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	<p>and decision-making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement measures including reasonable accommodation and enabling conditions to ensure equality of access to an inclusive quality education and professional and technical training. • Take measures to promote the value of persons with disabilities as employees, investors and participants in economic development. • Implement initiatives and project to advance participation of persons with disabilities. 		
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore multi-sectoral approaches to ensure the implementation of the Healthy Asia-Pacific 2020 Roadmap in support of the 2030 SDGs. • Build more efficient and high-performing health systems, including through PPP. • Encourage cross-fora collaboration to achieve proactive investment in healthy workforces and access to healthcare. • Enhance the evidence base for policy development, effective health interventions, improved decision-making, and impact measurement. • Reduce unnecessary barriers to trade and investment in the supply chain of healthcare products. • Campaign for mental health including the development of projects under the APEC Digital Hub for Mental Health. • Ensure the safety and sustainability of the blood supply chain, and accelerate action on cervical cancer through capacity building. • Improve people's health and well-being by putting in place health systems, which achieve and maintain Universal Health Coverage (UHC). • Address the fiscal and economic impacts of ill health. • Reaffirm to achieve convergence of regulatory approval procedures for medical products by 2020 and urge the Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF) to continue applying its model of government, academia and industry cooperation to build capacity and policy research towards achieving this goal. • Collaborate with the APEC Senior Finance Officials. 	HWG, SFOM, LSIF	2017 – 2020

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Urbanization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further and deepen urbanization cooperation. • Enhance APEC economies' urbanization quality. • Continue to implement the APEC Cooperation Initiative for Jointly Establishing an Asia-Pacific Urbanization Partnership. • Promote inclusive and dynamic urban growth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore new urbanization pathways that suit local conditions and respect the different urbanization stages; - Build an open and inclusive environment for urban development; - Adopt policies conducive to employment, including enhancing the protection of rights and interests of laborers; - Deliver basic public services to all urban dwellers including new and existing migrants and guarantee opportunities for all groups to live and develop in the cities, with focus on improving people's sense of gain and happiness; - Facilitate the coordinated development of small and medium-sized cities and small towns to narrow the gaps in levels of development between urban and rural areas and among regions. • Improve urban infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scale up PPP with larger public and private investment to strengthen the development and management of infrastructure (clean, renewable and sustainable energy, communication and broadband/Internet access, transportation, waste management, water supply and drainage and other facilities); - Enhance the role of cities in helping promote connectivity of regional infrastructure, facilitate the flow of economic factors and people; - Implement the APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015-2025; - Attach importance to quality of infrastructure development - Promote application of good practices and people-centered approaches into infrastructure planning and development; - Create conditions favorable to the positive role of the private sector in investing, building and operating infrastructure, including by addressing regulatory environments, and encourage the member economies to share experience in infrastructure construction, management and market operation • Build smart cities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share best practices in smart urban planning and the development of livable and sustainable cities. - Promote the application of smart technologies into urban management, governance and construction; - Improve people-oriented services by fully tapping the advantages of digital 	SOM FotC on Urbanization, APEC Fora, Economies	

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	<p>connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage city governments' efforts on open data and promote innovative use of data by governments, businesses and the society; - Achieve systematic integration of smart homes, buildings, communities, transportation and cities; - Strengthen exchanges and cooperation among APEC member economies to explore diversified paths to build smart cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop green cities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote the transition of cities towards green, environment-friendly, dynamic, resilient and sustainable communities. - Encourage city development that reduces resource and energy consumption. - Develop low-carbon economies centered on new energies, new energy smart technologies and new industries, build energy efficient and low-carbon cities and towns, advocate a green lifestyle promoting low energy consumption, low greenhouse gas emission, and conservation. - Promote green industries and help SMEs take advantage of green growth opportunities. - Promote policy communication, joint research and project cooperation among cities of APEC member economies in protecting the environment, addressing natural disasters and climate change, and increasing resilience of cities • Encourage urban regeneration and retrofit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renovate the aging urban areas, rural-urban fringes, and concentrated dilapidated housing, and renew the old urban areas with modern infrastructure. - Promote a city layout with an organic integration of residential, business, office, culture and other functional quarters. - Encourage transit-oriented development (TOD) to raise the share of public transportation, public facilities and open spaces in the city. - Highlight the characteristics of cities to preserve their traditions and cultural diversity. • Drive innovative urban development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote innovative concepts, models and mechanisms of urban planning, design, construction and management that respect the landscape, history and cultural heritage of different cities and towns. - Improve the ecosystem for urban innovation and entrepreneurship to make innovation the primary driver of urban development, including through the promotion of intellectual property protection • Advocate for good urban governance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase capacity for governments and other stakeholders to share best practice 		

