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Update on Projects

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UPDATE ON PROJECTS

SOM 1 meetings, February 2022

Advancing Free Trade
for Asia-Pacific Prosperity

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Project Session Results, 2021

PS 2, 2021 and Consolidated Outcomes

Project Session 2, 2021	
Number of Concept Notes submitted	74
Number of Concept Notes approved in-principle by BMC	62
Approval rate (# of Concept Notes submitted vs # approved)	84%

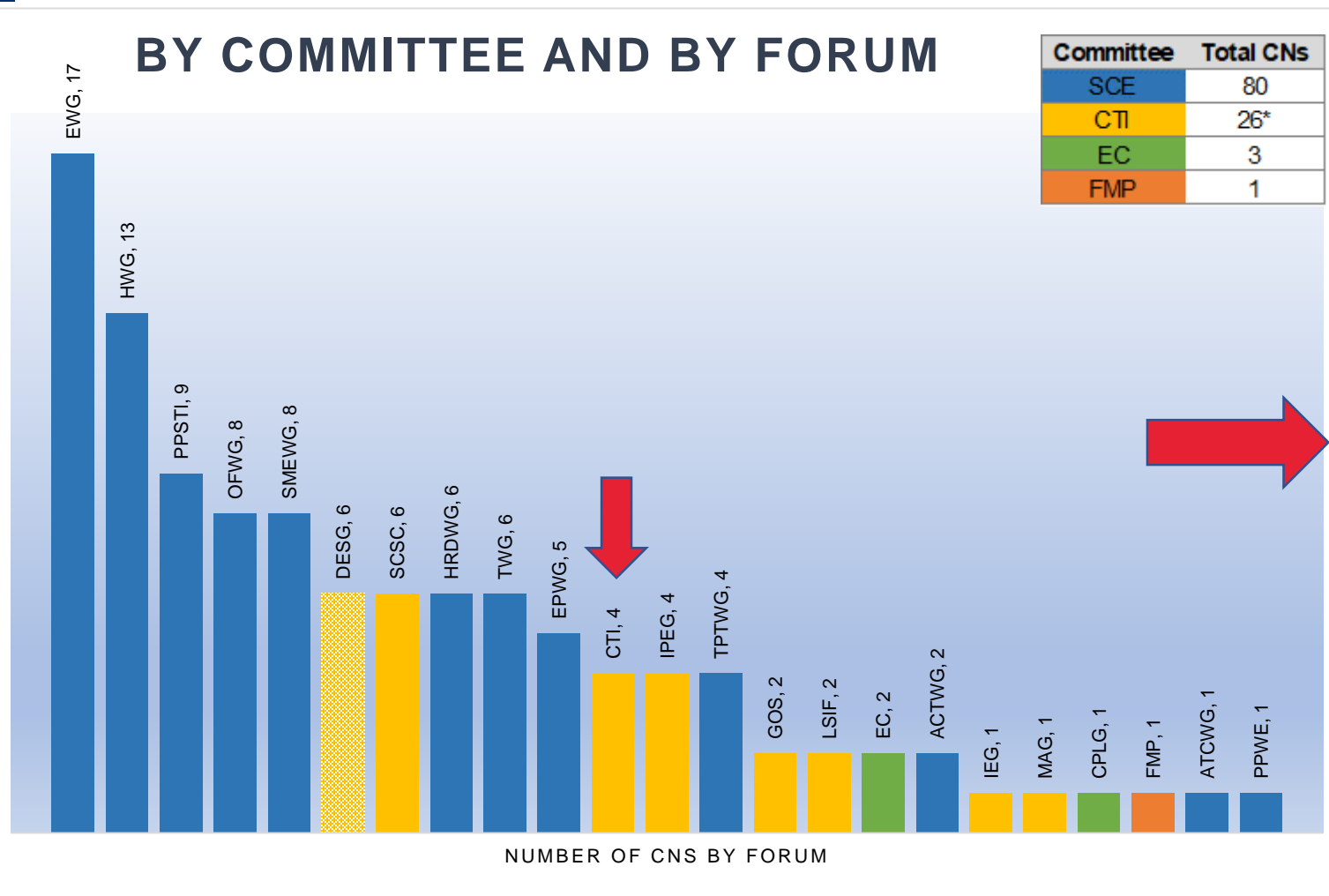
2021 Consolidated Figures (both Project Sessions)	
Number of Concept Notes submitted	139
Number of Concept Notes approved in-principle by BMC	110



