)
 - A-TRACTION (Asian Tuberculosis Research and Clinical Trials Integrated Organisational Network) (Singapore)

- Sustaining a Healthy Asia-Pacific: Adopting Health in All Policies Approach to Climate Change (Chinese Taipei)
- Develop model for healthcare service delivery for prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and mental disorders at a community level (Viet Nam)
- APEC Conference on the results of the influenza vaccine clinical trials and the development of a strategy to prevent pandemic (Viet Nam)
- New self-funded proposed projects activities
 - To support travel for participants from APEC travel eligible economies to the Healthy Women, Healthy Economies Implementation Workshop August 17 – 18 (US)

3. Anticipated Activities and/or Proposed Work Plan with Outside Organisations in response to Leaders' and Ministers' calls for greater engagement:

3.1. Proposed Activities related to other Fora

- Collaboration with the Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF):
 - First Life and Science Innovation Forum (LSIF) Planning Group – Lima, February 26
 - Second Life and Science Innovation Forum (LSIF) – Lima, August 17-18
 - The 6th High Level Meeting on Health and Economy to be held in August 2016.
 - The first cross-for a dialogue on the fiscal and economic impact of ill-health (October TBD)
 - Progress report on the APEC LSIF-HWG Joint Initiative on Mental Health (Recommendation N°8 “2015 APEC Health and Economy Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement Recommendations”).
 - Strategic Needs Assessment Comprehensive Report
 - WBG-WHO Joint Meeting on Mental Health “Out of the Shadows: Making Mental Health a Global Development Priority”, Washington D.C., April 2016
 - APEC-LSIF Blood Supply Chain Initiative (Recommendation N° 5: “2015 APEC Health and Economy Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement Recommendation”).
 - Partnership Training Program – PTN Pilot Training, Lima, Peru, June 23-24.
 - 3rd APEC Blood Supply Chain Policy Forum (TBC); PTN Pilot Training (TBC), September or October 2016.
 - Proposed PTN Advisory Board Meeting (TBC). Asia, September of October 2016.
 - APEC-LSIF Cervical Cancer Initiative
 - Status update of Cervical Cancer Initiative “recommendations on Enabling Sustainable Economic Advancement for Women through HPV and Cervical Cancer prevention and Control”
 - 2nd HPV and Cervical Cancer Policy Forum on August 23 in Lima, Peru
- Collaboration with the Policy Partnership on Women and Economy (PPWE) and Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG)
 - Healthy Women, Healthy Economies Implementation Workshop August 17-18

3.2. Proposed Activities related to other International Organizations

- Collaboration with the Organization for Economic and Development Cooperation (OECD)
 - Participation of OECD guest in the HWG 2016 meetings
 - Proposal for 2016 joint initiatives
- Collaboration with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)
 - Participation of PAHO/WHO guest in the HWG 2016 meetings
 - Proposal for 2016 joint initiatives

4. Capacity Building Activities Planned for 2016.

- 4.1. Blood Supply Chain Partnership Training Network (US).
- 4.2. APEC Conference on Prevention, Control and Care for Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis MDR-TB), and Supply of Second-Line Anti-Tuberculosis Drug (Chinese Taipei).
- 4.3. Facilitating Regional Advancement of the Global Health Security Agenda (Australia).
- 4.4. APEC and Global Health Security Agenda 2nd Policy Forum on Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship (US).
- 4.5. Public risk communication and rumors surveillance: Building capacity in health hotline response to public health emergencies and emerging public health issues (China).
- 4.6. APEC “Healthy Women, Healthy Economies Implementation Workshop (US).
- 4.7. Research on Universal Health Coverage Progress in APEC region (China).
- 4.8. APEC Train-the-Trainer Workshop to promote collaboration in mental health (US/Canada).
- 4.9. APEC Digital Hub for Best and Innovative Practices in Mental Health Partnerships (US/Canada/China/Peru/Australia/Philippines)

5. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2016.