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	<p>on good urban governance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovate urban governance by creating open and transparent channels of dialogue between governments and citizens to enhance public engagement in urban planning and management. - Develop norms that can be operationalized, based on best practices and experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost APEC cooperation on sustainable urban development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a cooperative network of sustainable cities, with each economy voluntarily nominating cities interested in sustainable development, to share best practices, experience and lessons on sustainable development, and carry out demonstration projects among APEC cities. 		
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further energy cooperation, including areas such as renewable energy sectors and energy efficiency, ensuring that all the economies of the region have access to modern energy sources. • Work towards the APEC aspirational target of reducing aggregate energy intensity by 45 percent from 2005 levels by 2035 through collaboration on analysis of available energy efficient technologies, energy efficiency standard harmonization and peer review on energy efficiency. • Develop a roadmap to double renewable energy in the regional energy mix by 2030 • Rationalize and phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, whilst providing energy access to those in need. • Encourage ongoing peer review and capacity building activities, and further efforts to facilitate subsidy reform. • Achieve a more secure and safe energy infrastructure. • Achieve sustainable and resilient energy development within the Asia-Pacific. • Begin work on an "APEC Energy Vision Post-2020" agenda to address energy challenges of the future; strengthen practical cross- fora collaboration on APEC energy issues to accelerate the transition to a low carbon and energy secure future • Work towards improving resiliency of energy infrastructure to natural disasters and climate change within the region through APEC Initiative for Enhancing the Quality of Electric Power Infrastructure and conducting vulnerability assessment on energy infrastructure. • Support community-based low carbon development in the region through APEC Low-Carbon Model Town Project, APEC Energy Smart Community Initiative Knowledge Sharing Platform, and APEC Cooperation Initiative for Jointly Establishing an Asia-Pacific Urbanization Partnership • Implement Oil and Gas Security Initiative to address the challenges faced and to 	EWG and its subfora, TPTWG, SCSC, PPSTI, EPWG, ABAC	2017 – 2035 2017 – 2030

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	<p>improve security exercises, as well as create favorable conditions for trade and investments to support a diversified, flexible, and integrated natural gas market in the APEC region through APEC Regional LNG Trade Facilitation Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement APEC Green Energy Finance Initiative to ensure financial sustainability of green energy development in the region • Strengthen cross-fora collaboration and public-private partnership on APEC energy issues. 		
Emergency Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the communities, businesses, and economies are prepared to recover as quickly as possible. • Utilize the APEC Principles for Early Warning Systems. • Implement the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework Action Plan. • Implement the Seven Principles of Supply Chain Resilience, especially business continuity planning. • Encourage capacity building, strengthening early warning systems, and search and rescue cooperation for the resilience and livelihood of communities. • Explore scope of areas for addressing food needs of the most vulnerable in emergencies by sharing experiences, through one, if not all of the following areas: enhance social protection systems; enhance supply chain management with a focus on addressing food security needs; explore disaster insurance mechanisms for improved food security in disasters; and explore private public partnerships for addressing emergency food needs. • Ensure the preparedness of APEC economies to take actions focusing on improving systems and mechanisms that provide emergency food security for vulnerable or affected populations. • Address the daily food needs of the most vulnerable populations in a disaster including ensure that nutritious food is available or accessible to people so that they have daily meals during the initial stages of a disaster. • Call upon the EPWG to strengthen cross-fora collaboration, in particular to implement the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan, as this is an APEC-wide document and cuts across all areas of the APEC agenda such as, but not limited to science and technology, information and telecommunication, energy, financing for disaster risk management, trade and investment, health, gender, food security, human resources development, SMEs. 	Economies, EPWG	
Counter Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. • Continue to take actions and share best practices as outlined in the APEC's 	Economies, CTWG	

