

## **APEC COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT (CTI)**

### **Virtual Second CTI Meeting (CTI2)**

**24 September 2020**

1. The Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI or “the Committee”) held its second Meeting (CTI2) on 24 September 2020, virtually hosted by the APEC Secretariat. The meeting was attended by all 21 APEC economies, the Policy Support Unit (PSU), the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Secretariat, the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Secretariat and the Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat.

#### **CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS**

2. The Chair noted several CTI events that were held over the past few weeks and the progress since the Statement on COVID-19 by APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) in May, which was a positive signal that the COVID-19 pandemic had not halted the Committee’s enthusiasm. The Chair thanked members for their use of the Items for Noting document<sup>1</sup> (Annex 1), which was, together with its annex<sup>2</sup>, endorsed intersessionally.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

3. The agenda<sup>3</sup> was adopted by members.

#### **UPDATE FROM MALAYSIA ON HOST YEAR**

4. Malaysia provided an update on its host year, highlighting its revised theme of “Optimising Human Potential towards a Resilient Future of Shared Prosperity – Pivot. Prioritise. Progress”. Malaysia updated members on its revised calendar for 2020 and preparations for the APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting (AELM). Members raised questions on moving the date for the AELM to 20 November.

#### **SUPPORT FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM: INFORMATION-SHARING MECHANISM**

##### **Update on WTO Joint Statement Initiative – E-Commerce Negotiations**

5. This year, the CTI’s annual Information Sharing Mechanism on WTO-plus aspects of FTAs/RTAs, led by Australia, was combined with the “Support for the Multilateral Trading System” agenda item and dealt with the topic “WTO Joint Statement Initiative (JSI) – E-Commerce Negotiations”. Australia provided introductory remarks about the purpose of the Information Sharing Mechanism and the importance of the JSI on e-commerce. Singapore, as co-convenor, presented the current status of the e-commerce negotiations under the JSI, their relevance and the timelines for future steps, followed by complementary remarks from Australia’s JSI expert who elaborated on key topics yet to be resolved, such as data privacy, and APEC’s potential role as a thought leader in the subject matter. Japan, as co-convenor, delivered supportive comments, highlighting that APEC is already working on many projects on e-commerce, and encouraged members to

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<sup>1</sup> 2020/CTI2/IS08

<sup>2</sup> 2020/CTI2/IS08a

<sup>3</sup> 2020/CTI2/001

create a momentum for the WTO MC12 including through mentioning the JSI in Leaders' Declaration.

6. CTI members exchanged views on the importance of the e-commerce negotiations, APEC's contributions and the current challenges, with many highlighting the relevance of the digital economy in the light of COVID-19 and APEC's role as incubator of ideas. A number of economies encouraged others to join the WTO negotiations on e-commerce under the JSI and to work towards tangible outcomes, while also reiterating that APEC's discussions are without prejudice to members' positions in the WTO negotiations. Others stressed the importance of e-commerce for other areas of work, such as inclusive growth.

## **UPDATE ON CTI INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS**

### **Final Progress Report of the Bogor Goals**

7. The PSU delivered an update on the Final Progress Report of the Bogor Goals, whose second draft<sup>4</sup> was circulated for members' comments on 19 September. The PSU highlighted that progress has been made in many areas, including in trade facilitation measures triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, unfinished business remains, such as uneven sectorial tariff liberalizations; the high-prevalence of non-tariff measures; new temporary export prohibitions; restrictions on cross-border data transfer, storage and processing; and a slowdown in improvement of investment conditions in primary sectors and services.
8. CTI members thanked the PSU for the Final Assessment Report of the Bogor Goals as an important source of information for future actions, including for the Post-2020 Vision and its implementation plan. The PSU agreed to incorporate an assessment of COVID-19's impact on investments, as requested by several economies. The Philippines proposed to encourage CTI sub-fora to consider the Final Progress Report with a view to enrich their work program. Members undertook to send their comments on the second draft and updates on relevant information by 2 October.

### **FTAAP Report to Leaders**

9. CTI members exchanged views on the first draft of the FTAAP Report<sup>5</sup>, which was circulated by the CTI Chair on 14 September. Many thanked the PSU for elaborating the Analysis on APEC's FTAAP work and welcomed the first draft of the FTAAP Report as a factual, concise, balanced and high-level document, and hence, as a good working basis. Most CTI members showed strong support for the report's length and the issues covered in the first draft, including references to APEC economies' FTAs/RTAs, the pathways towards the FTAAP, next generation trade and investment issues, collaboration with ABAC and PECC on the FTAAP and directions how to go forward. There was also a strong call among members to exercise flexibility due to the importance of the FTAAP Report and the failure in 2018 to report on progress. The US raised that substantive progress has not been made, given that topics relevant to the FTAAP process, such as labor and state-owned and controlled enterprises, have not been agreed to progress. Russia advised that it will provide feedback on references to the possible regional pathways to FTAAP.
10. On the format of how to report to APEC Leaders, the option of a separate document, as well as alternatives, such as incorporating the FTAAP Report into the CTI Annual Report to Ministers, or annexing it to the APEC Ministerial Meeting's Statement and APEC

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<sup>4</sup> 2020/CTI2/002

<sup>5</sup> 2020/CTI2/003

Economic Leaders' Declaration, were considered. Most CTI members were flexible on the format. The US suggested to include a single paragraph with a high-level summary of the FTAAP work into the CTI Annual Report to Ministers, which then could be referenced in the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting. The US expressed that it could not accept a standalone document.

11. The CTI Chair highlighted the Leaders' mandate to report on progress pursuant to the Lima Declaration on FTAAP and urged members to exercise flexibility and work towards consensus. CTI members undertook to send further comments in writing by 1 October.

### **Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods**

12. Malaysia delivered an update on the "Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods"<sup>6</sup>, which was endorsed by CTI as a joint initiative between Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore on 24 July and attached to the Virtual MRT Statement 2020. Malaysia thanked members for its endorsement and encouraged members to reference the Declaration when supporting projects are developed. In terms of next steps on the review mechanism outlined in the last paragraph of the Declaration, Malaysia suggested the CTI as the appropriate forum and proposed to undertake the first review at CTI2 2021. Regarding the scope, Malaysia suggested that the voluntary CTI questionnaire on trade and investment measures amid COVID-19 could serve as a starting point.
13. To respond to the trade facilitation component of the Declaration, Singapore advised that it will report on the status of economies' implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), which will be incorporated in the CTI Annual Report to Ministers. The table monitoring TFA implementation will be circulated after the CTI2 meeting. New Zealand informed that it was considering developing a self-funded study on non-tariff measures on essential goods.
14. Several CTI members welcomed the suggestion that the CTI could be the leading Committee to carry out the first review, at CTI2 2021. Chile encouraged Malaysia to present and circulate a formal proposal to CTI. Other members emphasized the need to develop concrete projects that put the Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods into practice. The CTI Chair undertook to provide some suggestions on the possible functioning of the review mechanism.

### **Initiative to Review Measures Facilitating Essential Movement of People across Borders**

15. Korea presented an update on its "Proposal to Review Measures Facilitating Essential Movement of People across Borders"<sup>7</sup>, which was endorsed by the CTI on 16 July, by SOMs on 24 July and noted by MRT on 25 July. Intersessionally, a questionnaire<sup>8</sup> was circulated which will assist with Korea's preparations for a voluntary information exchange session and help identify common and other relevant elements that could serve as useful lessons. Furthermore, Korea informed that it had encouraged the BMG, GOS, HRDWG and HWG to join efforts and contribute to the essential movement of people from their respective group expertise. CTI members looked forward to the voluntary information exchange session and undertook to complete the circulated questionnaire by 5 October.

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<sup>6</sup> 2020/CTI2/IS03

<sup>7</sup> 2020/CTI2/IS04

<sup>8</sup> 2020/CTI2/004

### **Proposal to Extend the 3rd CBNI implementation period**

16. Korea presented its “Proposal to Extend the 3rd CBNI Implementation Period”<sup>9</sup> until December 2021, taking into account that the planning for many capacity buildings projects under its 3rd phase have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Korea informed that while the “Policy Dialogue on Competition Related Provisions in FTAs/EPAs from a Business Perspective” had been turned into a virtual format; the “Workshop on RTA/FTA Negotiation Skills on Transparency”, the “Workshop on E-Commerce Elements in Free Trade Agreements and Regional Trade Agreements (Phase II)” and the “FTAAP Capacity Building Workshop on new trends in Investment Elements negotiations in FTAs/RTAs” have been postponed until 2021. CTI members recognized the importance of capacity buildings under the CBNI, especially as a contribution to the FTAAP, and endorsed the proposal.

### **Proposal for Government-Government Dispute Settlement Mechanisms in Trade Agreements**

17. Chile presented a revised version of its self-funded “Proposal for Government-Government Dispute Settlement Mechanisms in Trade Agreements”<sup>10</sup>, which aims to collect relevant data on government-government dispute settlement mechanisms in trade agreements, in the context of APEC economies’ trade liberalization and facilitation development process. Chile highlighted that the proposal focuses on data gathering through a webinar and a questionnaire, which will be circulated once the proposal is endorsed. Several CTI members welcomed the proposal, highlighting the relevance of dispute settlement for the successful implementation of trade agreements and the importance of working on this topic at the CTI. CTI members undertook to send further comments in writing by 1 October.

### **Proposal for Enhancing Trade Policy Transparency in APEC – Tariff policies**

18. Russia presented a revised “Proposal for Enhancing Trade Policy Transparency in APEC – Tariff policies”<sup>11</sup>. The objective of the proposal is to identify ways to improve transparency on applied tariff rates with a view to centralize otherwise widely dispersed information on applied tariff rates. Russia clarified that the proposal does not seek to duplicate ongoing work in the WTO and advised that engagement with the WTO Secretariat would be through their representative in Geneva. CTI members thanked Russia for incorporating their initial comments in the revised proposal and undertook to send further comments in writing by 1 October.

### **Project on Toward building resilient supply chains – a possible role of investment policy**

19. Japan provided an update on its project “Toward building resilient supply chains – a possible role of investment policy” (CTI 08 2020T) which was endorsed by the CTI on 19 July and approved in-principle by APEC’s Budget and Management Committee for funding in project session 2. The objective of the project is to promote liberalization of investments from the perspective of supply chain resilience, through a one-day workshop in 2021. Japan advised that they are preparing the project proposal. The project will be undertaken in close coordination with the Investment Experts Group and ABAC; and will collaborate with international organizations, such as the OECD. CTI members noted the update.

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<sup>9</sup> 2020/CTI2/005

<sup>10</sup> 2020/CTI2/006

<sup>11</sup> 2020/CTI2/007 and 2020/CTI2/007a

**Project on Utilizing digital technology in the field of trade facilitation under the current COVID-19 pandemic and beyond: Best-Practices Sharing Workshop**

20. Japan provided an update on its project “Utilizing digital technology in the field of trade facilitation under the current COVID-19 pandemic and beyond: Best-Practices Sharing Workshop” which was endorsed by the CTI on 16 July and approved in-principle by APEC’s Budget and Management Committee for funding in project session 2. The objective of the project is to share best practices on digital technologies in the field of trade facilitation in the light of the new reality of COVID-19. Japan encouraged economies to suggest digital technologies and activities to showcase at the workshop. CTI members noted the update.

**Initiative on Promoting Transparency of TBT WTO Notifications: Improving Completeness and Clearness of Information**

21. Peru updated members on its initiative “Promoting Transparency of TBT WTO Notifications: Improving Completeness and Clearness of Information”<sup>12</sup> which was endorsed by CTI on 9 September. Its objective is to identify best practices and capacity building opportunities to improve the quality and completeness of WTO’s TBT notifications. Peru advised that it will share the first draft of the study by CTI2 2021, with the goal of achieving endorsement by CTI3 2021. CTI members took note of the update.

