Project Updates - Promoting APEC Innovative Models in Reducing and Managing Land-Based Marine Debris into Oceans for Sustainable Development (OFWG 04 2019A); Promoting Circular Economy and Sustainable Materials Management to Effectively Address Marine Plastic Litter in the Asia-Pacific Region (OFWG 04 2020A)

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Promoting APEC Innovative Models in reducing and managing Land-based Marine Debris into Oceans for sustainable development
**Project Name:**
Promoting APEC Innovative Models in reducing and managing Land-based Marine Debris into Oceans for sustainable development

**Proposing Economy:**
Viet Nam

**Co-sponsoring economies:**
Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Peru, The Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand

**Concept Note Submission:**
June 2019

**PMU Approval:**
28 November 2019
OBJECTIVES

- Build the capacity of economies through sharing experiences and best practices among participants in harnessing new technologies to address effectively the APEC-wide issue of marine debris;
- Develop a set of recommendations to improve waste management measures and prevent the entrance of land-based marine debris into oceans;
- Identify cooperation areas and promote collective actions on marine conservation through setting a multi-stakeholder network among project participants.
PARTICIPATION

- Organized virtually 27 – 28 July 2021
- 181 participants from 15 economies, including representatives of related ministries, agencies, experts, scholars, enterprises from APEC member economies, representatives of the OFWG and the PPSTI, as well as representatives of international organizations such as World Bank, UNESCAP, UNEP, IUCN.
- **Gender:** More than 50% of participants are women.
1. Promoting the application of innovative models, especially modern technologies in the prevention, treatment and management of land-based marine debris.

2. Strengthening the cohesion between the stakeholders, jointly developing and implementing synchronous, substantive and effective plans in solving Land-based Debris’ leakage into oceans.

3. Building networks and partnerships to enhance learning, exchange and update of data, best practices and the latest solutions and strategies applied in APEC in handling land-based debris into oceans.

4. Increasing public awareness of environmental challenges due to ocean debris littering from land and current sustainable development trends.

5. Strengthening cooperation between international and regional organizations on the development of innovative models in preventing, treating and managing Land-based debris into oceans for sustainable development.
Update on APEC Project

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Promoting Circular Economy and Sustainable Materials Management to Effectively Address Marine Plastic Litter in the Asia-Pacific Region
**Project Name:**
Promoting Circular Economy and Sustainable Materials Management to Effectively Address Marine Plastic Litter in the Asia-Pacific Region

**Proposing Economy:**
Viet Nam

**Co-sponsoring economies:**
Australia; Chile; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Peru; the Phillippines; Russia; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States

**Concept Note Submission:**
February 2020
OBJECTIVES

- Assess the capacity of economies in promoting circular economy to address marine plastic effectively;
- Share best practices and innovations of new sustainable materials; packaging and products that use a single or small number of polymers;
- Identify policy measures to incentivize circular economy practices in design and support innovations and start-ups, particularly those related to new, biodegradable and compostable plastics;
- Develop a Compendium of Recommendations encouraging cooperation in potential areas to tackle marine plastic litters, particularly in design phase.
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Goodbye for now
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