



**Asia-Pacific  
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**2019/SOM2/011**  
Agenda Item: 6

## **SCE Chair's Report**

Purpose: Consideration  
Submitted by: CTI Chair



**Second Senior Officials' Meeting  
Viña del Mar, Chile  
15-16 May 2019**

## SCE Chair's Report to SOM

The SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) met in Viña del Mar, Chile, on 13 March 2019. Key outcomes of the meeting were as follows:

1. The SCE endorsed the following fora governance documents:
  - a. PPSTI Revised Terms of Reference (2019/SOM2/SCE/002)
  - b. HRDWG Terms of Reference Addendum on Disability Issues (2019/SOM2/SCE/008)
  - c. EPWG 2019 Work Plan (2019/SOM2/SCE/003)
  - d. ACTWG Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2022 (2019/SOM2/SCE/004)
2. SCE approved the Assessment Team's proposal to implement a pilot program for Fora Assessment utilizing the proposed fora assessment template and previously endorsed qualitative survey.
3. SCE noted Chile's host year priority on sustainable growth including the proposed Roadmap on Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing and the proposed Roadmap on Marine Debris
4. The SCE noted Chile's Mining Minister's presentation on Chile's Self-funded Project for Mining Week (2019/SOM2/SCE/009).
5. SCE noted the presentation from Japan on the proposed Concept Note for Project Session #2: *Peer Review for Sustainable Cities Focusing on Resource Circulation and Waste Management*.
6. The SCE noted the presentation from China and Papua New Guinea on their proposed *Initiative on Poverty Alleviation Cooperation for Inclusive Digital Society*.
7. The SCE noted the presentation from Korea on the proposed Concept Note for *APEC Reference Book on Inclusive Policies*.
8. The SCE noted Chile's 2019 plans for upcoming Ministerial and High Level Policy Dialogues.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that SOM: Note this report.

Attachment: Summary Report – SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH

## Summary Report – SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH

13 May 2019  
Viña del Mar, Chile

1. The second meeting of the SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) was held in Viña del Mar, Chile, on 13 May 2019. All twenty-one APEC economies were represented. PECC and ABAC were also in attendance.
2. The meeting was chaired by Ms Aida Safinaz Allias, Senior Official of Malaysia. Vice Chair was Mr Nicolás Abdala, representing the SOM Chair's Office.

### **Agenda Item 1: Welcome by SCE Chair and Adoption of the Agenda**

3. The SCE Chair welcomed delegates. The agenda (2019/SOM2/SCE/001) was adopted.

### **Agenda Item 2: Fora Administration**

#### *2.1 Terms of Reference*

4. PPSTI Revised Terms of Reference (2019/SOM2/SCE/002) was endorsed.
5. HRDWG Terms of Reference Addendum on Disability Issues (2019/SOM2/SCE/008) was endorsed.

#### *2.2 Sub-fora Work Plans*

6. EPWG 2019 Work Plan (2019/SOM2/SCE/003) was endorsed.

#### *2.3 Strategic Plans*

7. ACTWG Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2022 (2019/SOM2/SCE/004) was endorsed.

### **Agenda Item 3: Standardized Fora Assessment Program**

8. The Assessment Team reported to Senior Officials that the current Standardized Fora Assessment Program is inefficient and costly, with reports that are too long and do not provide useable information. The Assessment Team recommended canceling the current program and developing another program that would be more cost effective with reports that are more accessible. The Assessment Team recommended either asking the current contractor to redesign the current program or using a proposed template designed by the Assessment Team in a pilot program between SCE 2 and SCE 3. Senior Officials approved the use of the template as a pilot program. This new pilot program will be instituted utilizing information already collected by the Secretariat as well as an already endorsed Qualitative Survey. In addition, the contract between the Secretariat and the contractor conducting the Independent Fora Assessments, which had been suspended after SCE 1, will now be terminated. The Assessment Team will report to Senior

Officials at SCE 3 on the intersessional discussion regarding possible additional assessment metrics. The Assessment Team will circulate a discussion paper prior to SCE 3.

#### **Agenda Item 4: Mining Week**

##### *4.1 Chile's proposal to host APEC Mining Week*

9. Chile's Mining Minister, Baldo Prokurica, presented the program for Chile's self-funded project Mining Week (2019/SOM2/SCE/009). SCE noted the presentation and thanked the Mining Minister for taking the time to speak to the Committee.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Host Year Priorities**

##### *5.1 Chile to brief host year priorities and deliverables*

10. Chile briefed on its host year priorities and proposed deliverables under its Sustainable Growth priority: Roadmap on Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing and the Roadmap on Marine Debris. There was widespread support for both of Chile's proposed Roadmaps.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Policy Initiatives and Issues**

##### *6.1 Peer Review for Sustainable Cities Focusing on Resource Circulation and Waste Management*

11. Japan presented its proposed concept note for Project Session #2 proposing an APEC-funded project to conducting a peer review on the use of the "Guidebook for the Development of Sustainable Cities Focusing on Resource Circulation and Waste Management" Several economies had comments and suggestions. Japan will revise the concept note prior to submission as part of Project Session #2.

##### *6.2 Initiative on Poverty Alleviation Cooperation for Inclusive Society*

12. China and Papua New Guinea presented for consideration the co-proposed *Initiative on Poverty Alleviation for Inclusive Digital Society* (2019/SOM2/SCE/005). The proposed initiative received broad support from member economies with some economies specifically welcoming the paper reconfirmed their co-sponsorship. Some economies indicated their substantive concerns with the focus on poverty alleviation as well as concern that this project should be circulated at working group level to access the appropriate technical expertise with specific reference made to the newly formed Digital Economy Steering Group as a possibility. Consultations will continue intersessionally.

##### *6.3 APEC Reference Book on Inclusive Policies*

13. Korea presented its proposed concept note to develop a reference book on Inclusive Policies. The proposed concept note received support from member economies. Some economies suggested narrowing the scope of the proposed concept note. In addition, one economy requested that the concept note link to the 2017 APEC Action Agenda and requested that Korea's project complement on-going work under Finance Minister's Process on the Action

Agenda's financial inclusion pillar. Korea indicated they would revise the concept note and seek intersessional endorsement.

#### **Agenda Item 7: Scheduling of Ministerial Meetings and High Level Policy Dialogues in 2019**

14. Chile presented information on the Ministerial Meetings and High level Policy Dialogues scheduled for 2019. These included the:

- Food Security Ministerial Meeting in Puerto Varas, 23-24 August
- SME week and Ministerial Meeting in Concepción, 2-6 September
  - As part of SME week Chile will host a Digital Innovation Forum
- Women and the Economy Forum (WEF) and Ministerial Meeting in Coquimbo – La Serena 30 September – 5 October
- Finance Minister's Meeting (FMM) in Santiago 14-15 October

#### **Agenda item 8: Other Business**

15. Chile briefed on the arrangements and process for drafting the Ministers Responsible for Trade Statement. Chile asked that individual economies work amongst themselves to develop agreeable language. Chile reminded economies that they would like a consensus statement and asked economies to be flexible.

#### **Agenda Item 10: Document Classification**

16. SCE made the following changes to the document classification list: changing the status to restricted for the documents below. After amendment, the Document Classification List was endorsed. Documents changed to restricted status:

- a. 2019/SOM2/SCE/005
- b. 2019/SOM2/SCE/007a