Breakdown of Concept Notes Funded in 2021

Project Sessions 1 and 2, 2021

BY COMMITTEE AND BY FORUM



*Including DESG projects as related to e-commerce and digital trade

The four CTI APEC-funded projects are:

Project Number	Project Title
CTI 01 2021T	Public-Private Dialogue (PPD) on Promoting Transparency of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) WTO Notifications: Improving Completeness and Clearness of Information
CTI 02 2021T	Best-Practices Sharing Workshop: Utilizing Digital Technology in the Field of Trade Facilitation under the Current COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond (Phase 2)
CTI 03 2021A	APEC Workshop on Opportunities and Challenges for GVCs during COVID-19 Pandemic and Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery
CTI 04 2021A	APEC Best Practices for Green and Innovative MSMEs by using BCG Model



Project Session 1, 2022

Dates

Key Dates for Project Session 1, 2022		
Internal Submission Deadline for Concept Notes	1 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit Concept Note to Program Director (PD) by this date (some PDs may set earlier dates) Minimum co-sponsors agreed by this deadline Endorsement of Concept Notes commences
Final Submission Deadline	31 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDs submit endorsed Concept Notes to PMU by this date Responsible APEC Fora assess eligibility and score Concept Notes BMC makes final in-principle approvals
Concept Note Selection Outcome	9 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POs receive advice of outcome Successful POs commence preparation of their Project Proposal
Submit Project Proposal	6 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must submit to Secretariat by this date
BMC Approval of Project Proposals	July- Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final BMC approval (subject to forum endorsement and quality assessment by the Secretariat)

Project Session 1, 2022

Available Project Funds

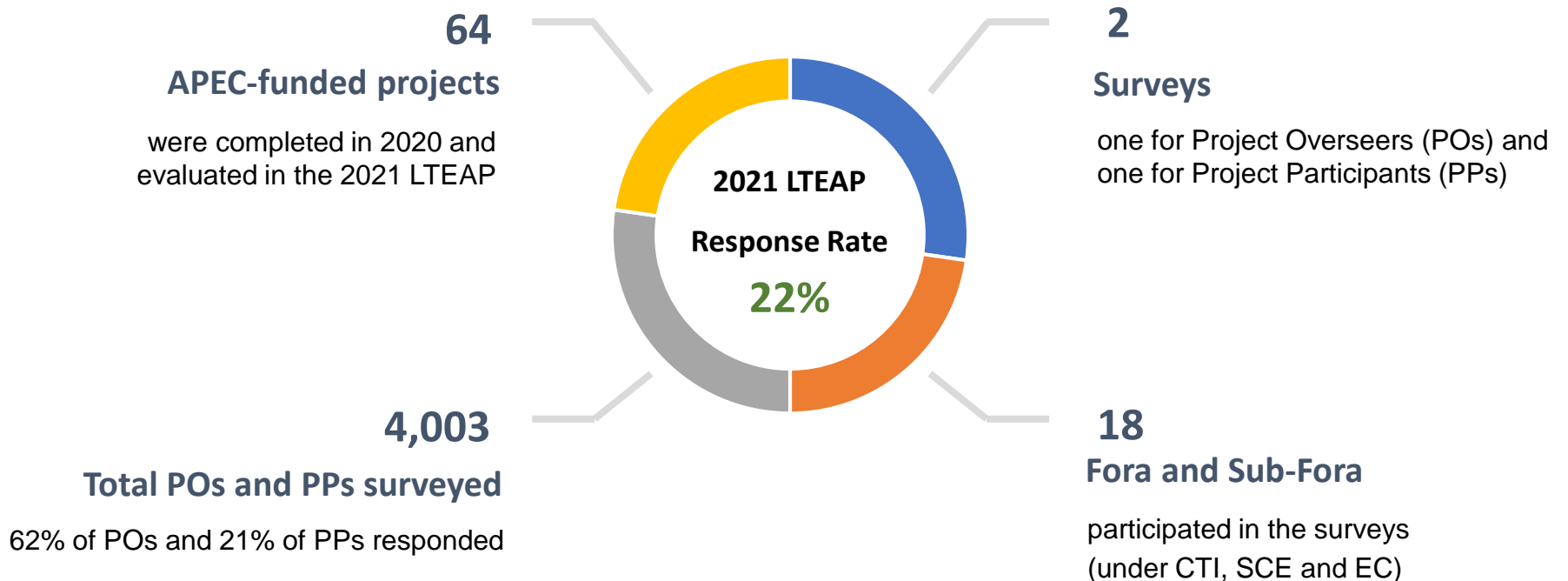
Project Fund	Amounts in US\$
General Project Account (GPA)	\$ 1,170,000
TILF & Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation Account (TILF)	\$ 721,598
ASF Support Fund (ASF) General Fund	\$ 1, 466,912
ASF Sub-Funds	
Human Security	\$ 729,233
Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Measures (EELCM)	\$ 682,696
Supply Chain Connectivity (SCC)	\$ 596,265
Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and Global Value Chains (FTAAP and GVCs)	\$ 736,405
Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth (IERG)	\$ 572,152
Connectivity	\$ 755,887
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)	\$ 109,765
Women and the Economy	\$ 350,400
Economic Development in Remote Areas (EDRA)	\$ 238,037
Digital Innovation	\$ 1,080,195
Marine Debris Management and Innovation (MDMI)	\$ 315,805
Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure (SELI)	\$ 600,000
APEC Cooperation on Combatting COVID-19 and Economic Recovery (CCER)	\$ 531,160
Enhanced APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (EAASR)	\$ 448,196
Total Amount Available (GPA +TILF +ASF Sub-Funds)	\$ 11,104,709