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	<p>Consolidated Counter Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on the strategy's call for immigration and border officials to manage the flow of bona-fide international travelers. Utilize the advance passenger information and passenger name record (API/PNR) systems to process travelers at border crossings more quickly. 		
Anti-Corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Lima ACT Statement on Fighting Corruption. Implement critical anti-corruption actions, including on bribery of domestic and foreign public officials, and with the effective participation of all relevant stakeholders. Implement the Beijing Declaration on Fighting Corruption. Deny safe havens for corrupt officials and their proceeds of corruption. Strengthen cooperation on repatriation or extradition. Implement the actions outlined in the APEC Course of Action on Fighting Corruption and Ensuring Transparency, Code of Conduct for Business, and Principles on the Prevention of Bribery and Enforcement of Anti-bribery Laws. Further strengthen the APEC Network of Anti-Corruption Authorities and Law Enforcement Agencies (ACT-NET) and draw on the experiences of law enforcement by sharing best practices, and promoting cross-border cooperation, both formal and informal, to investigate and prosecute corruption and bribery cases. Highlight the importance of best practices shared on the implementation of anti-corruption and anti-bribery compliance programs designed to prevent and detect bribery, considering incentives by member economies to encourage businesses to establish effective voluntary anti-corruption programs and support for our pathfinder dialogues on fighting corruption and illicit trade. 	Economies, ACT, ACT-NET	2017
Industrial Dialogues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize the Chemical Dialogue's best practice principles checklist during the regulatory process. Report on implementation of recommendations on reducing divergences in implementation of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals Streamline import certification procedures for chemicals and improve predictability and transparency Implement the 2nd phase of the GVC-SME-Automotive-Sector (GSAS) Initiative; develop the APEC Regional Automotive Supplier Excellence Program (RASEP) Accelerate the development of electric vehicles which can be important components in the region's transition to low-carbon economies and reduced dependence on fossil fuels. 	CD AD	2017

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work on the Compendium of Motor Vehicle-Related Taxes and Compendium of Automotive Business Regimes; • Promote Automotive Standards/Regulatory Coherence; • Assess the effect of government policy in the development of new energy vehicles. 		
Science and Technology and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the use of science, technology and innovation, as well as STEM education, to address challenges and create opportunities in the region. • Strengthen regional science, technology and innovation collaboration through the Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation (PPSTI) and its collaboration with other APEC fora, and science advice through Chief Science Advisors and their Equivalents (CSAE). • Focusing on key priority areas for 2017, formulate science, technology and innovation policy recommendations, exchange best practices and information and promote concrete initiatives through mechanisms such as PPSTI's Innovation Technology Dialogue and Innovation Policy Dialogues, and the implementation of the PPSTI Policy Statement. • Improve performance of APEC specialized bodies to bring further valued resources and expertise to science, technology and innovation in the region by implementing the PPSTI Guidelines on the Establishment, Management and Review of Endorsed APEC Centers. • Promote collaboration, innovation and excellence among young scientists in the APEC region, including recognizing cross-border research by young scientists through the APEC Science Prize for Innovation, Research, and Education (ASPIRE). • Enhance policy support to start-up incubators and accelerators, and to specific activities to better engage private sectors in STI activities. • Consider addressing approaches to facilitate the availability of science advice with respect to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development goals. • Continue to improve the collaborative use of science in disaster risk reduction in the APEC region. • Consider how indigenous and local knowledge can be incorporated into national and APEC strategies. 	PPSTI, CSAE, APEC Fora, Economies	2017 and beyond
Forestry and Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase forest cover by 2020 by at least 20 million hectares and promote sustainable forest management, conservation and rehabilitation of forests. • Take concrete steps to fight against illegal logging and associated trade and to facilitate law enforcement cooperation in the APEC region. • Further the development in favor of trade in legally harvested forest products 	EGILAT, OFWG	2017 – 2020

