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## APEC 2016 TASKING STATEMENT FOR 2017

Work Program	Actions Required	Responsibility	Timeline
<b>APEC OVERARCHING INITIATIVES</b>			
<b>Bogor Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the existing trade and investment condition.</li> <li>• Pursue work in those areas where progress has been uneven, and address remained barriers that prevent APEC from attaining free and open trade and investment as identified in the Second-term Review of Economies' Progress towards the Bogor Goals.</li> <li>• Achieve the Bogor Goals through both collective and individual efforts.</li> <li>• Further promote trade and investment liberalization and facilitation.</li> <li>• Reduce or eliminate restrictions and enhance cooperation to address "behind-the-border" barriers through undertakings in line with APEC's work on structural reform.</li> </ul>	Economies, SOM, CTI, APEC fora	2017 – 2020
<b>Support for the Multilateral Trading System</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue implementing the Bali and Nairobi outcomes and advance negotiations on the remaining Doha Development Agenda issues.</li> <li>• Work with WTO members to set the direction together towards achieving positive, and meaningful results by the next WTO Ministerial Conference in 2017 and beyond.</li> <li>• Keep markets open and fight against all forms of protectionism; reaffirm the standstill commitment extended until the end of 2020 and roll back protectionist and trade-distorting measures.</li> <li>• Support the entry into force of the WTO TFA at the earliest possible date; call upon the remaining APEC economies as well as other WTO members to make their utmost efforts to submit their instruments of acceptance of the TFA by the end of 2016.</li> <li>• Call on those economies who have committed to implement the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to do so as soon as possible.</li> <li>• APEC Economies participating in the WTO Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) negotiations reaffirm their aim to redouble efforts to bridge remaining gaps and conclude an ambitious future oriented EGA that seeks to eliminate tariffs on a broad range of environmental goods by the end of 2016.</li> <li>• Strengthen the multilateral trading system.</li> <li>• Work on the initiative on Progressing the WTO Ministers' Decision to Eliminate Export Subsidies</li> <li>• Work collaboratively to find a multilateral solution on key issues affecting trade</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Economies, SOM, CTI, SCCP  APEC Economies participating in the WTO EGA	
<b>Connectivity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commit to the overarching goal of a seamlessly and comprehensively connected and integrated Asia-Pacific.</li> </ul>	Economies, SOM, FoTC on	2017 and beyond

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further implementing the APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2015-2025:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encourage the use of policy dialogues noted in the Blueprint to exchange best practices and information on relevant topics</li> <li>- Develop additional targets.</li> <li>- Further monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the Blueprint.</li> <li>- Implement the "Peer Review and Capacity Building on APEC Infrastructure Development and Investment". The final report of the Peer Review is scheduled to be delivered by MRT 2017.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Improve people-to-people connectivity through, inter alia, further development of tourism, cultural exchange, mobility of business people, cross-border education and travel facilitation.</li> <li>• Further enhancing the APEC Business Travel Card scheme to provide more efficient and secure travel throughout the region.</li> <li>• Promote investment with a focus on infrastructure in terms of both quantity and quality and translate the concept of the quality infrastructure into actions including in ICT, energy and transport.</li> <li>• Cooperate on more initiatives on ICT infrastructure development and innovation.</li> <li>• Explore infrastructure financing including through mobilizing private sector resources and public-private partnerships (PPP); pursue the quality improvement of investment opportunities.</li> <li>• Enhance the synergy and cooperation among various infrastructure connectivity programs in the region.</li> <li>• Further the work on effective solid waste management infrastructure.</li> </ul>	Urbanization, FMP, CTI, BMG	2017 – 2025  2017
