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Oceans and Fisheries Working Group Work Plan

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Ocean and Fisheries Working Group Proposed Workplan for 2017

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Introduction

In 2017, the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) will conduct a sequence of initiatives that aim to respond to APEC Leaders' Declarations, Ministerial and High-Level statements, decisions of Senior Officials, as well as SCE priorities and, where appropriate, ABAC recommendations. The OFWG will continue to implement the Seoul Oceans Declaration (2002), the Bali Plan of Action (2005), the Paracas Declaration (2010), the Xiamen Declaration (2014), High Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Blue Economy's Action Plan (2015) and the Piura Declaration on Food Security (2016).

The initiatives to be taken sit within the framework of the OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018), which establishes 7 priority areas:

- 1. Free and Open Trade and Investment
- 2. Sustainable Development and Protection of the Marine Environment
- 3. Food Security
- 4. Climate Change
- 5. Natural disaster/Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Resilience
- 6. Blue Economy
- 7. OFWG Operations

Expected Outcomes/Deliverables for 2017.

The OFWG will hold at least one meeting in 2017. Through this meeting, its intersessional work, and its projects, the OFWG will:

- 1.1. Respond to Viet Nam's Host Year OFWG priority for 2017 to 'Promote Responsible Fisheries and Sustainable Marine Economic Development in Connection with Food Security and Hunger Alleviation';
- 1.2. Take actions to implement Joint statement of APEC Ministerial Meeting, 2016 to 'promote regional marine sustainable development';
- 1.3. Take steps to implement relevant actions under the 2015 APEC High-Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Blue Economy's Plan of Action;
- 1.4. Strengthen the role of sustainable fisheries and sustainable aquaculture in food security and related trade, including the promotion of inclusive growth strategies, and combating IUU fishing;
- 1.5. Promote responsible fishing industry and open and fair trade for small scale fishers and fish farmers to be integrated into the global food chain;
- 1.6. Promote Blue Economy relevant cooperation on the basis of the OFWG common view on Blue Economy;

- 1.7. Carry out ecosystem-based management approaches and programs, to ensure the effective sustainable management of coastal and marine environment, including biodiversity;
- 1.8. Increase collaboration, develop integrated strategies on the impacts of climate change;
- 1.9. Promote enhanced capacity building through further OFWG projects, and the group will also explore opportunities for developing self-funded projects;
- 1.10. Continue working to enhance coordination with other APEC sub-fora and refine efforts to mainstream ocean issues, including through participation in the Mainstreaming Ocean-related Issues Steering Council;
- 1.11. Take actions to increase cooperation with the Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS), including through active participation in relevant projects of the PPFS, and contribute to the development of actions to implement the Piura Declaration on Food Security (2016).
- 1.12. Work toward implementing APEC Policy and Practice Recommendations on Overcoming Barriers to Financing Waste Management Systems and Reducing Marine Litter, endorsed by the APEC Ministerial Meeting 2016, and respond to the Leader's encouragement for further action on effective solid waste management infrastructure;
- 1.13. Consider opportunities for regional collaboration to support Economies' implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and relevant Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 14;
- 1.14. Identify opportunities to increase coordination between the OFWG and its three APEC Centers (APEC Marine Environmental Training and Education Center (AMTEC), APEC Marine Sustainable Development Center (AMSDC), and APEC Ocean and Fisheries Information Center (AOFIC)), and explore potential collaboration with other APEC Centers.

Expected Outcomes	Deadline
Continue to develop both self-funded capacity building proposals, and proposals for APEC-funded projects.	Ongoing
Enhance coordination among OFWG members to develop and prioritize OFWG project submissions, including through early circulation of project concept notes.	Ongoing
Prioritize efforts to facilitate collaboration across APEC sub-fora on oceans issues, including through the MOI Steering Council	Ongoing
Begin the process for the second APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report, including through establishment of the OFWG Core Expert Group for the Report	Ongoing
Identify opportunities for private sector involvement in OFWG activities	Ongoing
Identify near-term actions addressing the role of fisheries and aquaculture in various APEC Food Security processes	Ongoing
Prepare Fora Report for SCE	August
Draft 2018 OFWG Work Plan	December

1. 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)
OFWG 03-2014 – Assessing the Economic Value of Green Infrastructure in Coastal Ecosystems to Disaster Risk Reduction, Response and Coastal Resilience in the APEC region	This study aims to increase understanding as to the value of natural infrastructure to support policy makers in better evaluating the impact of policies regarding green infrastructure development and management with respect to disaster risk reduction and response and coastal resiliency. The first phase of this project started in 2015 with a survey of APEC economies, and during 2016 the United States completed the first deliverable of this project, which is a Gap Analysis Report, based on a literature review and the survey of APEC economies. The Gap Analysis Report was endorsed by the OFWG in February 2017. The second phase consists of undertaking an initial assessment of the economic value of natural coastal infrastructure for disaster risk reduction, response and coastal resilience in the APEC region. This study will help address the gaps identified in the first phase and will provide information to better inform policies in APEC economies.	Approved Project OFWG Strategic Plans (2015-2017; 2016-2018)	Sustainable growth Harnessing technologies, innovation Capacity Building	EPWG TWG TPTWG EWG TEL
OFWG 01 2016A - Capacity Building for Marine Debris Prevention and Management in the APEC Region	The project aims to build capacities of relevant people to marine debris in the APEC region through 1) sharing latest information and knowledge on pollution status and negative impacts and 2) sharing lessons from best practices on global, regional, domestic, and local levels. Phase I of this project will be consists of 7-days (including 2 days field trip) training in Yeosu, Republic of Korea. Proceeding of training programs will be developed. Networking among experts and participants will help capacity building.	Approved Project OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018) 2016 Leader's Declaration (6 th paragraph "Towards real and functional connectivity in the region") AMM Joint Statement 2016 AMM Joint Ministerial Meeting 2015 (p. 131) Xiamen Declaration	Food Security Sustainable growth Capacity building	CD APEC Virtual Working Group (VWG) on Marine Debris
OFWG 02 2016 - Development of Tools of Ecological Risk	It will be organized a three-day "International Workshop on ecological risk assessment of impacts of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture resources" to be held in the headquarters of The Peruvian Marine Research Institute	Approved Project OFWG Strategic Plan	Food Security Regional economic	PPSTI ATCWG

