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SCE Chair's Report

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SCE Chair's Report to SOM

The SOM Steering Committee on ECOTECH (SCE) met in person on 6 March *in Lima, Peru* in a meeting hosted by APEC 2024 host Peru and chaired by Korea. Key outcomes of the meeting were as follows:

1. The SCE noted the SCE 2023 Work Plan (2024/SOM1/SCE/002).
2. The SCE noted Peru's update on outcomes of the SCE Policy Dialogue(2024/SOM1/SCE/003).
3. The SCE noted the updates provided by Australia and the United States to their Individual Actions under the Aotearoa Plan of Action (2024/SOM1/SCE/004).
4. The SCE noted the Viet Nam's paper on Integrating APEC's Inclusive Growth Agendas (2024/SOM1/SCE/005).
5. The SCE noted Thailand's update on APEC Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Award (2024/SOM1/SCE/006).
6. The SCE noted HRDWG Lead Shepherd's update on implementation of the HRDWG Detroit Non-Binding Principles and Recommendations for Equality and Inclusion in Education, Training, and Employment, including the establishment of a Friends of the Chair on Disability (2024/SOM1/SCE/007).
7. The SCE noted the proposed revision to the Expert Group on New and Renewable Energy Technologies (EGNRET) Terms of Reference (2024/SOM1/SCE/008).
8. The SCE recommended that Senior Officials instruct EWG and EGNRET to consider additional options to boost attendance at EGNRET meetings.
9. The SCE noted the Fora Assessment Report for the Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group (SMEWG) (2024/SOM1/SCE/009).
10. The SCE recommended the renewal of the SMEWG and provided instructions for follow up actions to be undertaken by SMEWG (see Annex 2) (2024/SOM1/SCE/010).
11. The SCE noted Peru's update of the upcoming 2024 Ministerial Meetings and High-Level Dialogues (2024/SOM1/SCE/011).

Recommendation

It is recommended that SOM:

1. **Endorse** this report.
2. **Instruct** EWG and EGNRET to consider additional options to boost attendance at EGNRET meetings.
3. **Endorse** the SCE's recommendation on the renewal of SMEWG and its follow-up instructions for forum action.

Attachments:

Annex 1: Additional options to boost attendance at EGNRET Meetings

Annex 2: SCE Recommendation to renew SMEWG with follow up instructions for forum action

Annex 1: SCE Recommendations for Options to Boost Attendance at EGNRET Meetings

- The SCE accepts that quorum reduction is a significant measure with potential repercussions on other APEC groups.
- The SCE proposes that EWG work with EGNRET to explore other courses of action such as to incorporate EGNRET meetings into a SOM cluster, strengthen the meeting agenda and work plan, consider joint sessions involving the other Expert Groups as well as amalgamation of Expert Groups as is required.
- Approaches like these should contribute to good governance, and effective and dynamic sub fora operation and work agendas.

Annex 2: SCE Recommendation on the Renewal of the SMEWG

The SCE met on 6 March 2024 and recommended the renewal of the SMEWG with the following follow-up instructions for SMEWG action:

1. SMEWG and subsidiary bodies to draft and submit to SCE for approval by 31 December 2024, Terms of References with a four-year time horizon.
2. SMEWG to review all satellite websites and instruct relevant member economies to update and/or discontinue based on SMEWG assessment and agreement. SMEWG is requested to report back at SCE3 on status.
3. SMEWG to review and reflect SCE recommendations on cross fora collaboration and use of data in update to the SMEWG Strategic Plan.