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## **Implementation of Streamlining SCE Sub-fora**

Purpose: Consideration  
Submitted by: SCE Vice Chair



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and Technical Cooperation Meeting  
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### **Introduction**

As it has been agreed as recommendation #5 of “Strengthening Economic and Technical Cooperation in APEC” (2010/SOM1/R/017), the SCE will discuss as an official agenda item the discontinuance, merger or re-focusing of its sub-fora if one of the following are triggered:

- a. Less than two thirds of the economies attended the meeting for two consecutive meetings
- b. If the work plan was not endorsed by the SCE as it was not relevant enough to achieve APEC’s overall vision
- c. Independent assessment recommend a merger, discontinuation or re-focusing
- d. Recommendation by member economies
- e. When there is no economy volunteering to be a chair/lead shepherd

However, because specific procedures for the implementation of the above rule had not been established, at the SCE2 in Sapporo, it was agreed that SCE Chair and Vice-chair would present some ideas on the implementation of streamlining SCE sub-fora at SCE3.

### **Proposal**

SCE Chair and Vice-chair propose the following plan for the implementation of streamlining SCE sub-fora:

- (1) Before the SCE3, SCE Chair and Vice-chair prepare a document on the information of each sub-fora which include:
  - Medium-term goal (relevance with APEC medium-term ECOTECH priorities)
  - Attendance of the meeting for last three years
  - Points raised at Independent Assessment (regarding the structure of sub-fora)
  - Number of projects proposed and approved and the amount for last three years
  - Participation to SCE-COW for last three years
  - Other relevant information
- (2) At the SCE3, Senior Officials have discussion on how to streamline sub-fora based on the above information of the sub-fora.
- (3) Based on the discussion at SCE3, SCE Chair and Vice-chair will make recommendations on streamlining sub-fora. The recommendations will be discussed at CSOM. We aim the recommendation to be endorsed at ISOM in December and implemented from the beginning of 2011.
- (4) Review of the sub-fora with the revised information will be held at CSOM each year.

## Information on SCE Sub-fora Activities and their Relevance to APEC ECOTECH Priorities

WG/TF	Avg. attendance since 08 (Number of meetings)		SCE-COW participat. since 08	Related Ministerial Meeting	Amount (US\$) of Approved Projects since 08 (Number)		Main Relation with APEC ECOTECH Priorities	Points of the Medium-term Goal	Points from Independent Assessment
Health WG ( <u>HWG</u> )	16.4	(5)	2	<u>Health MM</u> 07, 10 (2)	1,070,021	(14)	*Human Security		<u>*SCE should assess the merits of an amalgamation or restructure of the HWG and the LSIF</u>
Energy WG ( <u>EWG</u> )	17.0	(5)	1	<u>Energy MM</u> 96-98, 00, 02, 04, 05, 07, 10 (9)	2,527,478	(37)	*Sustainable Growth	*Secure oil and gas supplies (Energy Security) *Efficient energy use *Low-carbon energy supply	*EWG activities have generally been effective
Small and Medium Enterprises WG ( <u>SMEWG</u> )	18.6	(5)	2	<u>SME MM</u> 94-10 (17)	1,741,698	(24)	*REI *Inclusive Growth	*Improving business environment of SMEs *Enhancing business support programs of SMEs	(Will be conducted in 2011)
Human Resource Development WG ( <u>HRDWG</u> )	17.3	(3)	3	<u>HRD MM</u> 96,97,99,01, 10 (5)	1,825,472	(23)	*Inclusive Growth		*Reallocation of the work within HRDWG and other fora *Redefine mandate of networks within HRDWG
Telecommunications and Information WG ( <u>TEL</u> )	17.8	(6)	3	<u>TELMIN</u> 95,96,98,00, 02,05,08,10 (8)	272,616	(7)	*REI *Inclusive Growth *Sustainable Growth	*Develop ICT to promote new growth and REI *Promote safe and trusted ICT environment	*Need to delimit its scope of work
Tourism WG ( <u>TWG</u> )	14.4	(5)	0	<u>Tourism MM</u> 00,02,04,06, 08,10 (6)	451,320	(6)	*Inclusive Growth		<u>*Persist TWG as a stand-alone WG in the short term, but if necessary, consider linking with transport or env. sectors</u>
Transportation WG ( <u>TPTWG</u> )	17.5	(2)	1	<u>Transpt. MM</u> 95,97,02,04, 07,09 (6)	908,508	(9)	*REI *Sustainable Growth *Human Security	*Work toward a safe, secure and efficient transportation system *Ensure seamless and environmentally friendly environmental system	*Lack of strategic plan *Need collaboration with other fora, IO, and business

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Industrial Science and Technology WG (ISTWG)	14.2	(5)	0	<u>S&amp;T Cooperation MM</u> 95,96,98,04 (4)	788,629	(11)	*Sustainable Growth		*Lack of strategic view *Low interest by members * <u>Serious deficiencies in performance and direction of the ISTWG</u>
Agricultural Technology Cooperation WG (ATCWG)	15.3	(3)	1	<u>MM on Food Security</u> 10 (1)	1,668,751	(22)	*Human Security	*Contribute to economic growth, food security and social well-being through improving agricultural production, capacity building, environmental and natural resource management, etc.	* <u>It should move to a new direction of enhancing food supply chain</u> * <u>Merger with HLPDAB should be considered</u>
Fisheries WG (FWG)	15.0	(3)	2	<u>Ocean-Related MM</u> 02,05,10 (3)	389,926	(5)	*Sustainable Growth *Human Security		(Will be conducted in 2011)
Marine Resource Conservation WG (MRCWG)	14.7	(3)	1	<u>Ocean-Related MM</u> 02,05,10 (3)	217,940	(4)	*Sustainable Growth *Human Security		*FWG and MRCWG share many issues of mutual interest, but the purpose and approach are different
Emergency Preparedness WG (EPWG)	15.0	(2)	3		1,340,098	(13)	*Human Security		(Will be conducted in 2011)
Counter Terrorism TF (CTTF)	19.8	(6)	2		793,182	(7)	*Human Security	*Secure Trade, Secure Travel *Counter-Terrorism Finance *Food Defense *Supply Chain Security, Cyber-Security *Critical Infrastructure Protection	*Implementation of secure trade is not pro-active as before *Overhaul of management is required
Anti-Corruption and Transparency Experts TF (ACT)	18.6	(5)	3		620,511	(7)	Cross-cutting issues	Will be submitted in October together with its recommendation regarding the Task Force's mandate	*ACT activities are regarded as highly important *ACT has performed well

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Gender Focal Point Network ( <b>GFPN</b> )	14.0	(2)	3	<u>Women MM</u> 98,02 (2)	250,385	(3)	*Inclusive Growth	*Provide a mechanism to integrate gender consideration into APEC activities	*Prioritise annually 1or2 substantive gender issues relevan to APEC agenda or the host economy theme
Mining Task Force ( <b>MTF</b> )	14.3	(4)	1	<u>Mining MM</u> 04,05,07 (3)	358,622	(3)	*Sustainable Growth	<i>No explanation on ovearll goal and its relationship with ECOTECH priorities</i>	<i>(Will be conducted in 2011)</i>