**Initiative on the progress of the APEC Cross Cutting Principles on Non-Tariff Measures: Study of APEC Economies’ TBT and SPS Specific Trade Concerns**

22. Peru updated members on the “Initiative on the progress of the APEC Cross Cutting Principles on Non-Tariff Measures: Study of APEC Economies’ TBT and SPS Specific Trade Concerns”<sup>13</sup> which was endorsed by the CTI on 9 September. Its objective is to assess Specific Trade Concerns on WTO TBT and SPS issues in order to determine if the complaints were related to APEC’s Cross Cutting Principles on NTMs, which were endorsed by AMM in 2018. Peru advised that it will circulate the first draft of the study in October, with the goal of having it endorsed by CTI3 2020. CTI members took note of the update.

23. Indonesia informed that it is holding a Virtual Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on Understanding Non-Tariff Measures on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Sectors to Enhance Trade to Improve Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Asia Pacific Region on 1-2 October and encouraged economies to participate.

**Proposal to extend APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2) and renewed Terms of Reference**

24. The US presented its Proposal to extend APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2), including the renewed Terms of Reference<sup>14</sup> for the A2C2’s extension until 2023. The US highlighted that the continued presence of the A2C2 will help ensure APEC is responsive to the pandemic, reflecting the critical role of A2C2 in highlighting supply chain connectivity issues related to the flow of essential goods and services and to strengthening supply chain resilience. The US advised that a virtual A2C2 meeting is planned for 29 October. Many members expressed their support for the A2C2, highlighting the relevance of its work, especially in the light of the current pandemic and the path towards economic recovery. The renewed A2C2 Terms of Reference 2021-2023 were endorsed by the CTI.

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<sup>12</sup> 2020/CTI2/IS06

<sup>13</sup> 2020/CTI2/IS07

<sup>14</sup> 2020/CTI2/008

25. Australia encouraged economies to participate in the survey as part of its self-funded project “Building Resilient Supply Chains 2020: Survey and Analysis”. The survey will close on 30 September.

**Proposal for Sustainable and Resilient Recovery to the COVID-19 Pandemic from a Trade Perspective**

26. Chile presented its Proposal for “Sustainable and Resilient Recovery to the COVID-19 Pandemic from a Trade Perspective”<sup>15</sup>. Chile advised that the proposal comprises of a public-private webinar tentatively planned at the margins of CTI1 2021, to discuss public policies, private actions and funding strategies to promote sustainable and resilient trade and investment; an information gathering exercise on public policies and innovative initiatives; and a report outlining key findings from these activities. Japan suggested including examples of possible measures for a sustainable and resilient recovery in the proposal. Members undertook to send further comments in writing by 1 October.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

27. The CTI Chair thanked members for their active engagement and commended the CTI’s responsiveness to the current challenges. The Chair noted that the CTI currently has more than 60 initiatives and projects endorsed or under discussion, with around 30 endorsed since January. She also reiterated her call to exercise flexibility and work towards consensus in order to fulfill the Leaders’ mandate to report on progress on the FTAAP as an important deliverable for this year.

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<sup>15</sup> 2020/CTI2/009

## Items for Noting – Second Committee on Trade and Investment Meeting 2020

Initiative or item <sup>1</sup>	CTI agenda topic	Lead economy (other economies)	Progress update or other information to note
<p><b>Implementation of the Work Plan for Export Subsidy</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/004</a></p>	<p><b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b></p>	<p><b>Papua New Guinea</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Budgetary Outlay on the Export Subsidy Commitments has yet to be fully implemented by all APEC Economies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PNG considers to continue to emphasize on the commitment of all economies to implement the WTO commitment on the Export Subsidy.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PNG would like to request that the outstanding economies provide their updates/progressive plans to fully implement the Export Subsidy. All comments or updates can be sent to Mr Isidore Pasanai (<a href="mailto:ispasenai@gmail.com">ispasenai@gmail.com</a>).</li> </ul>
<p><b>PSU Study Project for 2019-2020, Assessment of Capacity Building Needs on Trade-Related Aspects of E Commerce</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/006</a></p>	<p><b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b></p>	<p><b>Japan, Chile, PSU</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PSU circulated the revised report to CTI on 31 August 2020 for comments by 14 September 2020. PSU has received request to extend the deadline for comments from several economies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PSU will incorporate comments and plan to send the draft final report to CTI in October 2020 for comments.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PSU will request CTI members to provide comments to the draft final report within two weeks from circulation.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> For members' ease of reference, the document number from CTI1 and VECTI 2020 meetings has been provided (where applicable).

Initiative or item <sup>1</sup>	CTI agenda topic	Lead economy (other economies)	Progress update or other information to note
<p><b>Symposium on APEC Supporting the WTO Negotiations on Trade Related Aspects of E-commerce (CTI 01 2020)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/007</a></p>	<p><b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b></p>	<p><b>China</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A questionnaire is being developed to help to identify topics of interest and expertise contributions.</li> <li>- Circulate the questionnaire for comments and inputs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop the agenda for the symposium based on collected topics of interest.</li> <li>- Nominate speakers for the symposium.</li> <li>- Hold the virtual preparatory meeting with experts and co-sponsoring economies to finalize the agenda and speakers.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- With the questionnaire to be circulated, CTI members are welcome to provide their comments and suggestions within October 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress/update of economies' implementation of the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation</li> <li>• Update to economies' implementation of Article 3.6 &amp; 3.8 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/008</a></p>	<p><b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b></p>	<p><b>Singapore</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The last update to <i>the Table on APEC Economies' Progress in Implementing the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)</i> was on 17 July 2020, ahead of the MRT meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As usual, Singapore intends to provide an updated <i>Table</i> at the next AMM. It is intended to be included in the <i>CTI Report to Ministers</i>.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following the CTI2 Meeting on 24 September 2020, Singapore will circulate the <i>Table</i> for economies to update.</li> </ul>



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2020/SOM1/CTI/009			
<p><b>Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Implement Programs related to WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Article 3 (Advance Rulings) – Phase 3 (CTI 11 2019A)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The United States launched Phase 3 of the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Implement Programs related to WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Article 3 in 2019. As part of Phase 3, the United States hosted a workshop on Advanced Rulings Best Practices on 5 February 2020 in Putrajaya, Malaysia. The one-day workshop enabled participants to discuss economies’ implementation of advance rulings and to identify overlaps and differences in their systems. The workshop focused on the usability of advance rulings systems and honed in on the ways economies could make their application of rulings more user-friendly, efficient, and transparent. Participants worked with one another to collectively draft example rulings that would reveal differences in approach and then discussed potential areas of improvement that economies could consider for more effective practices.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are using the takeaways from the February 2020 workshop to identify assistance-eligible economies to receive targeted technical assistance and training.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Implement Programs related to WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Article 1: Publication and</b></p>	<p><b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Article 1 requires economies to publish trade-related information (import, export and transit) in print and provide documents, forms, contact information, and “how to import” guides online. Publication and access to information and forms creates a transparent and predictable trade environment for all businesses governments and citizens. Phase 2 of the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Implement Programs</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Availability of Information – Phase 2 (CTI 12 2019A)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>			<p>related to WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Article 1: Publication and Availability of Information was launched last year and will provide technical assistance and training for developing member economies implementing WTO TFA Article 1 obligations. The US-SEGA project has been working with Peru to analyze the publication of trade-related information. The Ministry of Trade and Tourism (Mincetur) requested an analysis of best practices for trade portals featured as modules within broader single windows, as Peru is considering something like this for the “VUCE 2.0”. Mincetur also asked us to examine health and agricultural agencies’ publication of information. Consultants in Lima confirmed that US-SEGA/APEC recommendations had been incorporated into the design of a trade information portal to be featured in the upgraded VUCE. The report also features a framework for an import/export guide for agricultural products.</p> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Transparency in COVID-19 related emergency measures on product regulations through notifications to the WTO (CTI 02 2020S)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b></p>	<p><b>Australia</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concluded.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion Report.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No further action required.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Implementing the proposal on Understanding Non-Tariff Measures on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Sectors to Enhance Trade to Improve Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Asia Pacific Region (CTI 08 2019A)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Indonesia</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The virtual PPD will be held virtually on 1-2 October 2020. Further detail information of this event is available on General Information (GI) which has been circulated by APEC Secretariat on 17 September 2020.</li> <li>- The target audience of this PPD are mid to senior level government officials who are involved in the Trade Facilitation, International Trade issues, Custom Officer, the World Customs Organization, as well as Economic Researcher. Other stakeholders such as academics and private sectors with expertise in related to agriculture, fisheries, and forestry, international trade, border logistic, customs, Multinational Companies (MNCs), and Micro and Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are also welcomed.</li> <li>- This virtual PPD will invite speakers and panelists from international organizations (UNCTAD, UNESCAP, ERIA), academics, research institutions, and business sectors on agriculture, forestry, and fisheries products to share their expertise in order to achieve the objective of this dialogue.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Indonesia is preparing for technical and substantive matter to achieve an interactive and interesting Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) session.</li> <li>- The official invitation has sent by APEC Secretariat to APEC members.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In this regard Indonesia welcomes and encourages participation from CTI and other related APEC fora (MAG/EGILAT/PPFS/OFWG) to join the virtual PPD.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implementation of the work on Rules of Origin:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review and update of the 2007 APEC Model Measures for</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Singapore</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The last informal group discussion was at SOM1 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singapore is currently looking at the draft and is assessing the next steps.</li> </ul>