<b>APEC Services Cooperation Framework (ASCF) and APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap (ASCR) Implementation Plan</b>	<p>Undertake the commitments outlined under the ASCR and its Implementation Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pursue mutually agreed targets:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure an open and predictable environment for access to services markets by progressively reducing restrictions to services trade and investment;</li> <li>- Increase the share (%) of services exports from APEC economies in the total world services exports so that it exceeds the current share in world services exports by 2025 ;</li> <li>- Increase trade in services in the APEC region so that, by 2025, the compound average annual growth rate exceeds the historic average of 6.8 per cent and the share (%) of value-added of the services sector in the total GDP of the APEC region exceeds the global average level by 2025.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Put in place the best possible enabling environment for services competitiveness by addressing the Enabling factors:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote good regulatory practices, international regulatory cooperation and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, GOS, EC, other APEC fora, ABAC, PECC, Asia-Pacific Services Coalition	2017 – 2025 with mid-term review in 2021



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	<p>sound competition policy frameworks and institutions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure openness of services markets by extending APEC's overall standstill commitment and rolling back protectionist and trade distorting measures on trade in services;</li> <li>- Ensure an adequate supply of skills, help workers adjust to change and provide for increased participation in the workforce by such groups as women, youth, MSMEs and indigenous businesses;</li> <li>- Foster dynamic, competitive and effective telecommunications, innovation and ICT policies;</li> <li>- Facilitate effective financial markets, including through the use of new technologies to promote greater inclusion in financial markets;</li> <li>- Improve people-to-people, physical and institutional connectivity.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement APEC-wide actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enhance GVCs under the agreed Strategic Blueprint for Promoting GVCs Development and Cooperation;</li> <li>- Support cross-border mobility for professionals, building on initiatives such as the APEC Architects and Engineers Registers to facilitate mutual recognition arrangements;</li> <li>- Enhance flexibility for business visitors, building on initiatives such as the APEC Business Travel Card;</li> <li>- Implement the Renewed APEC Agenda on Structural Reform (RAASR);</li> <li>- Support liberalization, facilitation and cooperation of environmental services, under the agreed Environmental Services Action Plan (ESAP);</li> <li>- Progress liberalization and facilitation of manufacturing-related services, under the agreed Manufacturing Related Services Action Plan (MSAP);</li> <li>- Support cooperation in the education sector;</li> <li>- Collaborate in responding to the rapid developments in internet-based technology to promote a regulatory approach that provides appropriate prudential oversight, legitimate consumer and security protections while enabling the flow of trade-related data in the context of an increasingly digitalized world;</li> <li>- Support cross-border provision of certain financial services, including through financial inclusion initiatives and the Asia Region Funds Passport initiative;</li> <li>- Develop air, maritime and land transportation, as well as ICT infrastructure, in line with the APEC Connectivity Blueprint 2015-2025;</li> <li>- Develop the travel and tourism sector for sustainable and inclusive growth, building on the work of the APEC Tourism Strategic Plan;</li> <li>- Develop a set of good practice principles on domestic regulations in the services sector;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		2017 – 2020

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop services-related statistics to measure and support implementation of the Roadmap and improve tracking of services trade and investment more broadly.</li> <li>- Improve the regional food system to ensure access to safe, high quality food supplies.</li> <li>• Individual Economy Action Plan:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implement unilateral reforms aimed at further improving the services sector under RAASR;</li> <li>- Facilitate peer learning and capacity building.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Monitor and evaluate progress under the ASCR:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring and evaluating progress; report periodically to and seek further guidance from Ministers to move forward on additional actions;</li> <li>- Improve services-related statistics, including establishing an APEC index on the services regulatory environment by 2020;</li> <li>- Further collaborate with relevant organizations;</li> <li>- Mid-term Review in 2021.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commit to the eventual FTAAP and advance this process in a comprehensive and systematic manner.</li> <li>• Implement the Lima Declaration on the FTAAP:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attach to the Goals and Principles of the FTAAP realization process.</li> <li>- Complete and enhance the possible pathways to the FTAAP:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Build FTAAP upon ongoing regional undertakings.