



**Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation**

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**2026/SOM2/021**  
Session 3.1

## **Cooperation in Digital Economy and Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

Purpose: Information  
Submitted by: China



**Second Senior Officials' Meeting**  
**Shanghai, China**  
**18-19 May 2026**



# Cooperation in Digital Economy and Artificial Intelligence

**Building an Asia-Pacific Community to Prosper Together**  
*Openness, Innovation, Cooperation*



# APEC Digital Weeks in 2026



 **July 16 - 29 | Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China**

 A platform to exchange of ideas & consensus building on digital economy and AI-related areas



## Digital & AI Ministerial Meeting (DMM)

 July 23 | Host: MIIT  
 Expected: Ministerial Joint Statement

**High-level Dialogue:  
Leveraging Digital and AI  
Technologies to Empower  
the APEC Community**

 July 24



## High-level Forum on AI

 July 24 | Host: CAC  
 Expected: Action Initiative on AI Development

**Workshop on New  
Concepts and Approaches  
of AI Literacy  
Enhancement Actions for  
the Public**

 July 25

## Data for Growth High-level Roundtable

 July 25 | Host: NDA  
 Expected: Initiative on Data for Growth

**Workshop on the Role of  
Data and AI in Enabling  
Industrial Transformation**

 July 25

**TELWG** and **DESG** will be scheduled around these high-level events. Exhibitions, field trips, breakfast meetings will also be convened.

# Proposed Leaders' Level Document: Digital Economy & AI for Innovative Growth

**Purpose:** To outline the overall direction and key cooperation areas on the most cutting-edge and promising issues in the digital economy and AI

## 1. The Application of AI for Economic Growth

Focus: focuses on the role of AI application in catalyzing growth and transformation.

## 2. Digital Connectivity and Regional Cooperation

Focus: Greater inclusiveness and the narrowing of digital and AI divides within and among member economies

## 3. Supporting the Important Role of Business Sector

Focus: Calling for an open, fair, non-discriminatory, sustainable and inclusive policy and business environment and digital ecosystem for enterprises

## 4. Better Utilization of Data for Growth

Focus: Fostering an open and inclusive environment for data development and utilization

## 5. Utilization of AI to Enhance People's Well-being

Focus: Ensuring that all our people benefit from technological advancements and AI

## 6. Healthy Development and Risks Management

Focus: Secure and reliable development of AI



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