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<p>RTAs/FTAs on Rules of Origin (ROO)</p> <p><a href="#">CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</a></p>			<p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For members' information only.</li> </ul>
<p>Enhancing Trade Policy Transparency in APEC as part of the work plans on FTAAP</p> <p><a href="#">2020/CTI2/IS05</a></p>	<p>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</p>	<p>Russia</p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Russia has updated the Stock take of ongoing and completed APEC initiatives on transparency based on the inputs received from economies after VECTI 2020 and considering information on APEC projects contained in the AIMP. The updated Stock-take was endorsed in the CTI on 3 August 2020 (2020/CTI2/IS05). Russia has started to prepare a draft summary on key conclusions from the undertaken Stock take.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A draft summary on key conclusions from the undertaken Stock take and suggested next steps will be circulated in CTI intersessionally.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once the draft summary is circulated, we will be asking APEC economies to provide comments in writing with a view to seek endorsement of the document.</li> </ul>
<p>Work Program on Environment-related Provisions in FTAs/RTAs</p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/011</a></p>	<p>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</p>	<p>Russia</p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Russia has updated Russia the Stock take of environment-related provisions in FTAs\RTAs based on the inputs received from economies after CTI1 2020. An updated Stock take of environment-related provisions in FTAs\RTAs will be circulated for endorsement. The Desk Research has been developed. The document will be circulated in CTI in the nearest time for comments with a view to seek endorsement of the document.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Russia will be seeking for endorsement of the abovementioned Stock take and Desk Research.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once the Stock take is circulated in CTI, we will be asking APEC economies to review the document and complement it, if necessary, within the set timelines with a view to endorse it. Once the Desk research is circulated in CTI, we will be asking APEC economies to provide comments in writing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work Program related to FTAAP addressing State-owned and Controlled Enterprises</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/012</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over half of all APEC economies participate in FTAs/RTAs with provisions related to SOEs. In 2017 the United States tabled a proposal to undertake a review of those provisions related to SOEs in various RTAs/FTAs. The proposal has been modified significantly over the time to accommodate concerns raised. In 2019 the U.S. tabled a revised version of that proposal to address concerns by an economy that endorsing an information sharing process on SOEs would be prejudicial on future FTAAP discussions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This paper was circulated at SOM 1. Consensus was blocked by an economy. The lack progress and engagement SOEs in the FTAAP discussion underscores U.S. questions about whether there has been progress on FTAAP. It also underscores U.S. reservations about the value of an FTAAP discussion that's closed to issues that are already widely adopted by APEC economies. The United States welcomes any edits that would allow the discussion of SOEs to proceed as part of the investment discussion in the FTAAP process.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Proposal on APEC FTAAP Investment Provisions Focused on SOEs</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/013</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In 2018, economies endorsed the Work Program on Investment for the Realization of the FTAAP. The objectives for that work program include enhancing a better understanding of the current situation and new trends of cross-border investment in the Asia-Pacific Region; examining investment commitments under IIAs (including FTAs) as well as unilateral investment policies and measures to identify areas of convergence; enhancing capacities of APEC economies to negotiate and implement high-quality and comprehensive IIAs/FTAs for the eventual realization of the FTAAP; and addressing the potential adverse effects on investors of measures that impedes the ability to invest and to develop a set of possible best practices, to enhance transparency, openness, non-discrimination and predictability. In 2019 the U.S. tabled this proposal to undertake a survey of provisions in RTAs/FTAs and Bilateral Investment Treaties that are focused on addressing the impact of SOE activities on foreign investment. It was again circulated for endorsement at SOM1 2020. Consensus was blocked by one economy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Over half of all APEC economies participate in FTAs/RTAs with provisions related to SOEs. The lack progress and engagement SOEs in the FTAAP discussion underscores U.S. questions about whether there has been progress on FTAAP. It also underscores U.S. reservations about the value of an FTAAP discussion that's closed to issues that are already widely adopted by APEC economies.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The United States welcomes any edits that would allow the discussion of SOEs to proceed as part of the investment discussion in the FTAAP process.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Proposal on Work Program on Labor-related Provisions in FTAs/RTAs</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/014</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The U.S. proposal for a work program on labor-related provisions in FTAs/RTAs seeks to develop a greater understanding of labour provisions on technical assistance or cooperation mechanisms in RTAs/FTAs. The proposal was most recently circulated for endorsement at SOM1 2020. Consensus was blocked by one economy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19 of 21 APEC economies participate in RTAs/FTAs that contain labor provisions, either in the main body or in a side agreement. The lack progress and engagement labor in the FTAAP discussion underscores U.S. questions about whether there has been progress on FTAAP. It also underscores U.S. reservations about the value of an FTAAP discussion that's closed to issues that are already widely adopted by APEC economies.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The United States welcomes any edits that would allow the discussion of labor to proceed as part of the FTAAP process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Work Plan on Digital Trade and E-Commerce for the Realization of the FTAAP</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/034</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Japan</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft a Mid-term Report, will circulate to all economies and complete it by CSOM/AMM/AELM.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft and finalize a Final Report including the consideration for the next steps by MRT, 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If Japan has other chance to circulate the updated survey including the consideration of Covid-19 situation, we need another cooperation of all economies (the original survey was circulated at the beginning of March and the deadline was on 31 March 2020).</li> </ul>
<p><b>FTAAP Capacity Building Workshop on E-commerce Elements in FTAs/RTAs (Phase II) (CTI 02 2020T)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/015</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Korea</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed the second Quality Assessment (QA2) of the project proposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BMC approval for the project proposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recommend specific agenda items and speakers by April 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next Generation MSME-Specific Provisions and Possible Next Steps (CTI 13 2019A)</b></p> <p><a href="#">CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Malaysia</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to the current pandemic, the project will be undertaken in the year 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A survey related to the initiative is planned to be circulated by July 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CTI members to take note on the change of format (hybrid) of the Workshop depending on the future status of the pandemic.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CTI-EC FTAAP Policy Dialogue on Competition Related Provisions in FTAs/EPAs from a Business Perspective (CTI 03 2020T)</b></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Japan</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two day virtual Policy Dialogue has been held on 17-18 September 2020 with nearly 100 participants both from government and ABAC.</li> </ul>



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<a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/016</a>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Optional elements of Competition related provisions, such as subsidies, SOEs, consumer protection, as well as new elements including SMEs, gender issues were discussed.</li> <li>- A possible role played by FTAs/EPAs in the face the market disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic was discussed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project reporting to be completed by February 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete a post-PPD survey online for our preparation of a monitoring report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Technical Support by PSU for CTI's Work on FTAAP Report to Leaders</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/CTI-E/IS07</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>CTI Chair, PSU</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PSU has completed and provided the analysis to CTI Chair on 21 August 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N.A.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N.A.</li> </ul>
<p><b>APEC Capacity Building Workshop on RTAs/FTAs Negotiation Skills on Transparency (CTI 07 2019A)</b></p> <p><a href="#">CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Viet Nam</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Workshop is postponed until June/July 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizers will consider the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and closely work with the Secretariat on an appropriate mode of the Workshop (face-to-face, virtual or hybrid).</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N.A.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposed Declaration on Facilitating the Movement of Essential Goods by the APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (Joint Proposal on Facilitating the Flow of Essential Goods)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/CTI-E/004</a> <a href="#">2020/CTI2/IS03</a></p>	<p><b>Implementation of the Lima Declaration on FTAAP</b></p>	<p><b>Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Declaration has been finalised and endorsed by the APEC MRT during its Meeting on 25 July 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In line with paragraph 10 of the Declaration, Economies to take note of the obligation to update the progress of specific initiatives undertaken to facilitate the movement of essential goods in response to COVID-19 pandemic annually, at the relevant APEC Meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposal for a Workshop on the Inclusion and use of Labor-related Technical Assistance and Cooperation under FTAs/RTAs</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/017</a></p>	<p><b>Other Issues from FTA/RTA Practices</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19 of 21 APEC economies participate in RTAs/FTAs that contain labor provisions, either in the main body or in a side agreement. While the number of these RTAs/FTAs are on the rise, the commitments and legal significance of their labor-related provisions continue to vary. This proposal calls for a survey concerning the inclusion of labor cooperation, technical assistance and capacity building labor provisions in FTAs or side agreements. Once data is accumulated, will assess results and prepare an outcome report, and hold a capacity building workshop to highlight the lessons learned and best practices moving forward. The proposal was most recently circulated for endorsement at SOM1 2020. Consensus was blocked by one economy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p>

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			<p>- (Nil)</p> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <p>- The United States welcomes any edits that would allow the Workshop on the Inclusion and use of Labor-related Technical Assistance and Cooperation under FTAs/RTAs to proceed in the CTI.</p>
<p><b>Proposal on APEC Collaborative Framework on Optimizing Investment Measures</b></p> <p><a href="#">CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</a></p>	<p><b>Investment</b></p>	<p><b>China</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <p>- The proposing economy has been working on an updated version based on the comments received, and plans to further improve the rationale and content of this proposal, to be circulated for endorsement.</p> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <p>- Nil.</p> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <p>- Nil.</p>
<p><b>Trade Policy Dialogue on Digital Trade (CTI 01 2020S)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/018</a></p>	<p><b>Internet and Digital Economy and E-Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <p>- The proposal for a Trade Policy Dialogue on Digital Trade was endorsed at CTI1 2020 and originally scheduled for the SOM2 2020 meeting cluster. However, given impact of COVID-19, the U.S. notified co-sponsors that the TPD would be postponed.</p> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <p>- The U.S. is planning hosting the TPD on 13-14 October 2020. We will share the agenda in advance of the meeting. The TPD will discuss the ways in which economies and businesses are working to balance the need for cross-border data flows. The TPD will also examine the importance of digital trade in light of the</p>

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			<p>challenges posed by COVID-19 and how governments can utilize critical technologies to help SMEs during the pandemic. Finally, the TPD will examine the recent provisions of digital trade agreements or chapters on digital trade and how they are addressing challenges and opportunities in the area of digital trade.</p> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal is endorsed. Nothing further from CTI is needed. The U.S. is hoping to see strong participation by APEC economies in the TPD.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PPD on Advertising Standards in the Digital Economy (CTI 05 2019T)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Internet and Digital Economy and E-Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>Peru</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project contemplated the development of a workshop, which was held at SOM3 2019, and the elaboration of a set of recommendations. The PO is still working on the recommendations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Given to the difficulties that COVID-19 caused in the coordination among domestic agencies, the PO requested to update the approved calendar and postpone the recommendations submission by CTI1 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Endorse the set of recommendations by CTI at CTI2 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PPD on promoting Consumer Protection in the dispute resolution and redress mechanisms in E-commerce (CTI 09 2019T)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Internet and Digital Economy and E-Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>Peru</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project contemplated the development of a workshop at SOM3 2020, but due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the PO requested to hold the event virtually at SOM1 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The PO is organizing the workshop and contacting possible speakers.</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The General Information document will be circulated by the end of the year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Digital Symposium (CTI 08 2019S)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Internet and Digital Economy and E-Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>Australia</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concluded.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion report and develop future work program.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No further action required.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pathfinder on a Permanent Customs Duty Moratorium on Electronic Transmissions, including Content Transmitted Electronically</b></p> <p>2019/SOM3/CTI/037 2020/CTI-E/IS10a</p>	<p><b>Internet and Digital Economy and E-Commerce / CTI Pathfinders</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Pathfinder was established in 2016 with 12 economies. Hong Kong, China announced support for the Pathfinder at SOM1 2020 bringing the number of participating economies to 13.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We welcome additional participants in the Pathfinder initiative.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N.A.</li> </ul>
<p><b>APEC Capacity Building on Promoting Digital Economy (CTI 01 2019)</b></p>	<p><b>Internet and Digital Economy and E-Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>Viet Nam</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Workshop is postponed until October 2021.</li> </ul>

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CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil			<p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organizers will consider the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and closely work with the Secretariat on an appropriate mode of the Workshop (face-to-face, virtual or hybrid).</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N.A.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Consumer Protection in Digital Trade / E-Commerce: Towards Building an APEC Regional Consumer Protection Framework (CTI 09 2020A)</b></p> <p>(PS2 2020 project proposal)</p>	Internet and Digital Economy and E-Commerce	Korea	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approved in-principle (PS2 2020).</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submission of project proposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send comments in writing to a project proposal which will be circulated intersessionally.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Workshop on Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Content Trade (CTI 02 2019)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	Intellectual Property	Russia	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for the Workshop are currently focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Selection of speakers; and</li> <li>b. Finalization of the draft program and agenda of the Workshop.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Russia will develop and circulate at CTI and IPEG a respective questionnaire as part of preparations for the workshop.</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Russia welcomes to provide their suggestions on speakers and topics for discussions at the workshop. Economies are encouraged to complete the Questionnaire to be circulated by Russia intersessionally.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The APEC GVCs Blueprint 2020-2025: Realizing the Role of the Digital Economy within GVCs (CTI 06 2020A)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/019</a></p>	<p><b>GVC Cooperation and Development</b></p>	<p><b>Korea and Chile</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proceeding through APEC funding process, and developing a plan to launch the research report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interview with MNEs and APEC government officials through questionnaire and video interview.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No requests yet.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blueprint 2.0.: Work Plan on Cooperation on Implementing and Taking Full Advantage of Statistics Related to GVCs</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/033</a> <a href="#">2020/CTI-E/IS02</a></p>	<p><b>GVC Cooperation and Development</b></p>	<p><b>China, Indonesia and United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- China, Indonesia and the United States Work Plan on Cooperation on Implementing and Taking Full Advantage of Statistics Related to GVCs for workstream 3 of Blueprint 2.0 was endorsed on 9 March 2020. The Work Plan seeks to help APEC economies to better utilize the TiVA database by undertaking a survey of economies' needs and challenges in developing and utilizing TiVA data; providing capacity building; and assisting APEC economies in developing better underlying statistics that goes into TiVA compilation. Phase 1 of the five-year work plan calls for a survey to be conducted to identify the level of understanding TiVA statistics; assess capacity building needs; and identify the type of extended SUTs and supporting data that are needed by each economy. On 9 September 2020 the draft survey was circulated in CTI for comments and endorsement.</li> </ul>

