SCE-COW Chair's Report

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: SCE Chair

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Putrajaya, Malaysia
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SCE-COW Chair's Report to SOM

The annual meeting of the SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH-Committee of the Whole (SCE-COW) was held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 18 February 2020. Key outcomes of the meeting are as follows:

1. The SCE-COW approved the work plans of ten (10) of the fifteen (15) sub-fora.

2. The SCE-COW took note of the interventions of conveners and representatives of 14 of the 15 SCE sub-fora, each of which highlighted key fora deliverables as they aligned with APEC 2019 priorities, together with the ensuing, fruitful discussion with SCE members on alignment, prioritization and cross-fora collaboration.

Recommendations

It is recommended that SOM:

1. Note the outcomes of this meeting.

Attachment: Summary Report - SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH – Committee of the Whole

Summary Report – SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH – Committee of the Whole Meeting (SCE-COW)

18 February 2020
Putrajaya, Malaysia

1. A meeting of the SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH – Committee of the Whole (SCE-COW) was held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 18 February 2020. It was attended by: Senior Officials or other representatives of twenty economies; the Convenors or other representatives of 14 SCE sub-fora; and the APEC Secretariat Executive Director. China and the EPWG Co-Chair participated remotely.

2. The meeting was chaired by Mr Mark Talbot, Senior Official of New Zealand. Vice Chair of the meeting was Ms Asmidar Abdul Rahman, representing Malaysia SOM.

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

1. The SCE Chair welcomed delegates to the meeting. The agenda (2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/001) was adopted.

Agenda Item 2: APEC 2020 Priorities

2. Malaysia introduced APEC 2020 Theme and Priorities of:
   Theme: Human Potential for a Future of Shared Prosperity
   Priority One: Improving the Narrative of Trade and Investment
   Priority Two: Inclusive Economic Participation through Digital Economy and Technology
   Priority Three: Driving Innovative Sustainability

3. SCE noted Malaysia's presentation

Agenda Item 3: Continuing Work on 2019 Key Outcomes

3.1 La Serena Roadmap on Women and Inclusive Growth

4. Chile presented a video on the La Serena Roadmap and asked economies to anticipate the forthcoming implementation plan.

5. SCE noted the video

Agenda Item 4: Fora Convenors to Highlight Key Fora Deliverables for 2020

6. The SCE heard brief interventions from conveners and representatives of 14 SCE sub-fora as they highlighted key sub-fora deliverables that aligned with Malaysia's host year priorities, cross-fora initiatives, and issues that may seek SOM or AMM consideration. Senior Officials and other SCE members welcomed the interventions of the sub-fora representatives, offered views and enjoyed robust discussion with the sub-fora representatives, including on ways to improve cross-fora collaboration and engagement with the private sector.

7. The United States noted that of the 15 work plans available for review, only eight contained outcome oriented references to gender issues and/or mentioned the La Serena Roadmap on Women and Inclusive Growth despite the instructions on the template to include discussion on these items. Two other work plans contained non-outcome oriented references to gender issues.

8. SCE Chair reminded Convenors to include gender issues and the La Serena Roadmap on Women and Inclusive Growth to 2021 work plans.

9. SCE noted the presentations.

Agenda Item 5: 2019 Fora Work Plans

10. The SCE Chair indicated that the SCE was being asked to approve 10 sub-fora work plans of the following: ACTWG; ATCWG; EGILAT; EWG; HRDWG; PPSTI; PPWE; SMEWG; TELWG; and TPTWG. The work plans of CTWG; EPWG; HWG; OFWG; and TWG will be circulated to members intersessionally for endorsement. The SCE-COW endorsed the 10 work plans submitted for consideration.

> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/007 ACTWG Work Plan
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> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/009 EGILAT Work Plan
> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/010 EWG Work Plan
> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/011 HRDWG Work Plan
> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/012 PPSTI Work Plan
> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/013 PPWE Work Plan
> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/014 SMEWG Work Plan
> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/015 TELWG Work Plan
> 2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/016 TPTWG Work Plan

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

11. The Philippines invited members and Convenors to join them in Boracay for the Global MSME Forum, 2-3 June.

12. The Philippines informed members that the final review/study report of the Boracay Action Agenda as well as the key outcomes of the Forum will be presented at the Concluding Senior Officials Meeting in Malaysia.

Agenda Item 7: Document Access

13. The SCE added one item to the document classification list: Counter-Terrorism Working Group Key Fora Deliverables for 2020 presentation (2020/SOM1/SCE-COW/027).

14. The SCE approved the document classification list as amended.

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