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**Self-Funded Proposal – Asia-Pacific Model E-Port  
Network Workshop on Advancing Resilience of  
Logistics Through Collaboration Among E-Ports  
Response to the Pandemic  
(Endorsed Intersessionally on 16 April 2021)**

Purpose: Information  
Submitted by: China



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# APEC Self-Funded Project Proposal Coversheet

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<b>Project Title:</b>	Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN) Workshop on Advancing Resilience of Logistics through Collaboration among E-Ports Response to the Pandemic
<b>Project Number</b>	CTI 04 2021S
<b>Committee / WG / Sub-fora / Task-force:</b>	Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI), in consultation with SCCP.
<b>Proposing APEC economy:</b>	People's Republic of China
<b>Co-sponsoring economies</b>	The Philippines, Peru
<b>Date approved by fora:</b>	16 April 2021
<b>Expected start date:</b>	September 2021
<b>Completion date:</b>	November 2021
<b>Project summary:</b>	<p>This Workshop which will seek to enable members of Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN), as well as interested economies to tackle the challenges of, especially in logistics and courier service, brought by the global outbreak of COVID-19 and ensure the effective and efficient recovery of Post-COVID supply chains in the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <p>Aiming to share effective experiences and practices in dealing with logistics under pandemic, the event will invite experts from public and private sectors among international organizations and institutions to share their innovative practices and insightful experiences on the ways to advance the resilience of logistics through collaboration among E-ports and tackle obstacles concerning the epidemic prevention and control on issues relating to sea freight logistics, air freight logistics, cold-chain logistics and courier service for the benefits of APMEN members and APEC economies.</p>
<b>Total cost of project (USD):</b>	45,000 USD

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Name of Project Overseer

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Name of Fora Chair/Lead Shepherd

**Date:**

## Self-Funded Project Synopsis

1. **Relevance – Benefits to region: What problem does the project seek to address? Does it have sustained benefits for more than one economy?**
  - The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the business environment for many areas around the world. As enterprises seek to strengthen operations and long-term business development, the importance of logistics resilience and risk management is more highlighted than ever.
  - Facing these challenges, this workshop is seeking to improve the supply chain connectivity, especially in logistics and courier service, in APEC economies and contribute to the paperless trade within APEC region. This workshop also seeks to encourage more regional cooperation among public and private sectors in the Asia-Pacific region.
  - The workshop will invite experts from public and private sectors among international organizations and institutions to share their practices and experiences on the construction of the seamless and resilient logistics through collaboration among E-ports or other relevant solutions, which will bring insights on solutions to address those challenges raised by COVID-19 to benefit all members of APMEN as well as APEC economies.
  
2. **Relevance – Capacity Building: How will the project build the capacity of APEC members**
  - The project will be driven by the needs of APEC economies that have the motivation to promote the supply chain connectivity in the area of logistics and courier service. Participant member of APMEN and APEC economies will be provided with hands-on technical know-how suggestions according to each economy's specific needs of response to pandemic.
  - The workshop will focus on needs and opportunities of members of APMEN and APEC economies on supply-chain connectivity in the area of logistics and courier service by sharing practices concerning the epidemic prevention and control, while endeavoring to comply with international and domestic laws related to data security, data protection and free flow of data,<sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup> and providing technical solutions according to each economy's specific needs of response to pandemic.
  - The workshop and capacity building program encourage sharing practices or the implementation and new approaches to solve existing problems on connectivity in the region response to pandemic.
  
3. **Objectives: State the key objectives of the project.**
  - **Short Term:** To help members of APMEN and interested economies to tackle the challenges of logistics in the Asia-Pacific region brought by the global outbreak of COVID-19, ensure the effective and efficient recovery of Post-COVID logistics in the region, and advance the resilience of logistics through collaboration among E-ports of the region.
  - **Medium Term:** Through effective sharing, and discussing with expertise in practices on the resilience of logistics to produce recommendations in promoting further collaboration in the area of logistics response to the pandemic among APEC community.
  - **Long Term:** Through productive cooperation among public and private sectors to form the best practices and contribute to an inclusive economic recovery.
  
