



**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**

2017/SOM1/SCE-COW/018

Agenda Item: 7

Health Working Group Proposed Workplan for 2017

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: HWG Chair



**SOM Steering Committee on Economic and
Technical Cooperation - Committee of the Whole
Meeting
Nha Trang, Viet Nam
28 February 2017**

HWG's Proposed Draft Work Plan for 2017

Introduction

The 21st century has brought with it great changes at the global level that have had an impact on health care and its associated policy. The demographic changes, with its aging population, have generated an epidemiological transition, where the profile of diseases has changed dramatically.

In addition, climate change and humanitarian crises represent new challenges in the management of health care policies and, specifically, in mental health care.

The interconnectivity of the world allows people to have more information in a timely manner, which increases social and technological pressure for more specialized and costly health care.

The APEC's economies are no stranger to these changes. Thus, the main challenge is to adapt the health system to promote prevention and ensure universal access and health care.

To define the priorities of this year 2017 we have collected the main mandates, recommendations and conclusions of the APEC management's tools such as:

- ❖ Mandate and Pillars of the 2016 Leaders Declaration, HML6, whose priorities are: i) Regional Economic Integration and Quality Growth, ii) Improve the regional food market; iii) Towards the modernization of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Asia Pacific region and iv) development of Human Capital. In addition it has as its main mission statements the following:

“Recognizing health as the foundation of economic prosperity and human development, we emphasize the importance of promoting health system towards the **achievements of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) that are resilient, sustainable, accessible and responsive to current needs and to promote human growth and development.** We look forward to continuing to work on ways to address the fiscal and economic impacts of poor health”.

We consider five important recommendations of the Joint Meeting of Health and Economy APEC 2016, HML6:

- Creation of a small group to explore innovative approaches to further implement HAP2020 Roadmap, in line with existing mechanisms and activities in this area.
 - Efforts to build more efficient and high-performance health systems by reducing waste, improving quality care, ensuring adequate staffing, with the objective of sufficient resources for health in the National Budgets, the realization of high impact investments, and the promotion of the public and private sectors-academic associations. Call on the APEC economies to continue working together to develop and share high quality data in order to build the evidence base for policy development, effective health interventions, better decision making, and impact measurement.
 - Work to address multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and establish the Asian network for Tuberculosis Research and Clinical Trials.
 - Efforts to build capacity to prevent, detect and respond to threats of infectious diseases.
 - Work to accelerate action against HPV and cervical cancer and looked forward to finalizing an APEC Road map for the implementation of cervical cancer prevention and control.
- ❖ Key Areas of the HAP 2020 Roadmap Initiative.

- Continuing to work on the unfinished health-related MDGs in a manner that complements activities of the 2015 agenda.
- Strengthening health systems to support Universal Health Coverage.
- Strengthening the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, including mental illness, disabilities, violence and injuries.
- Improving health emergency preparedness, surveillance, response and recovery systems for public health, emergencies, including pandemic events and natural disasters.

❖ HWG Strategic Plan 2016-2020 Proposed Objectives

- Enhancing preparedness and response to public health emergencies and disasters, including prevention and control emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases;
- Strengthening health systems to improve accessibility, sustainability and quality of healthcare;
- Supporting healthy populations across the life course, including the prevention and control non-communicable diseases through an improved maternal, newborn and child health;
- Encouraging and facilitating collaboration between health and other sectors and other APEC fora and international health bodies and;
- Encouraging research and supporting innovation that adds value to health systems and meets the needs of all APEC member economies.

In 2017, the Health Working Group (HWG) will continue to implement the health mandates in the Leaders Declaration of 2016 to implement in the recommendations of the Joint Declaration of the Sixth High-level Meeting on Health and Economy (HLM6) as well as the Asia Pacific Healthy Initiative, the objectives of the HWG 2016-2020 Strategic Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030.

The APEC theme adopted by Vietnam should be reflected in the activities proposed by the HWG in 2017.

The Theme:

- Health System Strengthening towards Universal Health Coverage and Sustainable Development

Priorities:

- Progress on Universal Health Coverage in APEC economies toward HAP 2020;
- Strengthen communicable disease control and antimicrobial resistance among APEC economies.
- Integrated Approach for promoting Healthy Aging and NCDs .
- Sustainable Healthcare Financing in the transition period,
- Health in All Policies: Multi sectoral action to achieve health related SDGs 2030.

1. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2017

1.1. Expected Outcomes for 2017.

- Two HWG meetings

- Statement of the HWG-LSIF Joint High Level Meeting (HLM7)
- Health Policy Dialogue on Aging and NCD
- Health Policy Dialog on TB and MDR TB
- Implementation of Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 Roadmap

1.2. Deliverables for 2017.

- a) Actions on Implementation of HAP2020 Roadmap
- b) Approved and on-going HWG projects:
 - Workshop on the monitoring of Universal Health Coverage in APEC Region towards “Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 (China).
 - A-Traction (Asian Tuberculosis Research and clinical trials integrated organizational Network) (Singapore)
 - Building Capacity in Infection Control and Outbreak Containment to Novel Pathogens in Healthcare (Singapore).
 - Organize International Workshop on Sharing experience on Adaptation to Aging Population Issue (Viet Nam)
- c) Progress reports on self-funded HWG projects

Self-funded projects

 - Enhancing Health Security APEC-Implementation of international campaign to control antimicrobial resistance in the Asia-Pacific (Korea)
 - Using Health Technology Assessment (HTA) for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in APEC (Korea).
 - APEC an Global Health Security Agenda Joint Initiative on Establishing Basic Infection Prevention and Control Infrastructure (US)
 - APEC “Healthy Women, Healthy Economies” Expert Group Meeting (US)
 - Research on Universal Health Coverage Progress in APEC region (China)
 - Facilitating regional advancement of the Global Health Security Agenda (Australia).
- d) Submissions of New Concept Notes continuously for applying APEC funds

2. Itemized Work Plans for 2017

Approved and on-going HWG projects

Title	Summary of Specific Plans	Mandate (Leaders/Ministers/SOM/SCE Priorities and Decisions, Strategic Plans and to ABAC recommendations)	HWG Priorities and/or Host Year Priorities	Cross-fora collaboration (Within APEC and beyond APEC)
<p><i>Workshop on the Monitoring of Universal Health Coverage progress in APEC region: Towards “Healthy Asia Pacific 2020” HWG 01 2016A</i></p>	<p><i>This project will hold a two day workshop which supports APEC Leaders ‘and HWG’s efforts to promote UHC and strengthen health system which was emphasized in HAP 2020 initiative and also in the Health related goals in post 2015 development agenda. Participants include senior health policy makers, academic institutions, private sector, civil society, and international organization, with emphasis on developing economies.</i></p> <p><i>The key objectives of the workshop are:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) Share the progress of UHC in the Asia- Pacific region using the proposed WHO/WB UHC indicators;</i> <i>2) Share the experience and lessons learned for the best practice of UHC in the region;</i> <i>3) Identify regional initiatives and innovative effort to address the challenges toward UHC; and</i> <i>4) Discuss the possibility of establishing a network on UHC monitoring in the region, and potential collaborations areas and outputs about the economies.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• “The Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 Road Map”</i> <i>• HWG Strategic Plan</i> <i>• 4th APEC High Level Meeting on Health and Economy statements</i> 	<p><i>1) Progress on Universal Health Coverage in APEC economies</i></p>	<p><i>It will support the efforts of other APEC fora, as LSIF and PPWE.</i></p> <p><i>WHO, ASEAN.</i></p>
<p><i>A-ATRACTION (Asian Tuberculosis Research and Clinical Trials Integrated Organizational Network) HWG 02 2016A</i></p>	<p><i>Create an Asian Tuberculosis Research and Clinical Trials Integrated organizational network, that’s bring together TB Hospitals in high TB burden APEC economies. The aim is to establish a unified platform for conducting high-quality clinical trials to investigated novel TB treatment. All the APEC economies will be able to access the Network for conduct of TB clinical trials. A- TRACTION activities will also attract funded TB research projects from outside APEC.</i></p> <p><i>The planned activities are as follows:</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• 6th APEC High Level Meeting on Health and Economy statements</i> 	<p><i>1) How Small and Medium Enterprises in the Asia Pacific Region can collaborate in universal health coverage for their workers.</i></p> <p><i>2) Impact of</i></p>	<p><i>We will work with the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUTLD) and with the other APEC Fora as LSIF which has undertaken the project of APEC Multi-Regional Clinical Trial</i></p>

