Automotive Dialogue Convener’s Report – Endorsed

Purpose: Information
Submitted by: AD Convener
1. How does the Forum’s work contribute to CTI’s Objectives of:

Please provide a brief list of the forum’s work under each sub-heading. Please refer to Appendix A for further detail on CTI’s objectives.

   a. Support for the Multilateral Trading System
   The AD has addressed many impediments to various market access barriers that hinder the long-term goal of free and open trade. Using workshops and its workplan the AD has encouraged economic and technical cooperation that contributes to trade liberalization and facilitation.

   b. Regional Economic Integration, including taking forward the Putrajaya Vision 2040 and contributing to the development of the Implementation Plan in 2021
   The Putrajaya Vision 2040 will be reflected in the Auto Dialogue’s continued focus on market access including free trade agreements, tax structure and regimes, non-tariff measures; trade and business facilitation; harmonization of standards and regulations; new technologies; and economic and technical cooperation related to the automotive industry in the Asia-Pacific region.

   c. Trade Facilitation and Connectivity
   APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program goal is to reduce regulatory divergence and avoid adoption of unique (e.g., economy-specific) new technology standards or regulations which allows for the easier trade in these energy saving, life-saving technologies.

   d. Inclusion
   The AD has been very successful in developing effective mechanisms for APEC economies to cooperate in addressing and reducing barriers to growth in the auto sector in the APEC region.

2. Forum Main Objectives/Deliverables expected for 2021

Please provide a brief list of the forum’s 2021 objectives and expected outcomes/deliverables.

The AD will begin work on APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program which is the latest in a series of important administration efforts to reduce regulatory and standards divergence. The APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program furthers the earlier workstream and identifies economies that will receive multi-year, in-depth technical and policy assistance on issues found in a gap analysis based on an initial stock taking exercise.

3. Planned private sector engagement in 2021

Please provide a list of planned private sector engagement in 2021
The private sector is an integral and active member of every Auto Dialogue meeting, program and workshop.

4. Planned cross-fora collaboration in 2021
Please provide a list of planned cross-fora collaboration in 2021
There will be Cross-for a collaboration with the Transportation Working Group and the Energy Working Group on the APEC Advanced Vehicle Technologies Technical Engagement Program.

5. **Main outcomes from most recent plenary meeting**
   *Please provide in list format*
   The AD endorsed the AV Guiding Principles.

6. **Was quorum\(^1\) reached at the most recent plenary meeting?**
   *Please advise how many economies participated in the most recent plenary meeting.*
   Yes. A total number of 14 economies attended the meeting: Canada; China; Hong Kong, China; Japan; the Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; Peru, the Philippines; Russia; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States; and Viet Nam. SIAM attended the meeting as Official Guest to the Automotive Dialogue.

7. **What is your Forum doing to maintain/increase its relevance to APEC member economies and increase participation from its members?**
   *Please provide a brief list of planned efforts to increase participation from members*
   This year we are planning to discuss: Trade Policies after Covid and Economic and Trade Policies that Strengthen Recovery. Two topics that will be useful to all economies.

8. **Decision points needed from CTI**
   - Seek CTI’s endorsement of the Auto Dialogue Convenor’s Report.

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\(^1\) Quorum requires 14 economies or more. Quorum is measured by member economies (not including private sector) participating. Remote participation is counted.