Longer-Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP)

2021 LTEAP Survey

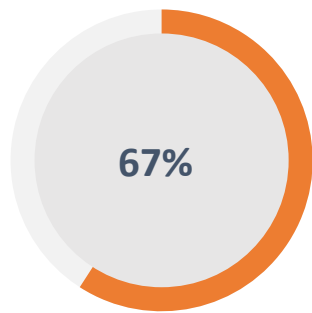
assesses the **relevance, effectiveness, sustainability** and **efficiency** of APEC projects 6-12 months after the projects are completed



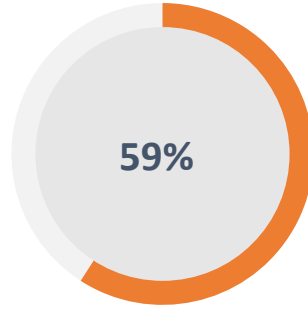
Longer-Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP)

Key results – Improved from 2020 ✓

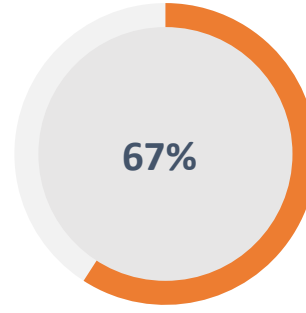
Project Participants:



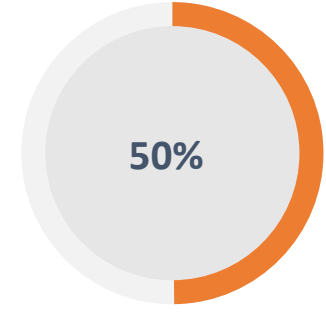
rated project theme or issue as a **'top' or 'important' priority** for their organisation or economy



applied learning and resources from the project in their workplace



shared the lessons, information and resources from the project, with their colleagues



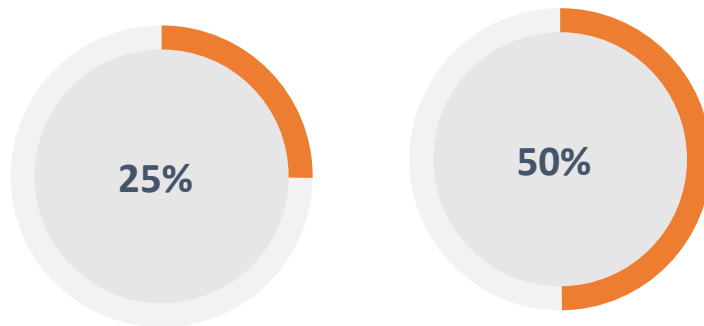
reported that **changes in policies or practices had occurred** in their economies as a result of their participation



Longer-Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP)

Key results – Requiring Attention ❌

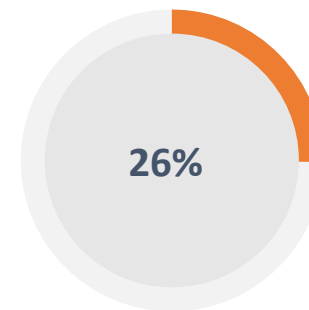
Project Participants:



rated the project theme or issue as being of **little or no relevance to their work**

reported that **no changes in policies or practices had occurred** as a result of their participation in the project

Project Overseers:



reported that projects implemented **were part of a series, or built on previous projects** – most were 'one off' projects



Longer-Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP)

Key Areas for Improvement

The 2021 LTEAP returned similar trends and results to the previous three years.

