

# APEC Secretariat Updates

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# Project Session Dates for 2025 - Project Session 1

## Concept Notes:

<b>CN Submission Deadline*:</b> Project Overseers submit Concept Notes to Program Directors (via email)	<u>Thursday, 13 March</u>
<b>CN Endorsement Deadline</b> All the Concept Notes are endorsed by all relevant fora (via email)	<b>Tuesday, 8 April</b>
<b>CN Upload Deadline:</b> Project Overseers upload the endorsed Concept Notes (on APAS)	<u>Wednesday, 16 April</u>
Responsible APEC Fora assess Concept Note eligibility and conduct scoring (on APAS)	29 April – 16 May
BMC in-principle approval of Concept Notes (via email)	27 May – 2 June
Project Overseers notified of funding results (via email)	<b>Tuesday, 3 June</b>

## Project Proposal:

<b>PP Submission deadline:</b> Project Overseers submit Project Proposals to Program Director on APAS	<u>Monday, 23 June</u>
Upon completion of endorsement, Project Overseers submit the endorsed Project Proposal on APAS	From Wednesday, 23 July
Project Overseers notified of Final Approval	<b>July to November 2025</b> (1st batch: First 40 PPs) <b>November 2025 to January 2026</b> (2nd batch: Remaining PPs)

\* Concept Notes must be submitted at this deadline with minimum co-sponsors already agreed. (e.g., EELCER sub-fund: 4 co-sponsors)

Note: All submission deadlines are set at **12:00pm (Noon) Singapore Time.**

# Project Session Dates for 2025 - Project Session 2

## Concept Notes:

<b>CN Submission Deadline*:</b> Project Overseers submit Concept Notes to Program Directors (via email)	<u>Wednesday, 2 July</u>
<b>CN Endorsement Deadline</b> All the Concept Notes are endorsed by all relevant fora (via email)	<b>Monday, 28 July</b>
<b>CN Upload Deadline:</b> Project Overseers upload the endorsed Concept Notes (on APAS)	<u>Tuesday, 5 August</u>
Responsible APEC Fora assess Concept Note eligibility and conduct scoring (on APAS)	18 August – 4 September
BMC in-principle approval of Concept Notes (via email)	15 – 19 September
Project Overseers notified of funding results (via email)	<b>Monday, 22 September</b>

## Project Proposal:

<b>PP Submission deadline:</b> Project Overseers submit Project Proposals to Program Director on APAS	<u>Friday, 10 October</u>
Upon completion of endorsement, Project Overseers submit the endorsed Project Proposal on APAS	From Tuesday, 11 November
Project Overseers notified of Final Approval	<b>November 2025 to March 2026</b> (First batch: 1st 40 PPs) <b>March to June 2026</b> (2nd batch: Remaining PPs)

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# Project Session 1 2025 - Available Project Funds

Project Fund	Amounts in US\$
General Project Account (GPA)	\$ 361,500
TILF & Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation Account (TILF)	\$ 642,900
ASF Support Fund (ASF) General Fund	\$ 1,722,300
<b>ASF Sub-Funds</b>	
Human Security	\$ 319,200
<b>Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon and Energy Resiliency Measures (EELCER)</b>	<b>\$ 1,374,200</b>
Supply Chain Connectivity (SCC)	\$ 137,600
Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and Global Value Chains (FTAAP and GVCs)	\$ 72,300
Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth (IERG)	\$ 714,300
Connectivity	\$ 706,400
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)	\$ 142,600
Women and the Economy	\$ 350,400
Digital Innovation	\$ 1,046,600
Marine Debris Management and Innovation (MDMI)	\$ 1,014,100
Strengthening Economic and Legal Infrastructure (SELI)	\$ 841,000
Enhanced APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (EAASR)	\$ 715,700
Structural Reform and Sustainable Green Growth	\$ 827,400
Promoting Digitalisation for Green Transitions	\$ 450,000
<b>Total Amount Available (GPA +TILF +ASF Sub-Funds)</b>	<b>\$ 11,438,500</b>

