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Four Priorities for 2026 Finance Ministers' Process (FMP)

- **Priority I** **Fiscal Policy Supporting Households**
- **Priority II** **Digital Infrastructure Financing**
- **Priority III** **Financial Access and Opportunity for All**
- **Priority IV** **Young Financial Talents Dialogue**

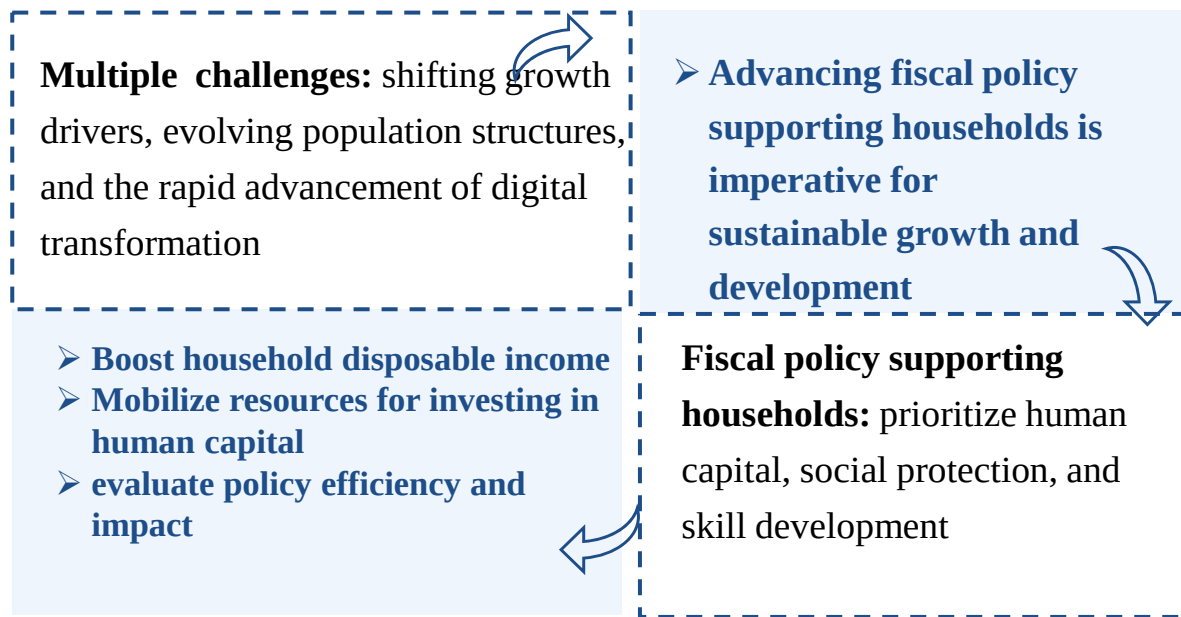
Three Meetings for 2026 Finance Ministers' Process (FMP)

- Finance and Central Bank Deputies' meeting**
- Feb 4-5, 2026, Shanghai
 - Completed

- Senior Finance Officials' Meeting**
- June 2026, Chengdu

- Finance Ministers' Meeting**
- Oct 2026, Hong Kong, China

Priority I: *Fiscal Policy Supporting Households*



Work Plan:

- Develop a report on Fiscal Policy Supporting Households with support from the World Bank.
- The report outline will be reviewed at the SFOM, with the final version submitted to ministers for discussion at the FMM.

Priority II: *Digital Infrastructure Financing*

- **A Critical Juncture**

- Digital infrastructure, such as broadband networks, cloud computing, and data centers, is becoming increasingly vital for the Asia-Pacific region

VS

- **Financing Gap and Challenges**

- A substantial financing gap persists across the region
- Imperative to shape a conducive policy framework to attract investment, explore innovative financing models, and promote knowledge sharing



Foster regional cooperation to strengthen digital infrastructure financing

Work Plan:

- Work with the AIIB to prepare an initiative on strengthening cooperation in digital infrastructure financing.
- The draft will be reviewed at the SFOM, refined based on members' feedback, and submitted to Ministers for endorsement at the FMM.

Priority III: *Financial Access and Opportunity for All*

- **Financial access and opportunity for all**

- Achieving balanced, sustainable, and inclusive growth, particularly by empowering groups with untapped economic potential

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- **Significant discrepancies** exists among APEC economies

- Design policies and products tailored to each economy's unique conditions
- A platform to share and learn from each other on the innovative practices

Work Plan:

- Conduct an online survey to collect innovative case studies, with support from APEC Secretariat
- Develop a compendium of innovative practices
- Organize an online workshop. The outcomes will be submitted to FMM for discussion.

Priority IV: APEC Young Financial Talents Dialogue

• Young Professionals

- Young financial professionals represent the cornerstone of future economic growth and development in the Asia-Pacific
- Their financial literacy and cross-cultural communication skills are pivotal for fostering innovation and ensuring long-term economic growth and development

VS

• Mechanisms Underdeveloped

- Lack of such a mechanism or program focusing on exchanges among financial professionals across the APEC region



Launch the
“APEC Young
Financial Talents
Dialogue” program

Work Plan:

- The preparations for the event will be reviewed at the SFOM.
- Hold the event and Prepare a summary report after the SFOM.
- Ministers share views on the event and provide further guidance on its future course.

Key Messages from the Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting

- The region remains resilient and a global growth driver.
- Members expressed strong support for the Four Priorities and the Work Plan.
- International Organizations, including the World Bank, IMF, ADB and AIIB, expressed full support for advancing this year's FMP agenda.
- We were pleased to welcome the AIIB to participate in the APEC financial cooperation for the first time.

Thank you