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APEC Food Security Business Plan (2014-2020)

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In line with what has been stated in 2013 APEC Ministerial Meeting-Joint Ministerial Statement (para71), “develop and start to implement an operational Business Plan in the coming years”, the APEC Food Security Business Plan from 2014 to 2020 has to be developed accordingly, to further carry out the APEC Food Security Road Map Towards 2020.

GOAL: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote research and development and technology dissemination.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support and harmonize food security initiatives with, and request information from: private sector partners; as well as relevant regional, multilateral, and multi-sectoral organizations, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), World Economic Forum (WEF), Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), World Food Program (WFP), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the U.N. Committee on World Food Security (CFS), Group of 20 (G-20), and the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Promote effective management of marine ecosystems, fisheries, & aquaculture.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support and harmonize food security initiatives with, and request regular updates from: private sector partners; APEC Oceans Fisheries Working Group; and other relevant regional and academic networks and organizations, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.
- Contribute to the data collection of Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center.

- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Strengthen farmer’s organizations, strengthen resilience of agricultural producers including smallholders, promote welfare of women in farming, empower smallholder farmers into the food supply and value chain, and enhance services and training for small-holders.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support and harmonize food security activities with, and request regular updates from private sector partners, the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum Partnership Training Institute Network, APEC Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group, APEC Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy, and other relevant initiatives and regional networks.

- **OBJECTIVE 4:** Promote sustainable management of natural resources, increase resilience to natural disasters & global climate change.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support and harmonize food security activities with, and request regular updates from: the APEC Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group; APEC Study Centers Consortium; private sector partners; and other relevant regional and academic organizations, including the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions, International Network for Water and Ecosystem in Paddy Fields, and the International Rice Research Institute.

GOAL: FACILITATION OF INVESTMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE**➤ OBJECTIVE 1:** Promote investment in agriculture.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support and request updates from relevant sub-groups in the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment, the coordinating body for all APEC work on trade and investment facilitation.
- Support the development, endorsement, and implementation of the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment in the U.N. Committee for World Food Security.
- Encourage capacity-building activities to stimulate investment and infrastructure development.

➤ OBJECTIVE 2: Develop infrastructure & analyze the impacts of Foreign Direct Investment.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Provide accurate and accessible data on food security, and share best practices of agricultural investment, through the: Asia-Pacific Information Platform on Food Security; APEC High-Level Policy Dialogue on Agriculture Biotechnology; Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition; and other relevant regional, multilateral, and global initiatives.
- Support relevant workshops, pilot projects, and coordination of diverse private sector partners from all 21 APEC economies, as well as the APEC Business Advisory Council.

GOAL: ENHANCE TRADE & MARKETS DEVELOPMENT**➤ OBJECTIVE 1:** Facilitate trade in food and agricultural products.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support and request updates from sub-groups in the APEC Committee on Trade and Investment.
- Support and harmonize food security initiatives with, and request regular updates from the APEC Food Safety Cooperation Forum to improve food trade cooperation and facilitation.
- Encourage capacity-building activities to stimulate trade cooperation and facilitation.

➤ OBJECTIVE 2: Improve governance frameworks. Promote studying and sharing of best practices of risk management methods among stakeholders in order to strengthen food security.

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Propose and coordinate relevant events, workshops, and Ministerial to connect good governance and best practices in food security with related APEC focus areas, such as: food; oceans and fisheries; biotechnology; science, technology, and innovation; and sustainable development.

GOAL: REDUCE FOOD LOSS AND WASTE➤ **OBJECTIVE 1:** Reduce food loss

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Develop, support, and implement complimentary multi-year projects on food loss from all 21 APEC economies, as well as relevant regional, multilateral, and multi-sectoral organizations, such as: Strengthening Public-Private Partnership to Reduce Food Losses in the Supply Chain and “Survey on Innovative Technology and Best Practices to Reduce Food Loss”.
- Encourage capacity-building activities to contribute efforts to reduce food loss.
- Support the development of common definitions and measurements of food loss.

➤ **OBJECTIVE 2:** Reduce food waste

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support relevant workshops, pilot projects, and coordination of diverse private sector partners from all 21 APEC economies, as well as relevant regional, multilateral, and multi-sectoral organizations.
- Promote the exchange and share of successful models and best practices of food waste reduction.
- Support the development of advanced and innovative technologies to prevent the food waste from occurring.

GOAL: IMPROVE FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION➤ **OBJECTIVE 1:** Improve food safety

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Establishing a dialogue and consultation mechanism of food quality/safety issues in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Promoting cooperation on food quality/safety standards in the Asia-pacific Region
- Promoting harmonization of standards and adherence to international, science-based standards, i.e. Codex, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), International Standardization Organization (ISO)
- Support relevant workshops, pilot projects, and coordination of diverse private sector partners from all 21 APEC economies, as well as relevant regional, multilateral, and multi-sectoral organizations.
- Support food safety net, including proper nutrition for vulnerable communities

➤ **OBJECTIVE 2:** Decrease malnutrition, reduce stunting

KEY ISSUES / ACTIONS:

- Support and harmonize food nutrition initiatives with, and request information from: private sector partners; as well as relevant regional, multilateral, and multi-sectoral organizations.
- Support relevant workshops, pilot projects, and coordination of diverse private sector partners from all 21 APEC economies.