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48th Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group
Meeting
Qingdao, China
30-31 May 2019
2019 APEC SME Business Forum
Shenzhen, China
November, 2019
Background

Based on the implementation of last sessions, it has widely acknowledged as a platform of dialogue between the public and private sector.

Main theme: “Innovation and Sustainability”

Co-sponsoring: Hong Kong, China; Papua New Guinea; Thailand; Korea

Being endorsed by the APEC SMEWG(SME 03 2019S) in 2019
# Profile of 2019 Forum

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Participants

Representatives of industry and commerce
Financial institutions
High-growth small and medium-sized enterprises
Hidden champions
Industry leaders
Business associations
Officials, experts and scholars from APEC economies

It is expected that around 790 participants from 21 economies will take part in this Forum.
Draft Meeting Schedule

First day
- Registration;
- Welcome Dinner;
- The closed-door meeting: 【14:00-17:00】
  the presidium of the APEC SME business forum

Second day
- Business matchmaking;
- Forum;
- Agreements signing 【09:00-12:00】
  Main Forum
  【14:00-17:00】
  Parallel Forums

Third day
- Summary report discussion
- Annual meeting of APEC SME Alliance
- Field trip
Expected Results

Focusing on issues of common concern to various economies such as "entrepreneurship innovation, sustainable development, and the digital economy," the forum will achieve the following results:

1. Implement of the outcomes of Nanjing Declaration of the 2014 SME Ministerial Meeting;
2. Submit the advices and outcomes of the business circle to the 2020 APEC SME Ministerial Meeting;
3. Promote the dialogues between governments and enterprises;
4. Promote the exchanges and knowledge sharing between SME;
5. Promote the innovation and sustainable development of SME.
We sincerely invite you to attend the forum and look forward to listening to your views and insights on promoting the development of SME.

Looking forward to meeting you in Shenzhen, China