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			<p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once this survey is endorsed, it will be circulated to economies through the CTI. Individual economies will be asked to engage with ministries, departments, and agencies that are interested in the use of statistics that are related to global value chains in their work. Each economy will submit one (1) consolidated response that reflects the input from the various organizations that were consulted. In order to ensure that those agencies are engaged in future capacity building activities, the survey asks for specific information regarding the organizations and individuals consulted. According to the endorsed work plan, a capacity building plan will be developed based on information gathered from the survey that addresses various needs from APEC economies on how to access the database and how to effectively use and improve the quality the TiVA data for policy analysis.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comments on the draft survey are due 24 September 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blueprint 2.0.: Draft work plan on “Promoting access to GVCs for sustainable and inclusive growth”</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>GVC Cooperation and Development</b></p>	<p><b>China and Chile</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- China and Chile have been working on an updated version of the work plan, reflecting comments received.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An updated draft work plan to be circulated in CTI for endorsement.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Blueprint 2.0.: Compilation of modern-day factors affecting the formation and development of global value chains</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/IS09</a> <a href="#">2020/CTI-E/IS05</a></p>	<p><b>GVC Cooperation and Development</b></p>	<p><b>Russia</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Stock take of the respective past work undertaken by APEC was endorsed by the CTI on 29 May 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A questionnaire regarding modern-day factors affecting the formation and development of GVCs is currently being developed on the basis of the results of the undertaken Stock take. The questionnaire will be circulated among APEC economies intersessionally (in the nearest time).</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Once the Questionnaire is circulated in CTI, we will be asking APEC economies to complete the circulated document within the set timelines.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blueprint 2.0.: Workshop on Effective Domestic Policymaking for Stimulating Economic Upgrading through Global Value Chains (CTI 14 2019A)</b></p> <p><a href="#">CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</a></p>	<p><b>GVC Cooperation and Development</b></p>	<p><b>Russia</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preparations for the Workshop are currently focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Selection of speakers; and</li> <li>b. Finalization of the draft program and agenda of the Workshop, as well as the Questionnaire to be completed by APEC economies within the framework of preparing for the event.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Russia will circulate intersessionally a Questionnaire for the completion by APEC economies within the framework of preparing for the event.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Economies are encouraged to complete the Questionnaire to be circulated by Russia intersessionally. While acknowledging the challenges caused by the</li> </ul>

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			pandemic, Russia welcomes economies to provide their suggestions on speakers and topics for discussions at the workshop.
<b>APEC Trade in Value Added (TiVA) Database</b>  <a href="#">CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</a>	<b>GVC Cooperation and Development</b>	<b>United States and China</b>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revise the APEC inter-economy input-output tables based on the review comments from member economies.</li> <li>- Finish the revision of the APEC TiVA indicators based on the revised APEC inter-economy input-output tables.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalize the APEC TiVA Initiative Report 2.</li> <li>- Revise the APEC TiVA database on the website.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul>
<b>Building Resilient Supply Chains 2020: Survey and Analysis (CTI 05 2020S)</b>  <a href="#">2020/CTI-E/006</a>	<b>GVC Cooperation and Development</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey open for respondents. Will close on 30 September 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of report from survey findings.</li> <li>- Hold second workshop on 28 October 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Respond to survey and share with business community.</li> <li>- Register participants for workshop on 28 October 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>Implementation of the Boracay Action Agenda to</b>	<b>MSMEs' Internationalization</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>Current status and progress/update:</b>

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<p><b>Globalize MSMEs (BAA) and progress/update on the 2020 Final Review</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/CTI2/IS08a</a></p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The conduct of the study report for the Final Review of the BAA commenced in July this year.</li> <li>- The Philippines with the assistance of the APEC Secretariat undertook the 2020 BAA Annual Stocktake of APEC initiatives last June. The Consolidated 2016-2020 BAA Stocktake was circulated to Senior Officials by the SOM Chair's Office last 10 September 2020 for economies' validation and additional inputs/comments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Philippines to receive the first draft of the Final Review of the BAA study report in September 2020.</li> <li>- Philippines to share the initial findings of the draft Final Review of the BAA study report at CTI3 in November 2020.</li> <li>- Validated Consolidated 2016-2020 BAA Stocktake to be tabled at CSOM 2020 for noting of Senior Officials.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and validate the Consolidated 2016-2020 BAA Stocktake (annexed to the <i>Items for Noting</i> document).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposal for Recyclable Materials Policy Program (RMPP) (CTI 04 2020S)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/020</a></p>	<p><b>Environmental Goods and Services/Green Growth</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The self-funded Recyclable Materials Policy Program proposal was endorsed by economies on 13 June 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work on the study is underway. The U.S. currently looking at date for the workshop/roundtable that will build off of the study.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Advancing Economic Inclusion through Trade and Investment in Asia Pacific Region</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/023</a> <a href="#">2020/CTI-E/IS04</a></p>	<p>Inclusion Issues</p>	<p>China</p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The economic inclusion proposal has been endorsed by member economies by 29 April 2020.</li> <li>- With an eye to tighten up APEC agenda on inclusion issues in the context of COVID-19, the proposing economy would actively coordinate with interested members to better implement the proposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concept Notes to launch the following-ups are under preparation.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Building Capacity in Promoting Inclusive and Responsible Business for Sustainable Growth in Digital Society (CTI 04 2020T)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/024</a></p>	<p>Inclusion Issues</p>	<p>China</p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish Joint Project Committee with designated members from host and co-sponsoring economies.</li> <li>- Circulate the agenda and General Information Circular of the webinar to APEC Secretariat and all CTI members for review.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalize the list of speakers and participants of the webinar.</li> <li>- Ensure technical readiness of the webinar.</li> <li>- Start research work of the project.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Send comments in writing to General Information Circular and nominate speakers and participants within the October 2020.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>APEC Single Window Interoperability Action Plan</b></p> <p><a href="#">CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</a></p>	<p><b>Supply Chain Connectivity</b></p>	<p><b>Chile, China and Peru</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Lead Team continues its bilateral engagement with interested economies to join the pilot. They have held several meetings with these economies to exchange information on their single window systems, type of documents they currently exchange, etc. This information is relevant to help determine the final parameters of the pilot.</li> <li>- The original deadline of July 2020 to define the participating economies hasn't been met since the lead team for the Action Plan is also in charge of Chile's Single Window, which has become a crucial mechanism for our trade during the pandemic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The team is still defining the number of economies that will participate in the pilot, in parallel they are discussing with the interested economies the possible documents to be exchanged. This is expected to be done before the end of 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nothing at the moment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Implement Programs Related to WTO TFA Article 8 (Border Agency Cooperation) (CTI 05 2020A)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/035</a></p>	<p><b>Supply Chain Connectivity</b></p>	<p><b>United States</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project proposal for the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance to Implement Programs Related to WTO TFA Article 8 (Border Agency Cooperation) was endorsed on 9 June 2020. It has been reviewed and approved by the APEC Secretariat for quality assurance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Several assistance-eligible APEC economies have notified WTO TFA Article 8 as Category B or C, signaling the need for technical assistance and training to comply with Article 8 requirements. The project overseers have already made preliminary contact with potential volunteer economies to gauge their interest and</li> </ul>

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			<p>brainstorm potential terms of reference. Additionally a workshop attached to this project is currently slated for the margins of SOM1 2021.</p> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates on the Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN), including 2020 Annual Work Plan</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/022</a>  <a href="#">2020/CTI-E/IS03</a></p>	<p><b>Supply Chain Connectivity</b></p>	<p><b>China</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b><u>Done:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PNG Ports Corporation from Papua New Guinea joined APMEN</li> <li>2. Circulate to CTI for information the project report of the Phase One of Digitalization of Air Freight Logistics - E-AWB Implementation on Import Air Freight Project at Xiamen Airport</li> </ol> </li> <li>- <b><u>Ongoing:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand the scope of APMEN supply chain connectivity pilot projects and encourage more members to participate:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Phase Two of Sea Freight Logistics Visualization with the aim to achieve automated data exchange among different systems;</li> <li>b) Phase Two of Digitalization of Air Freight Logistics from import e-AWB to export e-AWB in order to gradually achieve the end-to-end air freight paperless procedure;</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Hold the 6th APMEN Joint Operational Group(AJOG) meeting and Public-Private Dialogue on Advancing Trade Facilitation and Supply Chain Connectivity through APMEN.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold the 6th AJOG and 6th APMEN PPD Online and Offline Meetings (APMEN Events);</li> <li>- Completed the Phase Two of Sea Freight Logistics Visualization and circulate the project report to CTI for information;</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work out a concept Note on APMEN Forum on Supply Chain Connectivity (CTI Event);</li> <li>- Encourage more stakeholders from APEC economies to join APMEN.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Progress on the implementation of SCFAP Phase II, including final assessment</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/SOM1/CTI/028</a> <a href="#">2020/CTI-E/IS09</a></p>	<p><b>Supply Chain Connectivity</b></p>	<p><b>Singapore</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The PSU Board approved the request for the PSU to undertake the final review of the APEC Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan 2017-2020 (SCFAP-II) on 7 July 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PSU will commence the Final Review.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For members' information only.</li> </ul>
<p><b>APEC Webinar on Stabilizing Supply Chain to Support Trade and Economic Recovery during/after the COVID-19 Pandemic (CTI 03 2020S)</b></p> <p><a href="#">2020/CTI-E/005</a></p>	<p><b>Supply Chain Connectivity</b></p>	<p><b>China</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposing economy has been working on a draft agenda for this webinar, and identifying suitable speakers amongst member economies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A draft agenda would be circulated for comments and inputs by October 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on Emerging Opportunities and Challenges in Implementing the APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2025 (CTI 15 2019A)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	Connectivity	Malaysia	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The PPD on Emerging Opportunities and Challenges in Implementing the APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2025 was held on 15 September 2020, 10am (Malaysia Time) with 69 participants from 19 APEC economies. The PPD comprise of three sessions and discussions were driven by 17 speakers from APEC Secretariat, representative from private sectors and research centers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Malaysia still welcome responses from economies on the Survey on Connectivity undertook in August 2020.</li> <li>- A draft Checklist shall be formulated for economies to consider before proposing connectivity-related projects. This document will provide a guidance to project proponents in implementing the APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2025. The Checklist will be submitted to CTI for endorsement in January 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.):?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CTI members to respond to the Survey by 30 September 2020.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implementation of the Peer Review and Capacity Building for APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress on implementation of the Capacity Building to Viet Nam</li> <li>• Peer review on Papua New Guinea</li> </ul>	Connectivity	Japan (with Viet Nam, Papua New Guinea, Australia and the United States)	<p><b><u>Capacity building on Viet Nam</u></b></p> <p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Viet Nam and Japan are planning to hold the capacity building program in Ha Noi, Viet Nam this winter.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Viet Nam and Japan will coordinate the details of the capacity building program, looking at the COVID-19 situation.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.):?</b></p>



