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SCSC Convenor's Summary Report to CTI - Presentation

Purpose: Consideration
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28-29 February 2016**

Advancing **Free Trade** for Asia-Pacific Prosperity

SCSC CONVENOR'S SUMMARY REPORT TO CTI

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SOM I and Related Meetings
21 – 29 February 2016, Lima, Peru



Outline of presentation



1. SCSC 1 2016
2. Proposed work plan for 2016
3. Activities with ABAC
4. Expected outcomes/deliverables for 2016
5. Decision points needed from CTI

1. Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance



- First meeting: 21-22 February 2016
- Delegates from 17 Member Economies
- 4 SRBs members
- 1 guest

2. SCSC Proposed work plan for 2016

- A. Support the multilateral trading system
- B. Advancing regional economic integration
- C. Strengthening comprehensive connectivity and infrastructure development
- D. Expanding regulatory cooperation and advancing regulatory convergence
- E. Promoting innovative development, economic reform, quality growth; contributions to other cross-cutting initiatives



A. Support the multilateral trading system

- SCSC Collective Action Plan (CAP) 2016
- WTO Agreements on Trade Facilitation (TFA), Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) measures and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
- SCSC Terms of Reference (TOR)



B. Advancing regional economic integration

MSMEs Internationalization

- Studies, publications and guides that facilitate the MSMEs to know and learn the benefits of Standardization, Accreditation and Metrology.
- Contributes with the implementation of the Boracay Action Agenda.

Alignment with International Standards and Active Participation in International Standardization

- Expansion and access to Agreements of mutual, regional and global recognition of all the APEC economies.
- Voluntary Action Plan (VAP).



C. Strengthening comprehensive connectivity and infrastructure development

Technical Infrastructure Development

- Share information on the progress of their technical infrastructure development.
- Developing public and private capacities in matters of technical Infrastructure.
- Promoting educational infrastructure aiming to reduce or bridge remaining gaps.

Pathfinder Initiatives

- JRAC Seminar in 2016 on the occasion of SCSC2.

D. Expanding regulatory cooperation and advancing regulatory convergence

Standards and Conformance

SCSC priorities for 2016:

- a) **Develop and promote the Standards and Conformance Infrastructure to support the innovation process** that facilitates the transfer of technology and interoperability of products, services and systems.
- b) **Building capacities** and competences of “**Health Quality Assurance**”.
- c) Encourage and **strengthen a quality culture in the APEC region** through the Exchange of educational experiences that motivate the themes of quality infrastructure, including learning and material resources of standards and conformance.
- d) **Supporting MSMEs Trade Facilitation** through the promotion of the use of Standards, Conformance assessment, accreditation and Metrology that promotes its competitiveness.
- e) Assure the **SCSC coordination in the forums related to Food Safety**.

D. Expanding regulatory cooperation and advancing regulatory convergence

Good Regulatory Practice

- 8th Conference on Good Regulatory Practice (GRP).
- Self-funded project “Baseline Study of Good Regulatory Practices in APEC Member Economies” .

Food Safety

- 5 projects on food safety and related regulations.

E. Promoting innovative development, economic reform, quality growth; contributions to other cross-cutting initiatives



Human Capital Development

- Exchange of experiences and systematization of successful cases of quality infrastructure in education.
- Standards Olympiad.
- Standards and Conformity Assessment Education
- Quality National School

3. Activities with ABAC and/or other external stakeholders: interaction with business



Wine Regulatory Forum (WRF)

APEC model wine certificate.

Specialist Regional Bodies (SRBs)

Activities and future plans of four SRBs

4. Expected outcomes/deliverables for 2016



- A. Endorsement of CAP 2016
- B. Active continuation of the WTO TBT and SPS Committees.
- C. Active continuation of Voluntary Action Plan (VAP) Alignment Work.
- D. Endorsement of the APEC model wine certificate.
- E. JRAC meeting 2016
- F. Exchange of Educational experiences and good practices of standards and conformance infrastructure
- G. Identify the inoperability challenges of products, services and/or systems
- H. Expected outcomes/deliverables of the ongoing projects:
 - Capacity-Building, database and metric assessment on energy efficiency;
 - A survey and a publication to help MSMEs better understand the benefits of standards & conformance;
 - 11th conference on standards and conformity to establish relationship between standards and innovation used in APEC economies

4. Expected outcomes/deliverables for 2016



- I. At least 5 concept notes related to 2016 priorities to Session 1 of the approval project process.

Themes:

- Grain food safety;
- Measurements and verification standards of energy saving;
- Reference materials;
- Organic products;
- Medical devices verification and validation;
- Inter-laboratory comparisons with organizations and laboratories conformity assessment;
- Quality control tools.

5. Decision points needed from CTI



The SCSC would like to invite the CTI to endorse the SCSC Convener's Summary Report.



Thank you

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