The **3** key areas for improvement in APEC projects remain:



More effective targeting of project participants

Identify participants with the 'right' skills profile, role in organisation



Greater application of project learning by participants at 'home'

Promote improvements to policies and practices in APEC economies



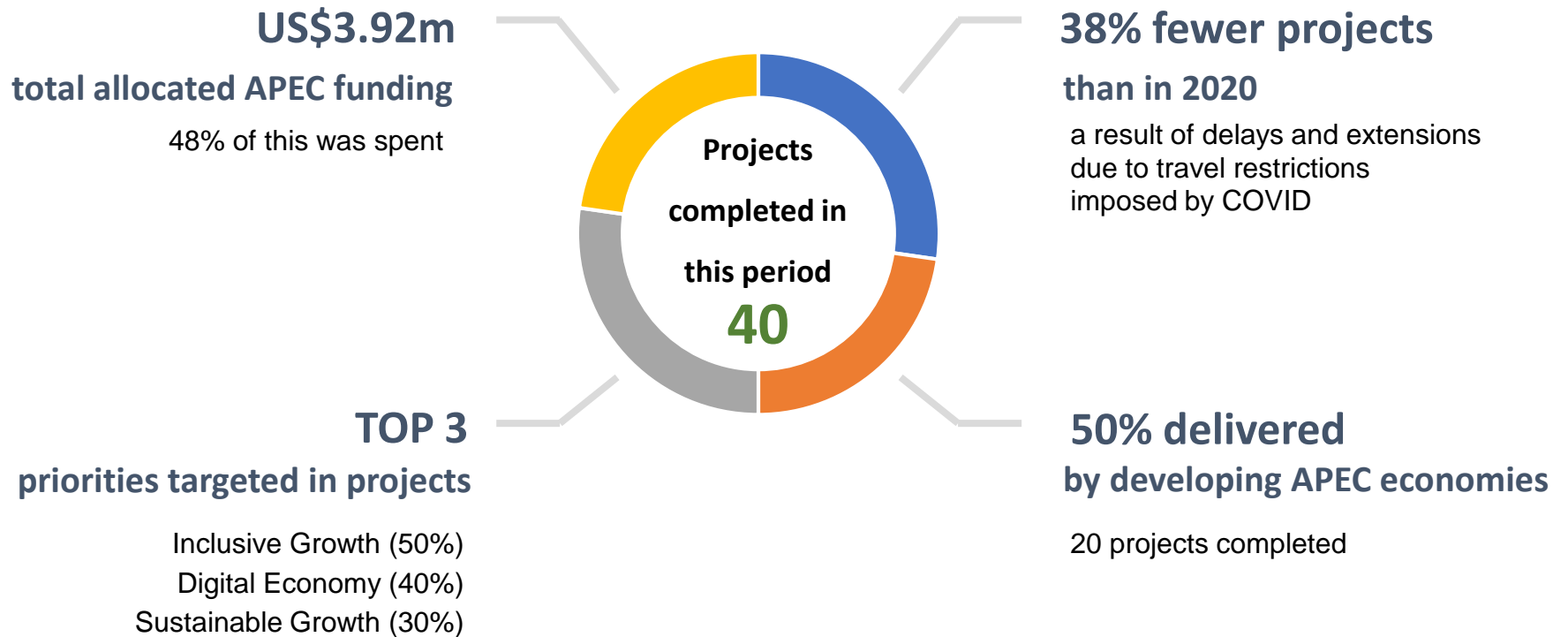
Increased participation rates

Maximize capacity building outcomes



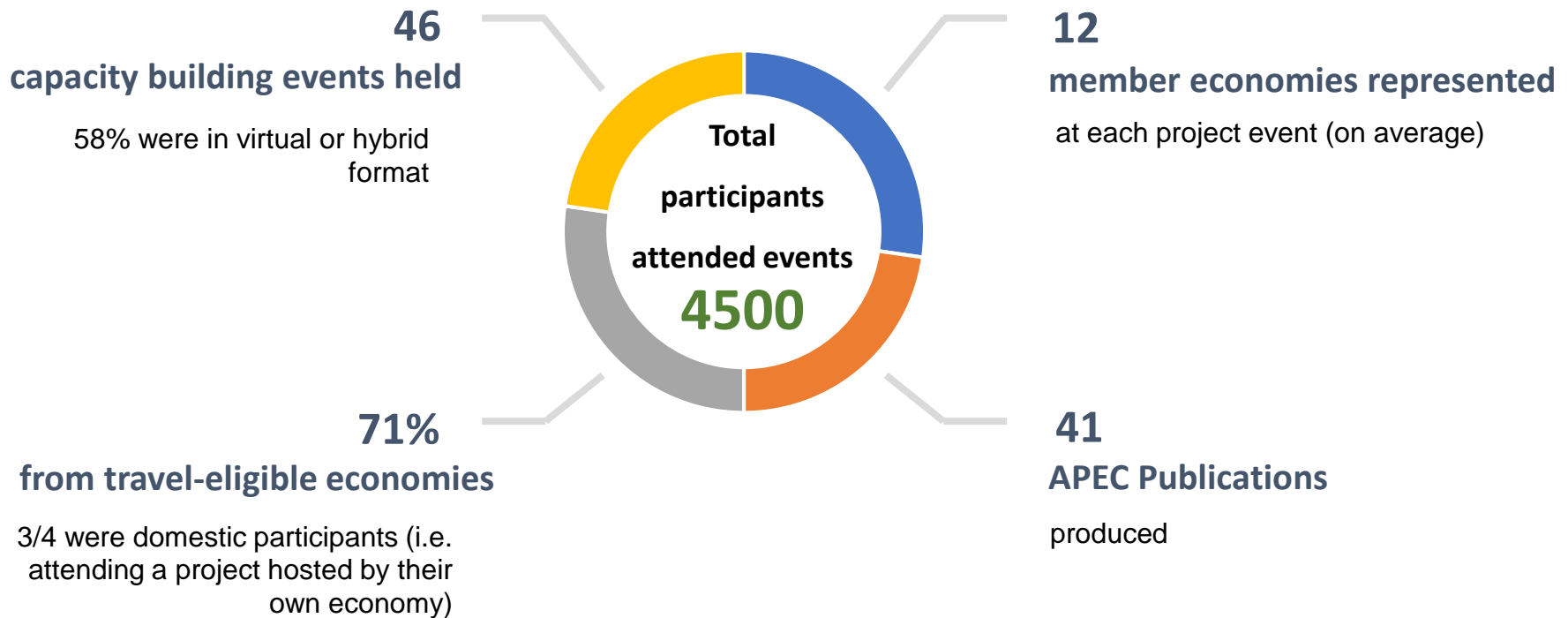
Project Completion Reports

Annual Project Data (Sep 2020-Oct 2021)



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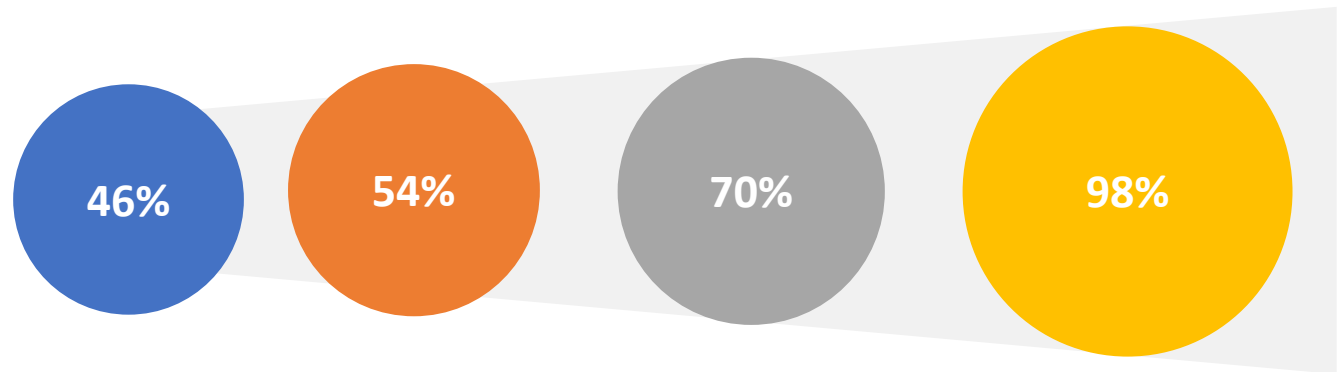
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GENDER RESULTS



of total speakers were female
31% increase from last year

of total participants were female
the first time females outnumber male participants

POs set targets for female participation of 30% or more
Nearly half achieved targets

POs reported gender-disaggregated data



Project Resources

Visit the updated **PO Toolkit** page on the APEC website:

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

Visit the updated **Project Quality – Training and Guidance** page:

<https://www.apec.org/Projects/Project-Quality-Training-and-Guidance>

Note that the Guidebook on APEC Projects was updated in September 2021. Download **Edition 16** on the website for the current policies

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