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<p>2020/SOM1/CTI/IS06 2020/CTI-E/IS06</p>			<p>- Nil</p> <p><b>Peer review on Papua New Guinea</b> <b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Request for Proposals had closed on 31 August 2020.</li> <li>- Currently in the selection process of consultant to establish the review team.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The facilitating economies and Papua New Guinea will establish the review team, and PSU will support the review process as an ad hoc Secretariat.</li> <li>- Submission of inception report due in end-October 2020.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nil</li> </ul>
<p><b>Promoting Smart Cities through Quality Infrastructure Investment in Rapidly Urbanizing APEC Region (CTI 10 2019T)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	Connectivity	Japan	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The conference was rescheduled to be held in August or September 2021. Developing and defining an execution plan for the project (ongoing in accordance with modified schedule).</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Considering to hold a conference in a virtual or a hybrid setting. Also, preparing for contracting about the conference that will help participants deepen their understanding of "Smart City through Quality Infrastructure Investment".</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue supporting the project.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Outcomes on the Application of the Test of Ex Ante Control of Regulations on Advertising (CTI 06 2020S)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Regulatory Cooperation and Convergence</b></p>	<p><b>Peru</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The self-funded project was endorsed in July 2020. The project is under implementation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The PO is elaborating the study. It is expected that early next year the first draft will be circulated among CTI members for comments.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Endorsement of the study by CTI at CTI3 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>APEC Trade Repository (APECTR)</b></p> <p>CTI1/VECTI 2020 doc no.: Nil</p>	<p><b>Achieving the Bogor Goals</b></p>	<p><b>Philippines</b></p>	<p><b>Current status and progress/update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Philippines has already requested MAG members to submit APECTR updates for 2020. The updating of the APECTR is done annually, every 30<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>- Noting that the next MAG meeting is scheduled on a much later date (3 November 2020), the next APECTR usage report that the Philippines will provide is expected to cover a longer period (tentatively 2 January 2020 to 31 October 2020).</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The APECTR's usage and updates for 2020 will be reported in the MAG and CTI later in the year.</li> </ul> <p><b>What do you request from CTI members (e.g. complete a survey circulated on dd/mm/yy; send comments in writing to a concept note/project proposal circulated on dd/mm/yy; etc.)?:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (Nil)</li> </ul>

Others (from PSU)

The following are not CTI initiatives, but if appropriate, PSU will like to include the following PSU publications for CTI's information:

- [COVID-19, 4IR and the Future of Work](#) (PSU Policy Brief No. 34, June 2020)
- [Supporting MSMEs' Digitalization Amid COVID-19](#) (PSU Policy Brief No. 35, July 2020)
- [APEC Regional Trends Analysis, July 2020 Update: Deeper Contraction Calls for Decisive Action](#)

### **Consolidated 2016-2020 Stocktake of Initiatives to Implement the Boracay Action Agenda**

<b>Priority Action 1. Facilitate the access of MSMEs to FTAs/RTAs by simplifying and streamlining rules of origin (ROO) procedural and documentary requirements and harnessing IT to ease documentation and procedures.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Public - Private Dialogue on Identifying and Addressing Difficulties and Challenges that Hinder SMEs from taking trade benefits and advantages of RTAs/FTAs in the region [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Final Report on the 2016 Information Gathering Exercise on Simplification of Documents and Procedures [MAG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Self-Certification system for ROO [MAG] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Survey on MSME/MSME-related provisions in APEC economies' FTAs/RTAs (survey) [CTI] – <u>Completed in 2019 (endorsed by MRT)</u></li> <li>• APEC Capacity Building Workshop on FTA Utilizations by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Capacity Building Workshop on WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APEC Capacity Building Workshop on RTA/FTA Negotiation Skills on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) [CTI] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Survey of new approaches to rule of origin requirements for chemical products in newly issued FTAs/RTAs [CD] - <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>a. APEC will encourage the following policy options: (i) For certificate of origin (CO)-based systems, where relevant, APEC economies when reviewing or negotiating their RTAs/FTAs may consider a commercially-significant threshold value for the waiver of Cos; (ii) Encourage the adoption of the self-certification system for ROO as a best practice in trade facilitation and participation in the APEC Pathfinder for Self-certification of Origin</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Report on the 2016 Information Gathering Exercise on Simplification of Documents and Procedures [MAG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Self-Certification system for ROO (Pathfinder) [MAG] -<u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>b. APEC will promote greater use of IT and automated systems to increase the efficiency of complying with RTA/FTA-related requirements, including encouraging more active participation of member economies in the implementation of the Electronic Certificate of Origin (eCO) Project led by the Electronic Commerce Steering Group (ECSG).</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Certificate of Origin (eCO) Pathfinder Project [ECSG] – <u>Ongoing/active</u></li> <li>• Workshop Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Trade Facilitation through Standardization Activities [SCSC] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> </ul>
<b>Priority Action 2. Streamline customs-related rules and regulations and assist in the compliance of MSMEs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globally-Harmonized System (GHS) for the Workplace: A Capacity Building Workshop [CD] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Chemical Dialogue Customs Proposal [CD] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Promoting Consistent Implementation of the Globally Harmonized Systems for the Classification and Labeling of Chemicals ("GHS") [CD] - <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Capacity building for MSMEs on the better exploitation of their IP assets, as well as improving public policy to foster innovation within MSMEs [IPEG] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Workshop to identify factors affecting control, cost and time for the custom clearance of imported and exported goods by MSMEs [SCCP] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Workshop on Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Trade Facilitation through Standardization Activities [SCSC] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity Building on Antibacterial Products and Materials and their Evaluation Test Method for Modernization of MSMEs in APEC Region [SCSC]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• New Era of Growth for APEC SMEs through Online-to-Offline (O2O) Business Models (summit and 2 workshops) [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Enhancing Capacities of MSMEs in Exporting Services [SMEWG] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Capacity Building Workshop on the World Trade Organization (WTO)'s Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises [CTI] - <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>a. APEC will encourage the establishment of commercially useful de minimis values that will exempt low-value express and postal shipments from customs duties and from certain entry documentation requirements, in accordance with economies' legislation.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance trade facilitation through the implementation of facilitative measures following the WCO Immediate Release Guideline, including pre-arrival processing, de-minimis, and immediate release upon the arrival of merchandises [SCCP] (2016)</li> </ul>
<p><i>b. APEC will encourage the removal of the requirement for the Certificate of Non Manipulation (CNM) for transshipped goods and consider the use of other existing commercial documents as evidence of non-manipulation, or making the issuance of CNMs more expeditious.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Model Wine Certificate [SCSC] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority Action 3. Provide timely and accurate information on export and import procedures and requirements</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compendium of Automotive Business Regimes in APEC [AD] - <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Work on increasing awareness of and coordination between Customs Requirements for Chemicals [CD] (<u>Ongoing/Active</u>)</li> <li>• Survey on Implementation of Article 3.6 &amp; 3.8 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement [MAG] - <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>a. APEC will enhance information sharing and transparency, through the development of guidebooks on doing business in sectors where MSMEs are most concentrated, as well as strengthen and promote the usage of trade information portals on goods and services trade, e.g., APEC Trade Repository proposal, APEC STAR Database.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Trade Repository [CTI] - <u>Ongoing/active</u></li> <li>• Next Steps on the Implementation of the APEC Trade Repository (APECTR); APECTR entries' update [CTI] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Non-Tariff Measures Affecting Small and Medium Enterprises in the Asia-Pacific Region [SMEWG] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Iloilo Initiative - APEC MSME Marketplace [SMEWG] - <u>Ongoing/active</u></li> <li>• Workshop on Supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Trade Facilitation through Standardization Activities [SCSC] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Services Trade Access Requirements (STAR) Database - Phase IV [GOS]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Symposium on Good Policy and Regulatory Practices for Facilitating Trade and Investment in Services - Toward the APEC Services Roadmap [GOS]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Follow-up to the APEC Non-binding Principles for Domestic Regulation of the Services Sector-Online Shopping Platform Services[GOS] - <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Survey on Implementation of Article 3.6 &amp; 3.8 of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement [MAG]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>b. APEC will encourage the review of import licensing requirements and administration, with a view to increasing their transparency and predictability acknowledging that such import licensing requirements are particularly burdensome for MSMEs.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Workshop on Import Licenses [CTI] - <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Guidelines on the Best Licensing Practices of Collective Management Organizations to MSMEs [CTI] - <u>Completed 2019</u></li> </ul>