Title	Summary of Specific Plans	Mandate (Leaders/Ministers/SOM/SCE Priorities and Decisions, Strategic Plans and to ABAC recommendations)	HWG Priorities and/or Host Year Priorities	Cross-fora collaboration (Within APEC and beyond APEC)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) April 2017: Inaugural Meeting of the A-TRACTION Network 2) November 2017: Follow up meeting of the A-TRACTION Network 3) Between April 2017 to Dec 2017: TB Treatment Outcome Database Launch 		Universal health Coverage on Human Capital Developments	(MRCT).
<i>Building Capacity in Infection Control and Outbreak Containment to Novel Pathogens in Health Care Setting HWG 03 2016A</i>	<p><i>This training proposal aims to build capacity in frontline healthcare workers from developing APEC Economies, to impart infection prevention and control, and outbreak management skills and knowledge. Participants learn thorough re-enactment of real life scenarios using simulation technology, in containing the SARS and H1N influenza pandemics, as well as in preparing for emerging HCAI threats like Ebola and MERS Co-V.</i></p> <p><i>The planned activities are as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Q1 2017: Design and develop training program and training materials. 2) Q2 and Q3 2017: Publicize training program and shortlist participants 3) Q4: Conduct training workshop and Post-workshop evaluating and monitoring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th APEC High Level Meeting on Health and Economy statements. • "The Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 Road Map" 	1) Impact of Universal health Coverage on Human Capital Developments	Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG)
<i>Organize International Workshop on Sharing Experience on adaptation to Aging Population HWG 04 2016A</i>	<p><i>Aging population will impact strongly on economic growth, human resources, employment, social security, health and sustainable development. We will organize international workshop to share experiences in adapting to aging population among APEC economies is an essential content in order to share experiences about the issue among experience members as Japan, Russia, Korea, Canada, USA, Australia with other economy that newly faced with this issue, help economies establish policy adapting to aging and growth, as a</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008, 2010, 2011 APEC Leader's Declaration. • Aging Population was one of the priorities of funding 	1) Impact of Universal health Coverage on Human Capital Developments	UN organizations (UNFPA, UNDP, WHO, World Bank, ILO, etc.)

Title	Summary of Specific Plans	Mandate (Leaders/Ministers/SOM/SCE Priorities and Decisions, Strategic Plans and to ABAC recommendations)	HWG Priorities and/or Host Year Priorities	Cross-fora collaboration (Within APEC and beyond APEC)
	<p><i>cooperation, development and prosperity of APEC.</i></p> <p><i>The international Workshop could be held at SOM3 of HWG in August, 2017 at Ho Chi Minh city of Viet Nam.</i></p> <p><i>The planned activities are as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) Preparation (December, 2016- July, 2017).</i> <i>2) Implementation (August 2017).</i> <i>3) Evaluation (September, 2017- November, 2017).</i> 	<p><i>criteria for all APEC funding projects 2016.</i></p>		

Progress reports on self-funded HWG projects

Title	Summary of Specific Plans	Mandate (Leaders/Ministers/SOM/SCE Priorities and Decisions, Strategic Plans and to ABAC recommendations)	HWG Priorities and/or Host Year Priorities	Cross-fora collaboration (Within APEC and beyond APEC)
Enhancing Health Security in APEC- Implementation of International Campaign to Control Antimicrobial Resistance in the Asia-Pacific	<p><i>Control and prevention of Antimicrobial Resistant is critical for Strengthening health system in the AP region. Increasing awareness of AMR is essential to promote the appropriate antibiotic use which is the most important strategy to control AMR. The proposed APEC project is aimed to implement the international campaign program to increase awareness of AMR in the region using various campaign contents, including e-learning program, video clips, posters, flyers etc.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Meeting of Health and Economy APEC 2016, HML6 	2) Impact of Universal health Coverage on Human Capital Developments	LSIF
Using Health Technology Assessment (HTA) for Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in APEC HWG 01 2015S	<p><i>The proposed workshop on HTA during the APEC Third Senior Officials' Meeting will be organized by NECA/Philippines DOH/WHO WPRO with the overall goal of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. informing member states on the importance of HTA in universal health care in accordance with the recent WHA resolution</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HWG Strategic Plan 2016-2020.</i> • <i>"The Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 Road Map".</i> 		