</li> <li>✓ Remain regional undertakings open, transparent and inclusive and draw on each other to jointly contribute to the eventual realization of the FTAAP;</li> <li>✓ Report the progress of the FTAAP pathways and implementation of the initiatives identified in the Lima declaration to the CTI. This report may be included in the CTI/SOM Report to Ministers and/or AELM.</li> <li>✓ Examine, by no later than 2020, the contribution of current Pathways to the realization of the FTAAP. Following the examination, engage in a collective discussion on the roles of APEC toward addressing challenges and consider next steps APEC can take towards the eventual realization of an FTAAP.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Continue APEC's roles as an incubator and strengthen relevant APEC initiatives:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Commit that APEC should continue to be an incubator of issues related to the FTAAP by providing leadership, intellectual inputs and capacity building including but not limited to the APEC Information Sharing Mechanism on RTAs/FTAs; the Action Plan Framework of the 2nd Capacity Building Needs Initiative (CBNI); and advancing sectoral initiatives, and promoting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Economies, SOM, CTI, CTI sub-fora, ABAC	2017 – 2020



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	<p>Policy Coordination/Coherence, and conducting Industry/Sector Dialogue, etc., so as to facilitate the eventual realization of the FTAAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Identify and address next generation trade and investment issues and advance new initiatives in areas identified by APEC economies as critical for achieving an eventual FTAAP.</li> <li>✓ Advance Structural Reform with a view toward improving the business environment in line with the Ease of Doing Business Action Plan.</li> <li>✓ Improve trade facilitation through advancing capacity building projects to help economies implement obligations under the WTO TFA.</li> </ul> <p>- New Initiatives to advance regional economic integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Continue the discussion on potential elements to be addressed in the FTAAP and additional work in support of the eventual realization of the FTAAP.</li> <li>✓ Address areas of divergence and convergence in RTA/FTA practice, including on the possible pathways for the FTAAP, and in the areas identified in the Collective Strategic Study.</li> <li>✓ Implement capacity building programs to increase understanding of RTA/FTA and members' capacity to participate in high quality, comprehensive and ambitious free trade agreements.</li> <li>✓ Undertake a stock take as to how next generation trade and investment issues are dealt with in existing FTAs/RTAs and in the WTO; use the stock take to develop initiatives, including through capacity building, to close the gaps between different treatment of these issues. Initiatives should be developed within the relevant APEC fora and included in each forum's work plan on an annual basis from 2018 onwards.</li> <li>✓ Work on measures affecting trade and investment as identified in the Collective Strategic Study that support the achievement of the Bogor Goals, and to advance the vision for the eventual realization of the FTAAP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Lower remaining tariffs and examine market access commitments under the identified pathways to find areas of convergence and divergence;</li> <li>(ii) Prioritize collaboration with ABAC to identify and address NTMs affecting trade and aid economies' understanding of NTMs and their potential impacts;</li> <li>(iii) Support the implementation of the ASCR;</li> <li>(iv) Identify the areas of convergence in investment practice and exchange experiences on the negotiation and implementation of IIAs;</li> <li>(v) Address best practices in customs origin procedures to facilitate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<p>economies' progress towards existing APEC goals on the simplification of ROO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Encourage participation of the private sector and other stakeholders in these discussions including through Trade Policy Dialogues</li> <li>- Strengthen consultation with stakeholders including ABAC and PECC.</li> <li>- Report to Leaders on progress towards the realization of the FTAAP. The reporting should be done separately but in parallel with the Bogor Goals reporting milestones which occur in 2018 and 2020.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider next steps that can be taken towards the eventual realization of an FTAAP</li> <li>• Further develop and implement the work programs to enhance economies' capabilities towards the realization of the FTAAP; report the progress to Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting in May 2017.</li> <li>• Propose further capacity building actions under the Capacity Building Needs Initiative (CBNI).</li> <li>• Information Sharing Mechanism on RTAs/FTAs: Enhance the transparency of RTAs/FTAs in the region; discuss further the best practices which would improve the utilization of RTAs/FTAs, especially by SMEs.</li> <li>• Organize the Dialogue and Seminar regarding FTAAP in 2017.</li> <li>• Encourages unilateral economic reforms and the conclusion of comprehensive and high quality RTAs/FTAs.</li> </ul>		<p>2018 and 2020</p> <p>2017</p> <p>2017</p>