4. **Alignment – APEC: Describe specific APEC priorities, goals, strategies and/ or statements that the project supports, and explain how the project will contribute to their achievement.**
  - *The APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015-2025*, which was endorsed by the 2014 AELM, specifically encourages member economies to promote supply chain connectivity and paperless trading. This project can help to contribute to advance the resilience of logistics through collaboration among E-ports.
  - In APEC Leaders' *2020 Kuala Lumpur Declaration*, Leaders committed to 'identifying and resolving unnecessary barriers to trade and strengthening the resilience of our supply chains.'
  - In APEC Leaders' *APEC Putrajaya Vision 2040*, APEC 'will promote seamless connectivity, resilient supply chains and responsible business conduct.'
  
5. **Alignment – Forum: How does the project align with your forum's work plan/ strategic plan?**

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<sup>1</sup> See *Terms of Reference of the Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (2019-2022)* endorsed by APEC CTI.

<sup>2</sup> See *APMEN Work Plan in 2021* endorsed by APEC CTI.

- This workshop can be contributory to connectivity program in CTI and SOM in following aspects.
  - i. This workshop can promote further work and collaboration among E-ports and propel progress on the *APEC Connectivity Blueprint*.
  - ii. By advancing the resilience of logistics through collaboration among E-ports and promoting supply chain connectivity in APEC economies, this project can help to build a seamless and comprehensively connected and integrated Asia-Pacific.

**6. Methodology: How do you plan to implement the project? Briefly address the following:**

**Work plan**

**7. Beneficiaries: Selection criteria for participants, beneficiary profiles (e.g. participants, end users, policy makers, researchers/ analysts, gender) and how they will be engaged.**

- All APEC economies are welcomed to participate in APMEN Workshop on Advancing Resilience of Logistics through Collaboration among E-Ports Response to Pandemic. By understanding different APEC economy's needs of advancing the resilience of logistics, targeted technical

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Tasks:</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>
Feb 2021	Submit Project Proposal to CTI for consideration and endorsement	Project Proposal
Sept 2021	Preparation for the Workshop: <i>THEME</i> for APMEN Workshop on Advancing Resilience of Logistics through Collaboration among E-Ports Response to Pandemic	Project details including agenda, invitation, etc.
Oct 2021	APMEN Workshop on Advancing Resilience of Logistics through Collaboration among E-Ports Response to Pandemic to be held in both online and offline format	
Nov 2021	Preparation and submission of Completion Report for consideration and inter-sessional endorsement	A summary report

suggestions will be provided and exchanged.

- The participants are also welcomed to give feedback on how to empower the cross-border supply chain cooperation within the APEC region under COVID-19 and how to conquer existing obstacles in logistics or other issues relating to supply chain connectivity. Participants will also be selected in a balance of background, industry/enterprise and gender, particularly in encouraging more female participation.

**8. Evaluation: Indicators developed to measure progress, project outcomes and impacts/successes. Where possible provide indicators which could assess impacts on women.**

- Number of APEC member economies joining APMEN Workshop on Advancing Resilience of Logistics through Collaboration among E-Ports Response to Pandemic.
- Advance and progress in enhancing the resilience of logistics through collaboration among E-ports of relevant APEC member economies.
- Expected saving of time and costs through supply chain connectivity practices of relevant APEC member economies.

**9. Linkages: Information on other APEC and non-APEC stakeholders and how they will be engaged. If and how this proposal builds on (but does not duplicate) the work of other projects. How will this activity promote cross fora collaboration?**

- APMEN Workshop on Advancing Resilience of Logistics through Collaboration among E-Ports invites both APEC economies and non-APEC stakeholders to exchange ideas and share practices in optimizing the resilience of logistics response to pandemic. This project will also be complementary to the efforts of SCCP, which has been engaged in promoting customs cooperation to enhance supply chain connectivity of the Asia-Pacific region.