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Emergency Preparedness Working Group Proposed Workplan for 2017

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Introduction

In 2017, the Emergency Preparedness Working Group will aim to start to operationalize the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Framework adopted by the Leaders in 2015 to address the “new normal” by implementing the 2016 APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan. The “new normal” is characterized by at least two phenomena: the increasing frequency, magnitude and scope of natural disasters and the resultant disruption on the increasingly integrated and interlinked production and supply chain. This new normal disrupts the free flow of trade and investments across economies and present tremendous challenges and serious threats to the inclusiveness and sustainability of growth and development of the region. The overall vision of EPWG through the DRR Framework and its Action Plan is to achieve an adaptive and disaster-resilient APEC economies.

Apart from aligning the work with the EPWG 2017-2020 Strategic Plan, EPWG will fully support the 2017 Viet Nam big theme of “Creating New Dynamism, Fostering a Shared Future”, which requires as a precondition, an adaptive and disaster-resilient APEC economies. The vision of EPWG should thus be widely shared among economies for our future.

In that regard, the EPWG will align its work with the Viet Nam 2017 priorities such as:

- (i) “Deepening Regional Economic Integration” through promoting APEC Connectivity, Supply Chain Connectivity, Region Global Value Chains, and Supporting Industry, requires increasing resilience to avoid disruption of the integrated and interlinked production and supply chains, which has been a shared concern by EPWG.
- (ii) “Promoting Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth” with activities that aim to enhance capacity building for economies on increasing economic resiliency, for which addressing regional challenges of climate change mitigation, emergency preparedness, and disaster risk reduction is the key.
- (iii) Strengthening MSMEs' competitiveness and innovation in the digital age by facilitating MSMEs' greater participation in GVCs and the business environment for MSMEs can be supported and achieved by upgrading resilience and DRR efforts at various levels
- (iv) “Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Response to Climate Change”, as a continuation of the work from 10th Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum” in Iquitos, Peru which took “Emergency Preparedness for Supply Chain and Emergency Food Security” as a theme of the Forum.

EPWG will also ensure cross-fora collaboration in particular with regard to the implementation of the APEC DRR Action Plan.

1. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2017

- 1.1. Hold 11th Emergency Preparedness Working Group Meeting in Nha Trang, Viet Nam 18-19 February
- 1.2. Operationalize APEC Emergency Preparedness Capacity Building Center (EPCC)
- 1.3. Hold a kick off meeting in Kobe, Japan between Viet Nam and Japan Experts in March, 2017 as the first phase of Project EPWG 01 2016 “Enhancing Rural Disaster Resilience through Effective Infrastructure Investment” implementation.
- 1.4. Hold 12th Emergency Preparedness Working Group Meeting in Ho Chi Minh City in August

- 1.5. Hold a Workshop on “Enhancing Rural Disaster Resilience through Effective Infrastructure Investment” as a Project EPWG 01 2016 implementation back to back SDMOF in September
- 1.6. Hold 11th Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum in Vinh, Viet Nam on 21-22 September focusing on advanced science and technology
- 1.7. Agreed on casebook as the outcome of Project EPWG 01 2016 “Enhancing Rural Disaster Resilience through Effective Infrastructure Investment.
- 1.8. Update the APEC DRR Action Plan based on the activities throughout 2017

2. Itemized Work Plans for 2017

Title	Summary of Specific Plans	Mandate (Leaders/Ministers/SOM/SC CE Priorities and Decisions, Strategic Plans and to ABAC recommendations)	ECOTECH Priorities and/or Host Year Priorities	Cross-fora collaboration (within APEC and beyond APEC)
11 th Emergency Preparedness Working Group Meeting	The first meeting of the EPWG in 2017 is expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Share the details of Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020 (ii) Discuss the recent natural disasters facing economies including policies required for response, recovery and BBB and collaboration with the private sector, (iii) Intensify cross-fora collaboration by inviting co-chairs of relevant fora chair on the implementation of the 2016 APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan (iv) Discuss the key themes for SDMOF on advanced Science and Technology to better face “New Normal 	<u>2015 Leaders Statement:</u> To build sustainable and disaster-resilient economies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Capital Development - Human Security 	
Operationalization of APEC Emergency Preparedness Capacity Building Center (EPCC)	EPCC will start operations from January 1 st , 2017. EPCC will follow mandates of EPWG and EPCC to facilitate capacity building on disaster risk reduction in collaboration with all 21 APEC member economies. To support the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (APEC DRRF), EPCC will design and implement activities to carry four pillars highlighted by APEC DRRF. Operations of EPCC are designed as a crowd-sourcing platform to engage all stakeholders’ actions. At the next EPWG meeting, EPCC will report its annual plan.	<u>2015 Leaders Statement:</u> To build sustainable and disaster-resilient economies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Capital Development - Technologies and Innovation - Human Security 	
EPWG 01 2016 “Enhancing Rural Disaster Resilience through Effective Infrastructure Investment”	The implementation of the EPWG 01 2016 will consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Kick off meeting between the ADRC team and Viet Nam Team in Kobe, Japan. The Kick off meeting will discuss the good practices of BBB as the focus of comparative studies in the project, and the core themes of the workshop ,which will be shared with economies at EPWG in August. ii. Workshop on Enhancing Rural Disaster Resilience through Effective Infrastructure Investment will be held in Vinh, Viet Nam on September. The workshop will discuss further steps for EPWG necessary for rural infrastructure BBB based on the outcome of case studies. iii. Discuss the draft casebook that consists of good practices identified throughout the project. 	<u>2016 Joint Ministerial Statement</u> Ensure that the communities, businesses, and economies are prepared to recover as quickly as possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Capital Development - Technologies and Innovation - Human Security <u>2017 Hosting Year Priority</u> Promoting Sustainable, Innovative and Inclusive Growth	
12 th Emergency Preparedness Working Group Meeting	The second meeting of EPWG in 2017 will discuss on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Prepare the draft agenda for SDMOF by further exploring the key theme of advanced science and technology to better face “New Normal ii Examine the progress of the project on rural infrastructure BBB iii Discuss tsunami DRR bridging both sides of the Pacific (tbc) iv Discuss the update of DRR action plan 	<u>2015 Leaders Statement:</u> To build sustainable and disaster-resilient economies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Capital Development - Human Security 	

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11 th Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum	<p>The 11th SDMOF will take up the issue of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage APEC cooperation on promoting researches on advanced technology and sharing them among EPWG members. - Sharing situation and orientation on using advanced technology to cope with new phase of multi-disaster/hazards (new normal) in the future. - Best practice and propose the way to extend the application. - Propose APEC Leaders an enhanced role of EPWG to cope with new normal through mainstreaming of emergency preparedness in APEC activities. 	<p><u>2015 Joint Ministerial Statement:</u> We call for the conduct of regular high level policy dialogues or other higher options for APEC engagements focusing on DRR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Capital Development - Technologies and Innovation - Human Security 	