<p><i>c. APEC will intensify information exchange on food packaging and labeling requirements, and undertake regular stocktake initiatives and capacity building for the compliance</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Trade Repository [CTI] – <u>Ongoing/active</u></li> <li>• Survey on Packaging and Labelling Requirements for Pre-Packaged Food Products [SCSC] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Workshop supporting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Trade Facilitation through Standardization Activities [SCSC]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Capacity Building on Antibacterial Products and Materials and their Evaluation Test Method for Modernization of MSMEs in APEC Region [SCSC] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Non-Tariff Measures Affecting Small and Medium Enterprises in the Asia-Pacific Region [SMEWG] (study) – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority Action 4. Widen the base of Authorized Economic Operators(AEO) and trusted trader programs(TTP) to include SMEs in order for them to contribute to security, integrity and resiliency in supply chains.</b></p>
<p><i>a. APEC will further advance the formulation of best practice guidelines for the development and enhancement of AEO and TTP programs, and work towards forming an APED-wide network of AEOs/ TTPs.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study on AEO Best Practices in the APEC Region [SCCP] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Integrating SMEs in Authorized Economic Operators Certification: Improving SMEs Participation in APEC Secure Trade [SCCP] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>b. APEC will continue to carry out capacity building on AEO and TTP, including increasing SMEs awareness and understanding of and compliance with AEO/TTP requirements.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Customs Business Dialogue 2016 on “Trade Facilitation and Globalization of MSMEs in the Asia Pacific Region” [SCCP] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority Action 5. Support measures to widen options on financing for MSMEs and further develop the infrastructure to facilitate lending to them.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC-Canada Growing Business Partnerships Project (2017) [ABAC] – <u>Ongoing</u> thru ABAC Canada and Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada</li> <li>• Capacity Building on Promoting Access to Finance for MSMEs [ABAC] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Forum [ABAC] – <u>Ongoing/active</u></li> <li>• Case Study on Supporting Industry Promotion Policies in APEC - APEC Supporting Industry Initiative [CTI]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Compendium on Methodologies for SMEs Internationalization [joint initiative of CTI and SMEWG]– <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• APEC International Symposium and Workshop: The Cooperative Business Model (CBM) as an Alternative Tool for Financing SMEs [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• International Fintech Summit: Needs Assessment and Capacity Building [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2020.</u></li> <li>• Public Policy, Fintech and SMEs: Recommendations for Promoting a New Financing Ecosystem [SMEWG] – <u>Expected completion in 2021.</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>a. APEC to promote inclusive finance mechanisms with focus on broad-based financial products and services such as equity finance, venture capital mechanisms, trade and supply chain finance and business risk protection, including resilience against crises such as financial crises, natural disasters and, economic instability.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Infrastructure Development Network (FIDN) Conference on Credit Infrastructure [SFOM] - <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Forum, Tokyo, Japan [ABAC] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Financial Infrastructure Development Network (FIDN) Conference on Strengthening Credit Infrastructure: A Roadmap to MSME Innovation and Digital Finance Towards Greater Financial Inclusion [SFOM] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Financial Infrastructure Development Network (FIDN) Conference on Financial Infrastructure Reforms [SFOM] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Capacity Building on Promoting Access to Finance for MSMEs [ABAC] - <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Forum, Hoi An, Viet Nam [ABAC] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Forum, Tokyo, Japan [ABAC] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Forum, Tokyo, Japan [ABAC] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li><li>• Upgrading MSMEs' Access to Finance in a Digital Age (2017-2018) [SMEWG in support of APFF-FIDN] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li></ul>
<p><i>b. APEC to cooperate in developing efficient and effective infrastructure for credit information and secured transactions/ movable collateral systems to realize the seamless MSME financing environment throughout the APEC economies to strengthen global value chain.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Upgrading MSMEs' Access to Finance in a Digital Age Seminars and Conferences (2017-2018) [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li><li>• Workshop on Dispute Resolution [SELI] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li><li>• Seminar on Contract Enforcement in Supply Chain Finance for businesses (including MSMEs) [SELI] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li><li>• APEC Seminar on "Use of International Instruments to Strengthen Contract Enforcement in Supply Chain Finance for Global Businesses (including MSMEs)" [SELI] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li><li>• Workshop on the Use of Modern Technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management [particularly Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)] [SELI] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• Competition Week held during SOM1, with events on Competition Assessments, Economics of Competition Policy, and Investigative Powers. [CPLG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li><li>• APEC's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) initiative (Study) [PSU] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li><li>• Individual Action Plans(IAPs) under the Renewed APEC Agenda on Structural Reform (RAASR) [EC] – <u>Ongoing</u></li><li>• Ease of doing Business (EoDB) Workshop/Events [EC] – <u>Ongoing (2016-2018)</u></li><li>• APEC Workshop on Secured Transactions [EC] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• Workshop on Legal and Regulatory Framework on Data and Analytics Services, Beijing, China [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• Symposium on FinTech and Supply Chain Finance, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• Forum on New Logistics and New Value-Chain Finance – Hangzhou, China [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• International Symposium on Personal Insolvency Legislation and Business Environment, Beijing, China [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> APFF Data Ecosystem Conference: Creating an Enabling Data Ecosystem for Inclusive and Efficient Financial Services in APEC, Singapore [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• APFF Trade and Supply Chain Finance (2018) Workshop: "Tapping into Digital Technologies to Facilitate Trade and Supply Chain Finance," Singapore [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• International Symposium on Warehouse Finance and Collateral Management, Tianjin, China [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u>.</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> APFF Data Ecosystem Conference: Building an Asia-Pacific Data Regime for Financial Services: Challenges and Prospects, Washington DC, USA [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• APFF/FIDN Workshop on Credit Information Sharing in Brunei: Challenges and Prospects, Bandar Seri Begawan [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• FIDN Conference: Developing Movable Asset Finance System for Inclusion and Regional Integration, Manila, Philippines [Philippines/ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• APFF Workshop on Credit Information Sharing in the Philippines: Growth and Development in an Emerging Regional Data Ecosystem, Manila, Philippines [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li><li>• Workshop on Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure and Online Dispute Resolution [SELI] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Workshop for Developing a Collaborative Framework for Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) [SELI] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop for Developing a Collaborative Framework for Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) [SELI] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Implementing the APEC ODR Collaborative Framework [SELI] – Ongoing</li> <li>• FIDN Conference: International Insolvency Reform, Beijing, China [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APFF Workshop: What should Digital Trade Transformation practically cover? Bangkok, Thailand [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Expert Roundtable on an APEC Data Ecosystem for Financial Services: Addressing Security and Privacy Challenges to Facilitate Regional Cross-Border Data Flows, Atlanta, USA [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APFF Trade and Supply Chain Finance (2019) Workshop: “Driving Digitisation of Trade and Supply Chain Finance in the Asia Pacific Region”, Singapore [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Financial Forum (APFF) Data Ecosystem Conference: Developing Data Protection Legislation and Regulatory Structures, Beijing, China, [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APFF Seminar on Financial Inclusion Driven by Digitalization Trade and Supply Chain, Bangkok, Thailand [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• <u>Secured Transactions and Online Dispute Resolution policy discussion [SELI] – Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APFF Warehouse Finance and Collateral Management Conference, Qingdao, China [FIDN] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Seventh FIDN Conference: Developing a Movable Asset Finance Market in the Philippines and APEC Economies, Manila, Philippines [FIDN] -- <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Fourth APFF Supply Chain Finance (SCF) Conference: How to Develop a SCF Market in the Context of Emerging Economies [APFF] -- <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• FIDN Forum: “Conference on Creating Markets and Developing Movable Asset Finance System for Financial Inclusion and Regional Integration”, Manila, Philippines [Philippines and IFC] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Online Discussion on Improving the Enabling Environment for Supply Chain Finance in Viet Nam [FIDN] – <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• APFF Video-Conference on Accelerating Post-COVID Recovery of MSMEs [ABAC/APFF] -- <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• ABAC-APFF-EPAA Video-Conference on Inclusive Open Banking [ABAC/APFF] -- <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• ABAC-APFF-APFIF Video-Conference on Inclusive Financial Innovation for the Financially Unserved and Underserved -- <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• ABAC-APFF-APFIF Video-Conference on Inclusive Digital KYC -- <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> </ul>
<p>c. <i>APEC will promote innovative and diversified financing options to meet the needs of MSME at different stages of growth, particularly financing early-stage investment, including through taking into account not only financial data but their own business model strategies - e.g. growth potential, anticipated earnings - to assess individual companies' creditworthiness</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop on Financial Inclusion Policies [SFOM] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Promoting Innovation Through a Mechanism for IP Valuation, Financing and Leveraging IP Assets [IPEG] -<u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Upgrading MSMEs' Access to Finance in a Digital Age (2017-2018)[SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APFF Fintech Seminar: Enabling Innovative Finance for MSMEs in the Digital Economy, Santiago, Chile [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APEC Financing Opportunities Fair for Women-Led MSMEs [SMEWG] – Completed in 2020</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APFF Seminar on Sustainably Financing SMEs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Tokyo, Japan [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APFF Conference on ASEAN MSME in the Digital Era: Challenges and Opportunities, Bangkok, Thailand [ABAC/APFF] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APEC Startup Funding Forum: Building a Holistic Startup Funding Landscape to Boost Economic Growth Expected completion in 2021</li> </ul>
<p><i>d. APEC will enhance cooperation among financial institutions, and promote designated loans for MSMEs in supporting mutual investment across member economies.</i></p>
<p><i>e. APEC will support open and transparent business environments through discussions on possible codes of ethics in sectors of export interest to MSMEs</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harmonisation of Standards for the Movement of Data across APEC economies [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• 2018 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum: Leveraging Technologies to Scale Code of Ethics Implementation for Small and Medium Enterprises [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• 2019 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum: Vision for Sustainable, Dynamic, and Innovative Health Enterprise [SMEWG] — <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• 2020 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum: Realizing the Nanjing Declaration to Universal Code of Ethics Adoption [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2020</li> <li>• Nine Consensus Framework Agreements for Ethical Collaboration in the Biopharmaceutical and Medical Device Sector [SMEWG] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority Action 6. Expand internationalization opportunities for micro and small enterprises providing goods and services through ICT and e-commerce.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Plan for Promoting E-commerce to Globalize MSMEs [CTI] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Promoting E-commerce to Globalize MSMEs (study) [CTI] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Seminar on E-Commerce for Inclusion and Competitiveness[ECSG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Public-Private Dialogue: Facilitating MSMEs to Adopt Cross-Border E-Commerce[ECSG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Women's Economic Empowerment and ICT: Capacity Building for APEC Women Entrepreneurs in the Age of the 4th Industrial Revolution [PPWE]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Harmonization of Standards for the Movement of Data Across APEC economies [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• APEC Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Forum and Business Matching: SME Clouds + Innovation and Entrepreneurship [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC SME Cross-Border E-commerce (CBE) Leaders' Conference [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Forum: Promoting stakeholder's building capacities in Clusters and Local Economic Promotion Instruments [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap (ASCR) [GOS]- <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Developing a set of good practice principles on domestic regulations in the services sector[GOS]- <u>Completed 2018</u></li> <li>• Development of services data and statistics to measure and support implementation of the Roadmap and improve tracking of services trade and investment more broadly [GOS] - <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Enhance Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises' (MSMEs) Capacity for Inclusive Development by Cross-Border E-Commerce Adoption [ECSG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Promote Cross-border E-Trade under the Framework of Regional Trade Agreements/Free Trade Agreements (RTAs/FTAs) – Based on Best Practices in the APEC Region [ECSG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on Existing and Emerging Issues related to E-Commerce and Digital Economy [ECSG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Workshop on Enhancing online connectivity for unleashing the potential of digital economy [TELWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC e-Government Research Center - Extension [TELWG] – <u>Ongoing (until 2020)</u></li> <li>• Industry Roundtable: Best Practices for Enhancing Citizens' Digital Literacy [TELWG] (self-funded) – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Riding the Wave of the e-Commerce Trend: Emerging and Expanding Business Options for MSMEs [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Harnessing Digital Trade for SMEs [SMEWG] – <u>completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APEC SME Digital Economy Forum [SMEWG] – <u>completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Supply Chain Framework Action Plan Phase II (SCFAP II) [MAG] - <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• APEC Collaborative Framework for ODR of Cross-Border B2B Disputes and Model Procedural Rules [EC] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Promoting the Participation of MSMEs in the Regional Market to Bridge the Digital Divide in APEC Economies [ECSG] – <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• Analysis of Perspectives and Barriers for Effective Implementation of Public E-services [EC] – <u>Expected</u></li> <li>• APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Remote Area Development in the Digital Era (self-funded) [SCE] – <u>Expected</u></li> <li>• Public Private Dialogue “Women engagement in e-commerce: barriers and opportunities” [PPWE] - <u>Expected</u></li> <li>• Trade Facilitation by Ensuring a Safer Food Supply through Cross- Border E-Commerce[SCSC] – Completed in 2020</li> <li>• <u>Secured Transactions and Online Dispute Resolution policy discussion [SELI] – Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• SELI Work Plan for Developing a Cooperative ODR Framework for MSMEs in B2B Transactions and use of modern technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management. [SELI] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• APEC SME Digital Economic Development Forum [SMEWG]– Completed in 2019</li> <li>• Workshop for SMEs in APEC: Embracing 4.0 Industrial Revolution in Boosting Economic Performance of Export-Oriented SMEs [SMEWG] - Expected completion in 2020</li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Opportunities and Challenges for Retail SMEs in the Internet and Digital Economy [SMEWG] - Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• 2020 APEC SMEs Smart Factory Forum [SMEWG] - Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• Harnessing Fintech Skills for Women-led MSMEs for Promoting Inclusive Growth [PPWE] – Ongoing</li> <li>• Women’s Leadership in the Digital Era: Agility, Adaptability, Fluidity [PPWE] – Ongoing</li> <li>• Strengthening Women’s Empowerment and Leadership through Digital Economy and Boosting Economic Growth [PPWE] – Ongoing</li> <li>• Research on Promoting Trade in Services by SMEs and Women Entrepreneurs [GOS] – Expected completion in 2020</li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Fostering Inclusive Digital Economy: Empowering Women through Participation in Digital Start-ups [DESG] – Ongoing</li> <li>• Transforming Businesses in the Digital Age [DESG] – Ongoing</li> <li>• Update to Survey on Economies E-Commerce-related Approaches, Measures and Policies</li> </ul>
<p><i>a. APEC will cooperate with ABAC in identifying and promoting strategic e-commerce platforms and innovative business models for micro and small enterprises to support buying and selling activities (B2C), business matching opportunities (B2B) and online-to-offline commerce (O2O)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive growth through greater involvement of SMEs into B2B and B2G markets (survey; report) [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Enhancing MSMEs’ Access to the Digital Economy [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• New Era of Growth for APEC SMEs through Online-to-Offline (O2O) Business Models (summit and 2 workshops) [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Iloilo Initiative – APEC MSME Marketplace [SMEWG]– <u>Ongoing/active</u></li> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Enhancing SME Digital Competitiveness and Resilience towards Quality Growth [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Upgrading MSMEs' Access to Finance in a Digital Age Seminar and Conference (2017-2018) [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Unleash the Potential of SMEs through Digital Transformation for a Shared Future [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Empower SMEs to Embrace Digital Transformation[SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Advancing Big Data Applications in Trade (seminar) [CTI]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• APEC Privacy Framework [ECSG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• SELI Work Plan for Developing a Cooperative ODR Framework for MSMEs in B2B Transactions and use of modern technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management. [SELI] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• APEC Public – Private Dialogue on Enhancing Capacities of MSMEs in Exporting Services [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Facilitating Market Access for Women – led MSMEs through E – Commerce [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• 2017 APEC Digital Economy and E-Commerce Forum: Fostering Ecommerce to MSMEs Access to Regional and Global Markets [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Industry Roundtable on Digital Start-ups and MSMEs [TELWG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• MondeB2B initiative to enhance B2B transactional platform [ABAC MSMEEWG] – <u>Completed at ABAC MSMEEWG level in 2019 but ongoing at the regional level for interested economies</u></li> <li>• SMEs Global Value Chain Network (SG Network), through online and offline Forums [ABAC MSMEEWG] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>b. APEC will implement capacity building in order to promote international networking and to increase cross-border business opportunities for MSMEs by localizing/customizing ABAC's Cross-Border E-Commerce Training (CBET) Programme and other similar platforms.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Cross Border E-Commerce Training [ABAC-SMEWG]- <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Enhancing MSMEs' Access to the Digital Economy [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• New Era of Growth for APEC SMEs through Online-to-Offline (O2O) Business Models (summit and 2 workshops) [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Enhancing SME Digital Competitiveness and Resilience towards Quality Growth [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Privacy Framework[ECSG] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Unleash the Potential of SMEs through Digital Transformation for a Shared Future [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Facilitating Market Access for Women – led MSMEs through E – Commerce [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• 2017 APEC Digital Economy and E-Commerce Forum: Fostering Ecommerce to MSMEs Access to Regional and Global Markets [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC SME Business Forum-Innovation, Cooperating for Development [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Empower SMEs to Embrace Digital Transformation[SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>c. APEC will encourage the availability of next-generation high-speed broadband/internet and promote its widespread uptake and effective use by MSMEs</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry Roundtable on ICT Innovation: Smart Cities Experience Sharing [TELWG]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Workshop on Facilitating Innovative Economic Development of "Internet+Service" Industry [TELWG]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Industry Roundtable on Connecting People and Things [TELWG] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Small Cells Deployment [TELWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Regulatory Roundtable on Public Policies for ICT [TELWG] - <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Workshop on Cybersecurity Framework [TELWG] - <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Workshop on Enhancing online connectivity for unleashing the potential of digital economy [TELWG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Recommendations for Implementation of Smart Sustainable City (SSC) ICT Infrastructure in the APEC Region [TELWG] – <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• SELI Work Plan for Developing a Cooperative ODR Framework for MSMEs in B2B Transactions and use of modern technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management. [SELI] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Industry Roundtable on ICT Connectivity [TELWG] - <u>Completed in 2015</u></li> </ul>

