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Agenda Item: I F

Independent Assessment of the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group - Questionnaire

Purpose: Information

Submitted by: APEC Secretariat (On behalf of Independent Assessor)



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**5th Oceans and Fisheries Working Group Meeting
Boracay, Philippines
10-12 May 2015**

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INSTRUCTIONS

Recipients of this questionnaire are invited to provide responses and comments to each question below. These questions reflect the items that the SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE), the OFWG's parent Committee, have asked the Independent Assessor to review. These areas will also guide the one-on-one discussions that the Independent Assessor will hold with APEC member delegations at the OFWG meeting that will take place from 10-12 May 2015 in Boracay, The Republic of the Philippines.

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OFWG's Focus and Scope

- 1. Is the OFWG focusing on relevant oceans and fisheries topics of interest to APEC member economies?***

- 2. What other oceans and fisheries topics should be discussed?***

- 3. Does the OFWG's Terms of Reference need to be modified to better respond to APEC ECOTECH priorities and contribute to the achievement of APEC goals?***

- 4. Does the OFWG have clear strategic priorities and direction for future work? How could this be improved?***

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- 5. *Is the process of developing the OFWG Work Plan inclusive and represent the collective priorities of the economies? How could this be improved?***

OFWG Projects

- 6. *Do you consider the projects that the OFWG undertake are in-line with, and are relevant to, the various APEC Leaders' and Ministers' stated priorities related to oceans and fisheries?***
- 7. *Are there any projects which you believe are not appropriately related to implementing the various APEC Leaders' and Ministers' stated priorities related to oceans and fisheries?***
- 8. *Are you satisfied with the process that is used to discuss and formulate projects within the OFWG, including the use and format of the concept notes and their eventual prioritization?***
- 9. *How could the OFWG better focus and more efficiently and effectively manage projects?***
- 10. *How could the OFWG improve the implementation of its capacity building projects to better provide benefits according to APEC Leaders' and Ministers' priorities;***

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Collaboration

11. Is the amount of collaboration with the following parties sufficient and how might collaboration be enhanced were necessary:

(a) collaboration with other APEC groups – e.g. PPFS?

(b) collaboration with non-APEC government-to-government international and regional organizations and forums that have ocean and fisheries related agendas?

(c) collaboration with civil society and non-governmental organizations?

(d) Collaboration with the private sector, oceans and fisheries companies, investors, and ABAC?

12. How can OFWG better identify ways to tap into resources to participate in programs and undertake relevant projects funded by organizations outside of APEC?

13. Does the OFWG duplicate the efforts of other organizations? If so, is this problematic to APEC member economies and how can this be best managed?

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Gender

14. How can the OFWG take into account the APEC commitment to give gender greater consideration in accordance with directions outlined by the [Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy](#)?

OFWG Effectiveness, Efficiency and Secretariat Support

15. Is the OFWG operating in an effective and efficient manner? How could its operation be improved?

16. What enhancements to the leadership could be beneficial if resources were made available?

17. What enhancements to the Secretariat could be beneficial if resources were made available?

18. Is OFWG information and information related to the OFWG readily accessible and useful (e.g. websites)?

19. What improvements could be made to meeting arrangements (timing, venues, workshops, agenda, working documents, web conferencing etc.)?

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20. To what extent is communication to and from the SCE sufficient – is their enough direction, reporting and feedback on progress?

Possible recommendations to the SCE

21. As a result of this assessment what are the main decision points that should be considered by the SCE?

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