<b>APEC Towards 2020 and Beyond</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue working with a renewed sense of urgency and through Asia-Pacific partnership featuring mutual respect and trust, inclusiveness and win-win cooperation in implementing commitments and achieving goals.</li> <li>• Continue on a yearly basis until 2020 the high-level dialogues on APEC Toward 2020 and Beyond with a view to developing a post 2020 vision for APEC.</li> <li>• Take concrete steps and joint actions to foster peace, stability, prosperity, economic growth and development for a sustainable Asia-Pacific partnership.</li> </ul>	Economies	2017 – 2020
<b>SUPPORT FOR THE APEC 2016 PRIORITIES</b>			
<b>Priority 1: Strengthening Regional Economic Integration and Quality Growth</b>			
<b>Quality Growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain committed to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.</li> <li>• Reaffirm the aspirations towards balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative, and</li> </ul>	Economies, Committees, PSU	<p>2017 and beyond</p> <p>207 - 2020</p>



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	<p>secure growth in the APEC region, as reflected in the APEC Accord on Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth and the APEC Strategy for Strengthening Quality Growth by 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that policies and strategies contribute in concrete terms to raising people's quality of life and enhancing social equity in the region.</li> <li>• Improve the quality, mobility and access to education including in partnership with employers and soft skills development.</li> <li>• Collaborate on improving education in the Asia-Pacific region under the principles established in the APEC Education Strategy.</li> <li>• Prioritize economic empowerment of women, youth and people with disabilities; ensure decent work for all, especially socially vulnerable groups, by providing quality education and vocational training, boosting entrepreneurship, improving social protection, and enhancing regional cooperation.</li> <li>• Support the mainstreaming of gender equality and women's empowerment across APEC's work to ensure that women enjoy equal access to quality education and economic resources.</li> <li>• Address the fiscal and economic impacts of ill health.</li> <li>• Identify new growth engines, embrace the opportunities brought forth by sectors such as the Internet and Digital Economy.</li> </ul>		
<b>Regional Economic Integration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use all policy tools – monetary, fiscal and structural – to strengthen global demand and address supply constraints.</li> <li>• Reaffirm previous commitments on monetary and exchange rate policies; refrain from competitive devaluation, resist all forms of protectionism and not target exchange rates for competitive purposes.</li> <li>• Better explain the benefits of trade, investment and open markets, and to ensure that those benefits are widely distributed.</li> <li>• Build an open economy featuring innovative development, interconnected growth and shared interests.</li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, CTI Sub-fora	
<b>Internet and Digital Economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance the work in accordance with the agreed work plan.</li> <li>• Finalize the PSU study on digital trade.</li> <li>• Explore new areas of potential economic growth in the area of digital trade and related issues.</li> <li>• Collaborate to unleash the potential of the digital economy and strongly support an accessible, open, interoperable, reliable and secure ICT environment.</li> <li>• Promote policy and regulatory environment to ensure ICT security, data and privacy</li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, ECSG, CTI Sub-fora, TELWG, AHSGIE	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>protection by developing interoperable and flexible frameworks.</li> <li>• Further advance the implementation of the APEC Initiative on Cooperation to Promote Internet Economy.</li> <li>• Encourage new initiatives on exploring ways to promote the Internet and Digital Economy.</li> <li>• To implement a pathfinder initiative for a permanent customs duty moratorium on electronic transmission, including content transmitted electronically.</li> </ul>		