- Workshop on Enhancing Online Connectivity for Unleashing the Potential of the Digital Economy [TELWG] – Completed in 2017
- Workshop and Industry Roundtable on The Internet of Things [TELWG] – Completed in 2017
- Innovation Roundtable on Universal Broadband Access [TELWG] – Completed in 2017
- Industry Roundtable on Facilities Sharing and Open Access Regimes within APEC [TELWG] – Completed in 2017
- APII R&D Test Bed Network Project – Extension [TELWG] – Ongoing (until 2020)
- Regulatory Roundtable: Best Practices for Promoting Universal Broadband Service [TELWG] (self-funded)- Completed in 2018
- Regulatory Roundtable: The role of competition policy in fostering infrastructure to bridge the Digital Divide [TELWG] (self-funded) – Completed in 2019
- Facilitating Trade in Cybersecurity Technologies & Services through Adherence to Globally-Recognized Cybersecurity Standards and Best Practices [SCSC]-Completed in 2019
- APEC Workshop on Internet of Things (IoT) Security Best Practices – Completed in 2020
- APEC Public-Private Dialogue on Sharing Economy and Digital Technology Connectivity for Inclusive Development [PPSTI]-Ongoing
- Facilitating Innovation and Diversity in Next Generation (5G) Network Ecosystems [TELWG] – Ongoing
- Building a Digital Ready Society [TELWG] - Ongoing

*d. APEC will identify and promote policies and regulatory frameworks for creating conducive environment for e-commerce address unnecessary regulations that constrain the ability of MSMEs to participate in e-commerce*

- APEC Privacy Recognition for Processors (PRP) System [CTI]- Completed in 2017
- APEC Privacy Recognition for Processors (PRP) System [ECSG] – Completed in 2017
- APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) system [ECSG]- Completed in 2017
- APEC Privacy Framework [ECSG] - Completed in 2017
- Enhancing MSMEs' Access to the Digital Economy [SMEWG] – Completed in 2017
- Industry Roundtable on ICT Innovation: Smart Cities Experience Sharing [TELWG]- Completed in 2018
- Workshop on Facilitating Innovative Economic Development of "Internet+Service" Industry [TELWG]- Completed in 2016
- Industry Roundtable on Connecting People and Things [TELWG]- Completed in 2016
- Regulatory Roundtable on Public Policies for ICT [TELWG]- Completed in 2016
- Workshop on Cybersecurity Framework [TELWG]- Completed in 2018
- Workshop on Enhancing online connectivity for unleashing the potential of digital economy [TELWG]- Completed in 2017
- Globalization, Inclusion, and E-Commerce: APEC Agenda for SMEs (Policy brief) [CTI]-Completed in 2017
- SELI Work Plan for Developing a Cooperative ODR Framework for MSMEs in B2B Transactions and use of modern technology for Dispute Resolution and Electronic Agreement Management. [SELI]- Ongoing
- Seminar on Capacity Building for Compliance with Cross-Border Privacy Rules System in APEC [ECSG] – Completed in 2017
- APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules System Implementation and Administration Assistance Project [ECSG] – Completed in 2017
- APEC Cross-Border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework [ECSG] – Completed in 2017
- APEC Public – Private Dialogue on Enhancing Capacities of MSMEs in Exporting Services [SMEWG] – Completed in 2018
- 2017 APEC Digital Economy and E-Commerce Forum: Fostering Ecommerce to MSMEs Access to Regional and Global Markets [SMEWG] – Completed in 2018
- Industry Roundtable on ICT Connectivity [TELWG] – Completed in 2015
- Workshop and Industry Roundtable on The Internet of Things [TELWG] – Completed in 2017

- Digital Economy: Strategies and Measurements [TELWG] (self-funded)- Completed in 2019
- Best Practices on Data Collection and Validation, and Statistical Information [TELWG] – Completed in 2017
- Seminar on Digital Government: Planning and Implementing e-Governments Projects in APEC 2018 [TELWG] – Completed in 2018
- Secured Transactions and Online Dispute Resolution policy discussion [SELI] – Completed in 2019
- ICT Skills Framework project [TELWG] - Ongoing
- APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules System Fostering Accountability Agent Participation for Participants, Developing Economies, and MSMEs Benefit Workshop [ECSG] – Completed in 2019
- 2020 APEC SME Cyber Security Forum [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021

**Priority Action 7. Strengthen institutional support for MSMEs**

- ABAC-Canada Growing Business Partnerships Project [ABAC]- ongoing thru ABAC Canada
- Capacity Building on Promoting Access to Finance for MSMEs [ABAC] - Completed in 2017
- Asia-Pacific Financial Inclusion Forum [ABAC]- Completed in 2017
- Case Study on Supporting Industry Promotion Policies in APEC - APEC Supporting Industry Initiative [CTI]- Completed in 2017
- Enhancing Rural Disaster Resilience through Effective Infrastructure Investment [EPWG]- Completed in 2017
- Capacity building for MSMEs on the better exploitation of their IP assets, as well as improving public policy to foster innovation within MSMEs [IPEG]- Completed in 2016
- Women as Prime Movers of Inclusive Business [PPWE]- Completed in 2017
- Women's Economic Empowerment and ICT: Capacity Building for APEC Women Entrepreneurs in the Age of the 4th Industrial Revolution [PPWE]- Completed in 2018
- Successful Cases of Women-Owned Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Foreign Trade [PPWE]- Completed in 2017
- Next Steps for Women's Entrepreneurship in APEC (WE-APEC), Phase 2 [PPWE] – Completed
- SCSC Work Plan in Support of SMEWG-SCSC Collaboration (2017) [SCSC] - Ongoing
- Harmonisation of Standards for the Movement of Data across APEC economies [SMEWG] – Completed in 2016
- APEC Workshop on Promoting SMEs' Participation in the Food Supply Chain [SMEWG]- Completed in 2016
- 2016 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum: Facilitating Trans-Pacific Collaboration for Small and Medium Enterprises [SMEWG]- Completed in 2016
- Capability Development for Market-Oriented Innovation Management in SMEs of APEC Member Economies (2016-2017) [SMEWG]- Completed in 2017
- APEC Forum: Promoting stakeholder's building capacities in Clusters and Local Economic Promotion Instruments [SMEWG]- Completed in 2017
- 2017 APEC Business Ethics for SMEs Forum - Facilitating Multi-Stakeholder Ethical Collaborations for Small and Medium Enterprises [SMEWG]- Completed in 2017
- APEC Seminar on Promoting SME's Integration into Environmental Goods and Services (EGS) Global and Regional Markets [SMEWG]- Completed in 2017
- APEC Workshop on One-Stop Shop for Starting a Business [EC] – Completed in 2018
- Capacity Building and Emergency Preparedness for Sustainable Development at Agricultural Communities through "Plant Back Better" (PBB) Initiatives [EPWG] – Completed in 2019
- Promoting Women in STEM for Sustainable Growth [PPWE] – Completed
- Policy Dialogue on sharing best practices in building institutional capacities to promote internationalization of MSMEs and developing competitiveness of MSMEs to go global [SMEWG] – Completed in 2018
- International Fintech Summit: Needs Assessment and Capacity Building [SMEWG] – Completed in 2019

