



**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**

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Agenda Item: 4

APEC Project Management Update

Purpose: Information
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**49th Tourism Working Group Meeting
Kokopo, Papua New Guinea
31 August – 1 September 2016**




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Project Update

SOM 3 & Related Meetings, August 2016

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Project Session 1: Outcomes

Number of Projects Requesting Funding	123
Number of Projects Approved	52
Overall Approval Rate (Session 1, 2016)	42%
(Overall Approval Rate - 5 Year Average)	~ 50%

Project Session 2: Update



- Project Session 2 commenced on 22 June
- 103 concept notes were submitted
- Project Overseers can expect to be notified about their concept notes by mid September (at the latest)
- Project proposals for approved projects must be submitted to the Secretariat for quality assessment no later than 26 October

All dates with detailed explanations are available on the APEC website:

<http://www.apec.org/Projects/Applying-for-Funds.aspx>

Establishment of New Sub-funds



New Sub-Funds

- A new sub-fund was established by Canada starting in Session 2, 2016
 - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Three new sub-funds were established by China starting in Session 1, 2016
 - FTAAP and Global Value Chains
 - Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth
 - Connectivity

Sub-Fund Eligibility Criteria

- Specific eligibility criteria and application processes for all sub-funds are available on the APEC Website:

<http://www.apec.org/Projects/Funding-Sources.aspx>

Capacity Building in Projects



Capacity Building in Projects

- In 2015, SCE approved a Capacity Building Policy for APEC
 - The policy aims to strengthen the focus of APEC projects on capacity building outcomes
- Budget and Management Committee, in consultation with other Committees, is examining how to strengthen project focus on capacity building.
- By 2017, you can expect:
 - Updates to the APEC Project Guidebook and project templates
 - Possible changes to the project selection and approval process

Project Approval Process: Summary



Forum endorses and scores Concept Notes (/20) using Scoring Template



Members assess eligibility of Concept Notes for ASF sub-funds (if applicable)



Committees score Concept Notes (/40) using Scoring Template



Concept Notes matched to available funding, starting with the highest scores;
BMC approved Concept Notes developed into Project Proposals



Project Proposals assessed for quality by Forum and APEC Secretariat



Proposals recommended to BMC

Monitoring and Completion Reports



Monitoring Reports (MRs):

- Monitoring reports are due every 6 months on 1 February and 1 August

Completion Reports (CRs):

- Completion reports are due within 2 months of the project's completion

Failure to submit MRs or CRs:

- POs with outstanding MRs are ineligible to submit new Concept Notes or have any proposal approved until all overdue reports are submitted
- Any APEC forum whose project has not submitted a CR is ineligible to submit new Concept Notes or have any full proposal approved until all overdue reports are submitted

Report templates can be found on the APEC Website:

<http://www.apec.org/Projects/Forms-and-Resources.aspx>

Key Advice for Concept Notes




• Follow all guidelines:

- Meet the submission deadline
- 3-pages maximum
- Write clearly and succinctly for an audience of non-experts
- Address the eligibility criteria for the fund/ sub-fund you apply for
- Show how the project will build capacity
- At least 2 co-sponsoring economies (some groups expect more)
- Link project to annual APEC Funding Criteria
- Ensure project end date is by December of the following year
- Use most current form, found on APEC website, project link

• Ensure that your economy scores Concept Notes, including its own

Project Forms & Resources

<http://www.apec.org/Projects/Forms-and-Resources.aspx>



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Project Guidebook

- [Guidebook on APEC Projects \(11th Edition\)](#) - Feb 2016


Forms for Applicants

- [Concept Note Template](#) - BMC1 2015
- [Project Proposal Template](#) - BMC1 2015
- [APEC Self-Funded Project Proposal Coversheet](#) - BMC2 2012
- [QAF - Quality Assessment Framework](#) - BMC1 2015

Resources for Applicants

- [Funding Criteria for all APEC Funded Projects in 2016](#)
- [Project Quality Training Materials](#) - BMC2 2015
- [Concept Note Development Materials](#) - 14 Aug 2015
- [Project Proposal Development Materials](#) - 14 Aug 2015
- [Quality Criteria for Assessing APEC Projects](#) - BMC1 2015
- [Guide on Gender Criteria](#)
- [Applying for APEC Funds Overview](#) - BMC1 2015
- [APEC Guidelines on Conducting Capacity Building](#) - BMC1 2015

Further Assistance



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Further assistance on projects can be found:

- Through the APEC Secretariat, via your Program Director or the PMU:
 - Program Directors: <http://www.apec.org/contactus/APECSecretariat.aspx>
 - PMU Program Director, Andrew R Lloyd: arl14@apec.org
- In the *APEC Project Guidebook* and *Proposal Development Materials*:
 - <http://www.apec.org/Projects/Forms-and-Resources.aspx>
- On the *AIMP Project Database* site:
 - http://member.aimp.apec.org/pdb_sites/default.aspx
- Through your BMC or fora delegate