<b>Global Value Chains (GVCs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance the Global Value Chains (GVCs) development, Supply Chain Connectivity, and Supply Chain Resiliency.</li> <li>• Continue the implementation of the APEC Strategic Blueprint for Promoting Global Value Chains Development and Cooperation.</li> <li>• Implement the 2017 – 2018 Work Plan for the APEC Technical Working Group on Measurement of Trade in Value-Added (TiVA) under GVCs, including completing the APEC TiVA Database by 2018.</li> <li>• Enable better participation, greater value added and upward mobility of developing economies and MSMEs in GVCs.</li> <li>• Explore current and future initiatives toward using new technologies to achieve greater efficiencies, resilience and cooperation in supply chain connectivity.</li> <li>• Finalize the report of the Study on the Enhancement of Integration of Regional Value Chains in Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).</li> <li>• Support the initiative on SMEs' Integration into Global Value Chains in Services Industries; encourage economies to voluntarily lead other established sectors (software, tourism, fashion design and logistics) and participate in the initiative.</li> <li>• Undertake the work needed to implement the initiative on Increasing Transparency on Measures Affecting Exports, and begin reporting the agreed information.</li> <li>• Cooperate with international organizations and partner institutions in promoting GVCs' development and cooperation, aiming to advance in studies and analysis to design methodologies that could help support public policies and actions in this area.</li> <li>• Integrate best practices on supply chain/ GVCs resilience into ongoing initiatives and work with the private sector to ensure the APEC integrated value chain can recover as quickly as possible after disasters.</li> <li>• Continue the implementation of Supply Chain Resilience Initiative under the Transportation Working Group.</li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, MAG, other CTI Sub-fora, SMEWG, ACTWG, TPTWG, PSU	2017 – 2018  2017 - 2020
<b>Trade Facilitation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the Suggested Framework for Phase Two of the Supply Chain Connectivity Framework Action Plan (SCFAP) 2017-2020.</li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, SCCP, PSU	2017 – 2020

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclude the Study on interoperable Global Data Standards (GDS).</li> <li>• Encourage the exploration of next steps for the wider use of interoperable GDS in the APEC region, based on the outcomes of the PSU study.</li> <li>• Continue the work of the APEC Alliance on Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2) and make use of its contributions in APEC's capacity building efforts.</li> <li>• Carry forward work related to the Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN).</li> <li>• Finalize the Report on Best Practices on Critical Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region in order to pursue the Implementation of the WTO TFA.</li> <li>• Conduct the study on key issues for implementing the Initiative on Single Window Systems' (SWS) International Interoperability; Establish related pilot projects on a voluntary basis.</li> <li>• Increase collaboration with other fora on trade facilitation, combating illegal logging, travel facilitation and counter-terrorism.</li> <li>• Exchange experience on the TFA the implementation of and promotion of customs control over cross-border E-commerce.</li> <li>• Further implement the APEC Customs 3M Strategic Framework towards developing minimum standards for Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) to include SMEs, and the promotion of AEO mutual recognition across the region.</li> </ul>		
<b>Investment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an enabling environment for investment.</li> <li>• Report progress on the implementation of the agreed priority actions for 2015-2016, and continue implementing the Investment Facilitation Action Plan IFAP including exchanging of best practices on IFAP's implementation.</li> <li>• Promote investments in infrastructure.</li> <li>• Promoting sustainable investment.</li> </ul>	Economies, IEG, PSU	2017
<b>Structural Reform</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepen efforts in line with the Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (RAASR); implement the RAASR Individual Action Plans 2016 - 2020 to achieve positive results by 2020, including further promote good regulatory practice.</li> <li>• Strengthen the collaboration between CTI and EC on services and structural reform.</li> <li>• Conduct the 2017 APEC Economic Policy Report (AEPR) on structural reform and human capital development.</li> <li>• Encourage HRDWG, PPSTI and EC to continue working together to further develop human capital in the region, to contribute to the structural reform agenda, and to deepen participation in labor markets.</li> <li>• Implement the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) to reach the 10% improvement goal by 2018.</li> </ul>	Economies, EC, CTI	2017 – 2020  2017  2017 – 2018



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<b>Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote an enabling environment for dynamic and efficient services markets through collective and unilateral actions, including capacity building activities.</li> <li>Ensure that regulations promote fair competition and the adoption of new technologies.</li> <li>Utilize and maintain the APEC Virtual Knowledge Center on Services.</li> </ul>	GOS	