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Assessment of Impacts of Climate Change on Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources	(IMARPE), Peru, on June 2017. The goal is to explore a range of ecological, socioeconomic and supply-chain vulnerability and risk assessment tools, based on measures of sensitivity, exposure and adaptive capacity of marine species (e.g. small and large pelagics, bivalves, crustaceans, etc.) in fisheries and aquaculture to the impacts of climate change.	(2016-2018) Xiamen Declaration 2016 Leader's Declaration AMM Joint Statement 2016 AMM Joint Ministerial Meeting 2015 Piura Declaration on Food Security APEC Program on Food Security and Climate Change	integration Sustainable growth Harnessing technologies, innovation Capacity Building	PPFS APEC Climate Center (APCC)
OFWG 03 2016 - APEC Workshop on Marine Science, Technology and Innovation towards Science Based Management and Sustainable Use of Oceans and Marine Resources	This project aims to share good practices and knowledge of combination of the latest scientific marine research and observation and science-based marine policy-making among decision makers and researchers through 1 day international workshop and half a day site visit in Japan in 2017. This project also encourages promotion of networking and building capacities of stakeholders tackling various marine challenges in APEC region.	Approved Project OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018) AMM Joint Meeting 2016 (Point 2. "Enhancing the Regional Food Market", last paragraph) 2016 Leader's Declaration (First paragraph, "Food security, climate change and access to water") 2015 Leader's Declaration ("Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities"). AMM Joint Ministerial Meeting 2015 (131. Oceans Cooperation and Blue Economy)	Food security Sustainable growth Harnessing technologies, innovation Capacity building	PPFS PPSTI

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		Piura Declaration in Food Security APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework APEC High Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and Blue Economy Plan of Action		
APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report II	The project is to update APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report on the foundation of Report I and reflect new trends and endeavors of APEC and its member economies in fostering marine sustainable development and achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. A core expert group for drafting the report will be established in 2017 and discuss the main elements and structure of the report,	Approved Project Joint Statement of APEC Ministerial Meeting, 2016 4 th APEC Ocean-related Ministerial Meeting OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018)	Sustainable development Blue Economy Food security Harnessing technologies, innovation Capacity building	PPFS PPSTI UNEP, UNDP, UNESCO, FAO, IOC.
2017 Training Workshop on Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Protected Areas Management	Based on the previous five APEC training workshops, the project aims to share spatial planning experiences, knowledge and skills among participants, and help to implement Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) at the field level. The project seeks to provide a platform for discussion of topics under the application of MSP in Marine Protected Areas Management and promote ecosystem-based management in coastal areas to enhance capacity building of Integrated Coastal Management (ICM).	New Self-funded project OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018)	Sustainable development Capacity building	UNEP, UNDP
Workshop on Best Practices Sharing on Marine Debris Management in Coastal Cities of APEC Region	This project aims to share the best practice in coastal cities, knowledge and technologies, and help to reduce marine debris in APEC region. A workshop on best practices sharing on marine debris management in coastal cities of the APEC region will be held in November 2017 in Xiamen, China, to share experiences in the management of waste in coastal cities in APEC region and provide recommendations for solving the problem of marine waste in coastal cities.	New self-funded project OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018)	Food Security Sustainable development Capacity building	CD APEC Virtual Working Group (VWG) on Marine Debris
The 18 th Roundtable Meeting on the Involvement of	The 18 th APEC Roundtable Meeting on the Involvement of the Business/Private Sector in the Sustainability of the Marine Environment will be held in Taipei, Chinese Taipei on September 11-13, 2017. Two major themes which are closely	Approved self-funded project	Sustainable growth	PPFS

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Business/Private Sector in Sustainability of the Marine Environment	related to the business/NGO/private sectors will be discussed: 1. Food Security and Marine Resources, 2. Marine Environment Protection.	OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018)		
Supporting work of APEC Centers of OFWG	Consider the formulation of potential OFWG guidelines to promote the operation of APEC Marine Sustainable Development Center (AMSDC), the APEC Marine Environmental Training and Education Center (AMETEC) and the APEC Ocean and Fisheries Information Center (AOFIC). Strengthen communication and cooperation among these APEC centers, as well as APEC centers with APEC economies, working groups, and APEC Secretariat. Support these APEC centers to carry out projects and work.	OFWG Strategic Plan (2016-2018)	Sustainable development Blue Economy Food security Capacity building	PPFS PPSTI UNEP, UNDP, UNESCO, FAO, IOC