## Concept Notes submitted to Project Session 1, 2025

Proposing Economy	Project Title
Hong Kong, China	APEC Practical Training on District Cooling and Heating Systems (DCHS)
Viet Nam	APEC Workshop on Improving Governance and Policy Environment for Sustainable Energy Transition
Viet Nam	APEC Workshop on Promoting the Application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Future Energy and Sustainable Development
Japan	Capacity Building Workshop for New and Renewable Energy Policy
China	Sustainable and Resilient Communities: A Guide to Off-Grid Multi-energy Complementary Microgrids Toolkit
Chile	Local demand as an enabler to a low-carbon hydrogen economy
<i>(PPSTI) Thailand</i>	<i>Capacity Building to Accelerate Investment on Energy Resilient Infrastructure towards APEC Energy Goals</i>
<i>(SCSC) China</i>	<i>Standards and best practices sharing on carbon reduction and capture and carbon emission management in urban wastewater treatment</i>
<i>(SCSC) Indonesia</i>	<i>Reaction to COVID-19: Strengthening Quality Infrastructure for Energy Efficiency of Lighting Products in Residential in the APEC region (First Follow-Up Workshop)</i>

# APEC ENERGY WORKING GROUP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE TENTATIVE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. ALL APEC ECONOMIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO EACH EVENT.

Dates	Title	Location	Participants
8-11 April 2025	Joint Expert Group Meeting (EGCFE, EGEDA, EGEEC, and EGNRET)	Hong Kong, China	Expert Group Representatives
8 April 2025	Promoting Energy Efficiency Enhancement in Electricity Generation” (HKC: EWG 211 2023A)	Hong Kong, China	Nominated Policymakers and Experts
8 April 2025	The 8th APEC Oil and Gas Security Network Forum (JPN/APERC: EWG 07 2024S: Self-funded)	Hong Kong, China	Nominated Policymakers and Experts
5-6 May 2025	Certification of Hydrogen and its Derivatives in APEC Economies: its role in the driving market (CHL: EWG 105 2024A)	Santiago, Chile	Nominated Policymakers and Experts
12-13 June 2025*	APEC Workshop on Promoting New Smart Materials for Sustainable Energy (VN: EWG 203 2024A)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam	Preparing for the nomination
1-2 July 2025*	Floating Offshore Wind Farms development in APEC economies for both electricity and green hydrogen production (CHL: EWG 106 2024A)	Santiago, Chile	Preparing for the nomination
25-26 August 2025	EWG70 & Associated Meetings	Busan, Korea	EWG and Expert Group Representatives
27-28 August 2025	15 <sup>th</sup> Energy Ministers Meeting	Busan, Korea	Energy Ministers and their representatives

# Fora Assessment for EWG

*“The SCE recommended **the renewal of the EWG**, OFWG and PPWE and provided instructions for follow up actions to be undertaken by the above-mentioned SCE sub-fora (see Annex B; C; & D).”*

## Annex B: SCE Recommendation on the Renewal of the EWG

The SCE met on 23 August 2024 and recommended the renewal of the EWG with the following follow-up instructions for the EWG’s action:

1. The EWG, Expert Groups, Research Centres, Task Forces and Satellite Websites (APEC Energy Standards Information System (ESIS) and The Energy Smart Communities Initiative (ESCI) to **draft ToRs** with four-year time horizons, sunset clauses and submit for SCE approval in advance of 31 December 2025.
2. The Expert Groups, Research Centres and Task Forces ToRs to commit to **reporting back to EWG annually**; to adhering to APEC guidelines and policies, including ensuring that APEC-branded outputs are first endorsed by EWG.
3. The EWG to **update its’ Strategic Plan**.
4. The EWG to **review all websites** and instruct relevant members to update/ discontinue websites non-compliant with APEC policies or out of date. In the event no economy is responsible for a website, it is to be discontinued.
5. The EWG to **report to SCE** on its actions **by SCE1 in 2025**