<b>Environmental Goods and Services/Green growth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commit to the ambitious and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.</li> <li>Fulfill as soon as possible the commitment to reduce applied tariffs on the APEC Environmental Goods List to five percent or less, and to update on the status of their implementation efforts.</li> <li>Further studies to build and enhance a common understanding of the roles of a wider range of services in environmental industries and businesses, as envisaged under the Environmental Services Action Plan (ESAP).</li> <li>Nominate more institutions and experts to participate and contribute to the APEC Cooperation Network on Green Supply Chain (GSCNET).</li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, MAG, GOS, PSU	
<b>Next generation trade and investment issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue the implementation of the Manufacturing Related Services Action Plan (MSAP); exchange views on actions concerning manufacturing related services.</li> <li>Finalize the study on key issues in promoting digital trade in APEC.</li> <li>Continue exchanging views on digital trade in 2017 by undertaking capacity building, developing case studies, and identifying practices to expand and promote digital trade in the region, and to ensure all member economies' participation in digital trade, taking into consideration specific economic circumstances.</li> <li>Develop the APEC Internet Economy Roadmap.</li> <li>Unleash the potential of internet and digital economy by promoting the adoption of emerging ICTs, such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and encourage secure cross-border flows of information, while addressing the need to bridge the digital divide.</li> <li>Enhance cooperation in the APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) System, including through promoting capacity building.</li> <li>Work closely with ABAC to ensure that APEC's next generation trade and investment issue remains relevant to private sector stakeholders.</li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, ECSG, AHSGIE, TELWG, PSU, ABAC	2017 2017

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<b>Good Regulatory Practices and Cooperation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up activities to prepare a five year implementation strategy of the APEC Action Agenda on Advertising Standards and Practices.</li> <li>• Continue the work on alignment with international standards through implementation of the Voluntary Action Plan (VAP) Alignment Work and exchange of information</li> <li>• Continue the works on good regulatory practices, baseline study, green buildings, energy efficiency regulations for ICT products, energy saving measurement and verification, and supporting SMEs</li> <li>• Continue work on improving hand hygiene in accordance with the endorsed report including examining international guidance, identifying best practices and next steps</li> <li>• Continue to implement the APEC Electrical and Electronic Equipment Mutual Recognition Arrangement (EEMRA)</li> <li>• Finalize the Report of the ARCAM Dialogue on Facilitating Trade and Investment in Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Solutions and enhance regulatory cooperation and coherence in this sector.</li> <li>• Continue the work on government procurement related issues.</li> </ul>	Economies, CTI, EC	
<b>Standard and Conformance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the work by the SCSC Wine Regulatory Forum (WRF) to promote the reduction and elimination of technical barriers on wine trade.</li> <li>• Continue the work on alignment with international standards through implementation of the Voluntary Action Plan (VAP) Alignment Work and exchange of information.</li> <li>• Continue the works on good regulatory practices, baseline study, green buildings, energy efficiency regulations for ICT products, energy saving measurement and verification, and supporting SMEs.</li> <li>• Continue work on improving hand hygiene in accordance with the endorsed report including examining international guidance, identifying best practices and next steps.</li> <li>• Continue to implement the APEC Electrical and Electronic Equipment Mutual Recognition Arrangement (EEMRA).</li> <li>• Seek and develop common ground for promoting strong science-based food safety systems that meet the legitimate objectives of protecting human, animal and plant life or health, whilst their application is as least trade restrictive as possible, consistent with WTO rights and obligations.</li> </ul>	Economies, SCSC, Food Security Cooperation Forum (FSCF), APEC Joint Regulatory Advisory Committee (JRAC)	
<b>Intellectual Property Rights</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further the work to promote cooperation, protection and enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights, in accordance with TRIPS Agreement and enhance MSMEs' capacity on IP management and commercialization for their continuous development, growth and innovation.</li> </ul>	IPEG, SMEWG	