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue measures to establish effective timber traceability systems, including through strengthened government capacity. • Combat illicit wildlife trafficking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue the development and use of technologies - Exchange information and intelligence, best practices - Enforce responses to combat illicit trade - Reduce the supply of, transit in, and demand for illegally taken and / or traded wildlife. 		
Oceans and Fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement the Xiamen Declaration. • Implement fisheries-related commitments of the Piura Declaration on Food Security. • Enhance the Blue Economy Forum as a vehicle of regional blue economy cooperation • Encourage the APEC Marine Sustainable Development Center to take stock of regional blue economy cooperation and, through the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG), facilitate the update of the APEC Marine Sustainable Development Report. • Support the implementation of the Policy and Practice Recommendations of the APEC High-Level Meeting on Overcoming Barriers to Financing Waste management Systems to Prevent Marine Litter in the Asia Pacific Region. • Continue addressing and mainstreaming cross-cutting issues of ocean cooperation amongst relevant APEC fora. 	Economies, OFWG, CTI, EPWG, PPSTI, PPFS, CD, MOISC	2017 and beyond 2017, 2018
Mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance the 10 Mining Policy Principles for sustainable and inclusive growth of the mining sector • Formulate and implement an APEC Mining Action Plan • Work more closely with related APEC working groups in order to play a more important role in promoting mining cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region 	MTF	
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a safe, secure, efficient, resilient, and innovative transport sector. • Promote energy-efficient and environmentally friendly modes of transportation. • Develop and promote fuel-efficient transport practices, including use of alternative fuels and development of energy efficient transport infrastructure. • Continue to work on developing the APEC Connectivity Map, APEC Inclusive Mobility Framework, PPP Best Practices, and Quality Transport Vision. • Continue the implementation of Supply Chain Resilience Initiative. • Support women's participation as workers in transportation sector as well as 	TPTWG, EWG, PPWE, HRDWG, ACTWG, AD, PPSTI, ABAC	2017

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	<p>women's access to transportation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage collaboration in developing joint personnel training in smart and green supply chain connectivity. • Promote combating exploitation of transportation networks for human trafficking. • Land Transport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote rail and road safety initiatives including in relation to heavy vehicles; - Promote harmonization of vehicle standards, including in the areas of automated driving technologies, safety enhancements, and environmental protection. • Maritime Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue work in APEC Port Service Network (APSN) to promote regional connectivity; - Promote the role of gateway ports; - Promote the cruise ship industry in the APEC region. • Aviation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage international air transport liberalization; - Assist economies to analyze their airspace capacity and to develop methods to increase the capacity of both en route and terminal operations while maintaining safety levels; - Enhance air navigation performance using new technologies; - Enhance flight standards training. • Intelligent Transport Systems: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote the development of intelligent transport systems; - Promote the implementation and use of satellite navigation systems across transport modes. 		
Strengthening APEC as an Institution			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the operational and institutional capabilities of the APEC Secretariat. • Support the PSU in the review process and its outcomes. • Streamline and right-size APEC groupings, improve accountability and communications on the part of sub-foa leaders. • Link project funding more closely with top APEC priorities, and enhance participation by the private sector. • Streamline APEC's project processes to make them more efficient. • Strengthen the focus of APEC projects on capacity building. • Recognize the important work of the budget and management committee (BMC), through its small Working Group, and exchanges with SCE on pending issues to 	Economies, Fora, BMC, APEC Secretariat PSU	

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	implement the APEC Capacity Building Policy to better support APEC economies and look forward to the respective recommendations to be presented by 2017.		