	<p>2. <i>enhancing the regional opportunity for capacity-building</i></p> <p>3. <i>networking by drawing on the expertise of major HTA players</i></p> <p><i>Planned activities: 3-day workshop</i></p>			
APEC an Global Health Security Agenda Joint Initiative on Establishing Basic Infection Prevention and Control Infrastructure	<i>APEC continues to lead efforts to prevent and control HAI and AMR through strengthening infectious disease surveillance capabilities, promoting public-private partnerships and multisectoral solutions, sharing infection prevention and control best practices, and raising awareness of public health and financial costs of HAI and AMR.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 Road Map”.</i> • <i>HWG Strategic Plan</i> 		LSIF
APEC “Healthy Women, Healthy Economies” Expert Group Meeting	<i>APEC economies are particularly vulnerable to slower growth due to rapidly aging populations. Increasing women’s participation in the labor force can mitigate this impeding demographic shift and drive sustainable regional economic growth. Improving women access to health care will lead to greater labor force participation, which, in turn, will generate economic growth.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 Road Map”.</i> • <i>HWG Strategic Plan</i> 	1) <i>Progress on Universal Health Coverage in APEC economies</i>	PPWE, HRDWF
Research on Universal Health Coverage Progress in APEC region	<i>It’s related with the Workshop “Monitoring of Universal health Coverage progress in APEC region: Towards “Healthy Asia Pacific 2020” and consist on writing analytic report and policy briefings on UHC progress in APEC region.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Healthy Asia Pacific 2020 Road Map”</i> • <i>HWG Strategic Plan</i> • <i>4th APEC High Level Meeting on Health and Economy statements</i> 	1) <i>Progress on Universal Health Coverage in APEC economies</i>	LISF, PPWE, WHO, ASEAN.
<i>Facilitating Regional Advancements of the Global Health Security Agenda. HWG 03 2015S</i>	<i>Australia will convene a workshop to bring together relevant stakeholders from APEC –member economies to discuss opportunities for collaboration to advance the objectives of the global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) to accelerate compliance with the world Health Organization’s (WHO) International Health Regulations (IHRs).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Joint Meeting of Health and Economy APEC 2016</i> 		WHO, IHR, GHSA

**APEC HWG 2017
Preliminary Planning Calendar**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING & ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>FEBRUARY</u>		
18-28	APEC 1st Senior Officials' Meeting and Related Meetings	<u>Nha Trang, Viet Nam</u>
22	APEC Life Science Innovation Forum (LSIF)	<u>Nha Trang, Viet Nam</u>
23-24	APEC Health Working Group Meeting (HWG1)	<u>Nha Trang, Viet Nam</u>
28-2 March	G20 Health Working Group	<u>Berlin, Germany</u>
<u>MARCH</u>		
2-3	APEC 1st Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1)	<u>Nha Trang, Viet Nam</u>
<u>MAY</u>		
7-18	APEC 2th Senior Officials' Meeting and Related Meetings (SOM2)	<u>Ha Noi- Viet Nam</u>
22-27	70th World Health Assembly.	<u>Geneva, Switzerland</u>
26-27	G7 Summit	<u>Taormina, Sicily, Italy.</u>
<u>JUNE</u>		
26-27	21th Session OECD Health Committee	<u>Paris, France</u>
<u>JULY</u>		
7-8	G20 Summit	<u>Hamburg, Germany</u>
<u>AUGUST</u>		
15-30	APEC 3th Senior Officials' Meeting and Related Meetings (SOM3)	<u>Ho Chi Minh city, Viet Nam</u>
TBC	APEC Health Working Group Meeting (HWG2)	<u>Ho Chi Minh city, Viet Nam</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
12-25	72st Session of the UN General Assembly	<u>New York City, US</u>
TBC	PAHO/WHO Regional Committee for the Americas	<u>Washington DC, US</u>
TBC	WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia	<u>TBC</u>

<u>OCTOBER</u>		
TBC	WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific	<u>TBC</u>
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
5-6	G7 Health Ministers' Meeting	<u>Milan, Italy</u>
5-11	APEC Leaders' Week	<u>Da Nang, Viet Nam</u>
8-10	APEC CEO Summit	<u>Da Nang, Viet Nam</u>
8-9	APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM)	<u>Da Nang, Viet Nam</u>
10-11	APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (AELM)	<u>Da Nang, Viet Nam</u>
<u>DECEMBER</u>		
11-12	22th Session OECD Health Committee	<u>Paris, France</u>