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>APEC Optimizing SME Business Environment Seminar 2019 [SMEWG] – Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• <u>Capacity Building on Testing Methods for Functionality Finishing on Textile Products and Certification Methods within the APEC Region [SCSC] – Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APEC Good Registration Management Regulatory Science Center of Excellence Workshop [LSIF] –<u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• APEC Medical Devices Regulatory Science Center of Excellence Pilot Workshop [LSIF] –<u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• FinTech Regulatory Sandboxes Capacity Building [EC] –Ongoing</li> <li>• Enhancing Green MSMEs’ Competitiveness for a Sustainable and Inclusive Asia-Pacific Phase II – Food Sector Waste Reduction in Food Supply Chain [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2020</li> </ul>
<p>a. <i>APEC will foster clustering of MSMEs, including through gain economies of scale in cooperatives, to both product and export markets.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best Practices on Brand Development and IP Protection for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) [IPEG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Forum: Promoting stakeholder’s building capacities in Clusters and Local Economic Promotion Instruments [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• 10th APEC SME Technology Conference and Fair (APEC SMETC) [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Best Practices on Patent Commercialization for Independent Inventors [IPEG] – <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> </ul>
<p>b. <i>APEC will exchange best practices in data collection on MSME statistics and build economies’ capacity to identify their contribution to growth, trade and employment.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Workshop to Discuss Best Practices on Practical Solutions/Programmes to Integrate SME Suppliers into the Automotive Global Value Chains [AD]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Guidebook for SME's IP-business Cycle [IPEG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Inclusive Business in APEC Study [IEG] – <u>Completed in 2018, 29 June 2018 published</u></li> <li>• <u>Workshop on Sustainable and Inclusive Investment Policies within the APEC Region [IEG]– Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• SCSC’s work in general: In the Thematic Priorities of SCSC’s Terms of Reference (workshops) [SCSC]– <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Identifying Green, Sustainable and Innovative MSMEs in APEC (study) [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC SME Center for IT Promotion [SMEWG] – <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Overview of the SME Sector in the APEC Region: Key Issues on Market Access and Internationalization (study) [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• SME Productivity and Performance Forum [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> </ul>
<p>c. <i>APEC will build a regional network of MSME innovators and accelerators (e.g. internship consortium, APEC SME Service Alliance (ASSA), innovation centers, supply chain institutes, women and youth networks) as part of an ecosystem which supports enterprise creation and increases the innovation capabilities of MSMEs</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iloilo Initiative – APEC MSME Marketplace [SMEWG]– <u>Ongoing/active</u></li> <li>• APEC Young Entrepreneurs Networking Program [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Capacity building for MSMEs on the better exploitation of their IP assets, as well as improving public policy to foster innovation within MSMEs [IPEG] – <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Promoting Innovation through a Mechanism for IP Valuation, Financing, and Leveraging IP assets [IPEG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Workshop on SMEs Innovation: capacity building on IP Strategy [IPEG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Seminar on Opportunities and Challenges to Commercializing New Plant Varieties for Developing Economies and SMEs [IPEG]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• 10th APEC SME Technology Conference and Fair (APEC SMETC) [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• 2019 APEC SME Business Forum-Innovation, Cooperating for Development [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC SME Forum 2019: How Big Data and AI Are Driving Business Innovation [SMEWG] – Completed in <u>2019</u></li> <li>• APEC Local Innovation Ecosystem Initiative: Revitalization for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Future [SMEWG] – Completed in <u>2019</u></li> <li>• Building SMEs for the Future: Facing Global Challenges through Innovation and Sustainability [SMEWG] – Completed in <u>2019</u></li> <li>• <u>APEC Young Entrepreneurs Kick-Off</u> [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• APEC Policy Dialogue on SMEs and Entrepreneurship Framework: Let's be Coherent and Cohesive [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• APEC Cross-Sector Innovation Ecosystem Conference: Strengthening Networks of SMEs Co-Innovation for Better Future [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2020</li> </ul>
<p>d. APEC will promote wider linkage between small and large enterprises in pursuing greater MSME participation in regional and global value chains.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compendium of Automotive Business Regimes in APEC [AD]– <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop to discuss Best Practices on Practical Solutions/Programmes to Integrate SME Suppliers into the Automotive Global Value Chains (GSAS Project) [AD]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Promoting SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in the Services Industries[CTI]– <u>Completed</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in Services Industries: Fashion Design – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>○ SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in Services Industries: Logistics – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>○ SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in Services Industries: Software Services – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>○ SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in Services Industries: Tourism Sector – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Small Business as Part of Big Business Global Value Chains (GVCs) [ABAC]– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase 1 coffee table book and study – <u>completed 2018</u></li> <li>○ Phase 2 study and showcase of best practices. – <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• IEG Workplan for Investment Aspects of Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues [IEG]– <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Inclusive Business in APEC Study self-funded[IEG] – <u>Completed in 2018, published 29 June 2018</u></li> <li>• Workshop on Sustainable and Inclusive Investment Policies within the APEC Region [IEG]– <u>Completed 2018</u></li> <li>• SCSC's work in general: In the Thematic Priorities of SCSC's Terms of Reference [SCSC]– <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• APEC Strategy on Green, Sustainable, and Innovative MSMEs [SMEWG]– <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• 10th APEC SME Technology Conference and Fair (APEC SMETC) [SMEWG]– <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• 2018 APEC SME Business Forum [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Capacity Building Workshop Series on APEC e-Instruments Utilization: Capacity Building Workshop Series 1 on APEC MSMEs Marketplace Utilization [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2020</u></li> <li>• APEC Strategic Blueprint for Promoting Global Value Chains 2020-2025 – <u>Ongoing (expected completion 2018)</u></li> <li>• Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Addressing Impediments for MSMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in Agriculture and Food Sector [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021</li> </ul>
<p>e. APEC will foster MSME Business Continuity Planning (BCP) and implementation to build sustainable and resilient businesses and communities</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Enhancing SME Digital Competitiveness and Resilience towards Quality Growth [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Capacity Building Seminar on Enhancing Resilience of Global Value Chains to Natural Disasters [CTI]– <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity-Building and Awareness Project on Enhancement of Total Environmental Efficiency (Energy/Carbon and Material Efficiency) through MFCA, ISO 14051 [SCSC]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Unleash the Potential of SMEs through Digital Transformation for a Shared Future [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• 2018 APEC SME Business Forum [SMEWG] - <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Online-to-Offline (O2O) Initiative - Empower SMEs to Embrace Digital Transformation [SMEWG] - <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• <u>Capacity Building on the Development of Climate Actions for Sustainable Growth by use of ISO 14080 [SCSC] - Ongoing</u></li> </ul>
<p>f. APEC will support the establishment of the APEC SME database on innovative best practices, such as those best practices published at the APEC Small and Medium Enterprise Technology Conference and Fair (SMETC).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Best Practices in SME Innovation[SMEWG] - <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• The 9th APEC SME Technology Conference and Fair (APEC SMETC) [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Digital Transformation: the impact on SMEs and Regional Trade [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Promoting Innovation for Start-ups [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) Forum and Business Matching: SME Clouds + Innovation and Entrepreneurship [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• APEC SME Cross-Border E-commerce (CBE) Leaders' Conference [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Iloilo Initiative - APEC MSME Marketplace [SMEWG]- <u>Launched in 2017, Ongoing</u></li> <li>• The 10th APEC SME Technology Conference and Fair (APEC SMETC)-Innovation Promoting Development, Cooperation Creating Future [SMEWG]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• The 11th APEC SME Technology Conference and Fair (APEC SMETC) [SMEWG]- <u>Expected completion in 2020</u></li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority Action 8. Strengthen focus on MSMEs led by women</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABAC Women Connect [ABAC]- <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• IEG Workplan for Investment Aspects of Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues [IEG] - <u>Ongoing</u></li> <li>• Capacity building for MSMEs on the better exploitation of their IP assets, as well as improving public policy to foster innovation within MSMEs [IPEG]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Women's Economic Empowerment and ICT: Capacity Building for APEC Women Entrepreneurs in the Age of the 4th Industrial Revolution [PPWE]- <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• Women as Prime Movers of Inclusive Business (study) [PPWE]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Successful Cases of Women-Owned Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Foreign Trade [PPWE]- <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Next Steps for Women's Entrepreneurship in APEC (WE-APEC), Phase 2 [PPWE] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Inclusive Business in APEC Study [IEG]- <u>Completed in 2018, published 29 June 2018</u></li> <li>• Promoting Women in STEM for Sustainable Growth [PPWE] - <u>Completed</u></li> <li>• Public-Private Dialogue on Structural Reform and Gender [EC-PPWE] - <u>Completed</u></li> <li>• Understanding and Bridging the Digital Literacy Gender Gap in APEC Economies [PPWE-DESG] - <u>Completed</u></li> <li>• APEC Business Efficiency and Success Target (Best Award) for women entrepreneurs (self-funded) [PPWE] - <u>Ongoing annual award (since 2016)</u></li> <li>• Advancing Inclusion through Enhancing Women and Girls' Digital Literacy and Skills in the Context of Industry 4.0 [PPWE] - <u>Completed</u></li> <li>• APEC Capacity Building on Restructuring Women led MSMEs in Textile &amp; Garment (T&amp;G) Industry in the New Era [PPWE] - <u>Completed</u></li> <li>• International Fintech Summit: Needs Assessment and Capacity Building [SMEWG] - <u>expected completion in 2019</u></li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APEC Financing Opportunities Fair for Women-Led MSMEs [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Program of Supporting Women in Starting Online Businesses [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• Trade Promotion Organisation Training Program: Online Training to Support Women Entrepreneurs' Access to Global Markets [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2019</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop: Strengthening Women Empowerment in Industry 4.0 through Digital Entrepreneurship Training [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• APEC Women-Led Start-Up Accelerator Initiative [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2020</li> <li>• From Platforms to Payments: Promoting Growth and Innovation for Women Entrepreneurs through E-Commerce [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• Advancing Cross-Border E-Commerce for Women Entrepreneurs [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2020</li> <li>• Supporting Women's Access to Global Markets: Interview Series [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• Supporting Women's Access to Global Markets: Online Course for the APEC Business Community [SMEWG] – Expected completion in 2021</li> <li>• Harnessing Fintech Skills for Women-led MSMEs for Promoting Inclusive Growth [PPWE] – Ongoing</li> <li>• Women's Leadership in the Digital Era: Agility, Adaptability, Fluidity [PPWE] – Ongoing</li> <li>• Strengthening Women's Empowerment and Leadership through Digital Economy and Boosting Economic Growth [PPWE] - Ongoing</li> </ul>
<p><i>a. APEC will foster the use of gender-disaggregated data in measuring the economic and social impacts on MSMEs.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing Women's Economic Empowerment through Data" [PPWE 02 2019S], which forms part of Chile's key deliverables on Women and Inclusive Growth for 2019. - Completed</li> </ul>
<p><i>b. APEC will promote an understanding of the divergent constraints faced by male and female-led MSMEs</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting Women-led SMEs Access Global Markets by Implementing Gender-Responsive Trade Promotion Policies and Programs [SMEWG] - <u>Ongoing (expected completion 2019)</u></li> <li>• APEC Women Business Leaders' Forum [SMEWG] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> <li>• Enhancing the Competitiveness of Women-Led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the Garments and Textile Sector through Innovation and Entrepreneurship [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> <li>• APEC Workshop on Facilitating Market Access for Women – led MSMEs through E – Commerce [SMEWG] – <u>Completed in 2018</u></li> </ul>
<p><i>c. APEC will encourage exchange of best practices on women-friendly interfaces with customs and other border authorities</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building for MSMEs on the better exploitation of their IP assets, as well as improving public policy to foster innovation within MSMEs [IPEG]– <u>Completed in 2016</u></li> <li>• Supporting Women-led SMEs Access Global Markets by Implementing Gender-Responsive Trade Promotion Policies and Programs [SMEWG]- <u>Ongoing (expected completion 2019)</u></li> <li>• APEC Women Business Leaders' Forum [SMEWG] - <u>Completed in 2017</u></li> </ul>
<p>Common Goal towards 2020: APEC will grow dynamic, global MSMEs by widening and deepening their involvement in international markets and global value chains, thus harnessing their full potential to innovate and drive economic growth and prosperity. To this end, APEC will identify indicators in order to track the region's progress and the progress of individual members and seek future actions to enable MSMEs in the region to "go global"</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a Plan to Increase Transparency for Measures Affecting Exports [MAG]– <u>Ongoing</u></li> </ul>

*As of 19 August 2020*

- APEC Capacity Building Workshop on FTA Utilizations by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises [SMEWG] – Completed in 2017
- Voluntary Action Plan (VAP) for the alignment of domestic standards with International Standards within APEC economies [SCSC] – Ongoing
- Towards MSMEs Internationalization: Study on the Final Review of the Boracay Action Agenda and Forum on Building Global MSMEs - Ongoing