5.1. Expected Outcomes for 2016

- Endorsements of 2016 HWG meetings
- Statement of the HWG-LISF Joint 6th High Level Meeting
- Policy Dialogue

5.2. Deliverables for 2016

- Progress Report on the Roadmap implementation of the “Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020” Initiative
- Endorsement of the Strategic Plan 2016-2020
- Endorsement of the Guidelines for engagement of HWG and the private sector
- Endorsement of the Working manual for health emergency response health hotline
- APEC New Concept Notes approved in 2016 Session 2
- Progress report on APEC On-going project
- Welcoming of case studies to implement the recommendations of the Healthy Women, Healthy Economies Policy Toolkits and resources for how to make the economic case to governments and business case to businesses to invest in implementing Healthy Women, Healthy Economies policies and programs.

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**APEC HWG 2016
Preliminary Planning Calendar**

DATE	MEETING & ACTIVITIES	LOCATION
FEBRUARY		
20-28	APEC 1 st Senior Officials' Meeting and Related Meetings – SOM1	Lima, Peru
22-25	APEC LSIF Regulatory Harmonization Steering Committee (RHSC)	Lima, Peru
26	APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum Planning Group (LSIF PG)	Lima, Peru
27-28	APEC Health Working Group (HWG)	Lima, Peru
MARCH		
TBC	Workshop on Facilitating Regional Advancement of the Global Health Security Agenda	TBC (participating economies)
TBC	Consultation processes for researching on Universal Health Coverage Progress in APEC region (March – May)	TBC
APRIL		
13-15	WBG/WHO High Level Meeting on Mental Health	Washington, DC
MAY		
5-13	APEC 2 nd Senior Officials' Meeting and Related Meetings – SOM2	Arequipa, Peru
14-15	APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) Meeting	Arequipa, Peru
TBD	Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) Senior Officials Meeting	Indonesia
23-28	69 th World Health Assembly	Geneva, Switzerland
26-27	G7 Summit	Shima, Japan
JUNE		
23-24	APEC Blood Supply Chain Partnership Training Network Pilot Training Program	Lima, Peru
25-26	19 th Session OECD Health Committee	Paris, France
JULY		
TBC	Conference on Prevention, Control and Care for Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB), and Supply of Second-Line Anti-Tuberculosis Drug	Chinese Taipei
AUGUST		
15-28	APEC 3 rd Senior Officials' Meeting and Related Meetings – SOM3	Lima, Peru
17-18	APEC Healthy Women, Healthy Economies Implementation Workshop	Lima, Peru
16-19	APEC LSIF Regulatory Harmonization Steering Committee (RHSC)	Lima, Peru
20	APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum Planning Group (LSIF PG)	Lima, Peru
21 (morning)	APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum Special Session (LSIF SS)	Lima, Peru
19-20	APEC Health Working Group (HWG)	Lima, Peru
21-22	6 th APEC High-Level Meeting on Health & the Economy	Lima, Peru
23	APEC HPV and Cervical Cancer Policy Dialogue	Lima, Peru
SEPTEMBER		
4-5	G20 Summit	Hangzhou, China
5-6	3 rd APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum (Medical Device and Biopharmaceutical Sector Programs)	Lima, Peru
5-9	WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia	Colombo, Sri Lanka

11-12	G7 Health Ministers' Meeting	Kobe City, Japan
TBD	2 nd APEC-GHSA Policy Forum on Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship	TBD
13-26	71st Session of the UN General Assembly	New York City, USA
TBD	3 rd Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) Ministerial Meeting	The Netherlands
26-30	PAHO/WHO Regional Committee for the Americas	Washington, DC, USA
OCTOBER		
TBD	3 rd APEC Blood Supply Chain Policy Forum	TBD
10-14	WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific	Manila, Philippines
TBD	APEC Train-the-Trainer Workshop to Promote Collaborations in Mental Health	Vancouver, Canada
NOVEMBER		
14-15	APEC Concluding Senior Officials Meeting	Lima, Peru
17-18	APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM)	Lima, Peru
17-19	APEC CEO Summit	Lima, Peru
19	ABAC Dialogue with Leaders	Lima, Peru
19-20	APEC Economic Leaders Meeting (AELM)	Lima, Peru
DECEMBER		
TBD	APEC Informal Senior Officials Meeting – ISOM	Hanoi, Vietnam
TBD	20 th Session OECD Health Committee	Paris, France