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Project Update

APEC Secretariat

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Advancing Free Trade
for Asia-Pacific Prosperity

PROJECT SESSION 2, 2020

Overall Outcomes

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| Number of Concept Notes submitted | 97 |
| Number of Projects approved* | 64 |
| Approval Rate | 66% |
| Average Approval Rate (5 years) | 47% |
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PROJECT SESSION 2, 2020

EWG Outcome:

| Project Number | Title | Proposing Economy | Outcome |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| EWG 05 2020A | Water-Energy Nexus Decision Tool for Electric Power Generation and Cogeneration | USA | BMC Approved |
| EWG 06 2020A | PREP – Peer Review on Efficient Power, Phase II | USA | BMC Approved |
| EWG 07 2020A | Workshop on Energy Resilience Principle | Japan | BMC Approved |
| EWG 08 2020A | APEC Workshop on Promoting Renewable Energy for Rural and Remote Area Development | Viet Nam | BMC Approved |
| EWG 09 2020A | APEC Capacity Building Workshop on Retro-commissioning (RCx) | Hong Kong, China | QA Process |
| EWG 10 2020A | Utilizing renewable energy certification to facilitate APEC regional renewable energy growth | Chinese Taipei | QA Process |



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EWG Outcome:

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|-----------------|--|-------------------|--------------|
| EWG 11 2020A | Implementation of Low-Carbon Model Town through Green Building Infrastructure and Management Platform | Indonesia | QA Process |
| EWG 12 2020A | APEC Youngsters Forum: Raising Awareness on Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency among High School Teachers and Students in the Asia-Pacific Region | Indonesia | QA Process |
| EWG 13 2020A | Workshop on Korea's new and renewable energy policies and best practices applying them into the APEC region | Korea | BMC Approved |
| EWG 14 2020A | The promotion of community waste-to-energy system | Chinese Taipei | BMC Approved |
| EWG 15 2020A | Roadmap for Facilitating Renewable Energy Investment in APEC | China | Withdrawn |



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Dates

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| Internal Submission Deadline | 22 March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Submit Concept Note to Program Director (PD) by this date➤ Some PDs may set earlier deadlines➤ Minimum co-sponsors agreed by this deadline➤ Check with PDs if more than 2 co-sponsors are required for your forum or Sub-Fund➤ Endorsement of Concept Notes commences |
| Final Submission Deadline | 5 April | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ PDs submit endorsed Concept Notes to PMU by this date➤ Responsible APEC Fora assess eligibility and score Concept Notes➤ BMC makes final in-principle approvals |
| Concept Note Selection Outcome | 6 May | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ POs receive advice of outcome➤ Successful POs commence preparation of their Project Proposal |
| Submit Project Proposal | 3 June | Must submit to Secretariat by this date |
| BMC Approval of Project Proposals | June onwards | Final BMC approval, subject to forum endorsement and satisfactory Secretariat quality assessment |

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Fund Availability

| Project Fund | Project Session 1, 2021 |
|--|-------------------------|
| General Project Account (GPA) | US\$ 1,170,000 |
| TILF & Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation Account (TILF) | US\$ 709,140 |
| ASF Support Fund (ASF) General Fund | US\$ 1,294,414 |
| ASF Sub-Funds | |
| Human Security | US\$ 478,465 |
| Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Measures (EELCM) | US\$ 893,536 |
| Renewed APEC Agenda on Structural Reform (RAASR) | US\$ 276,257 |
| Supply Chain Connectivity (SCC) | US\$ 650,677 |
| Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and Global Value Chains (FTAAP and GVCs) | US\$ 559,250 |
| Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth (ERG) | US\$ 432,334 |
| Connectivity | US\$ 410,074 |
| Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) | US\$ 240,937 |
| Women and the Economy | US\$ 342,188 |
| Economic Development in Remote Areas (EDRA) | US\$ 267,393 |
| Digital Innovation | US\$ 210,421 |
| Marine Debris Management and Innovation (MDMI) | US\$ 300,000 |
| Total Amount Available (GPA +TILF +ASF Sub-Funds) | US\$ 8,235,086 |



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EWG CN Outcomes

| | Title | Proposing Economy | Outcome/ Status |
|--------|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| EWG 01 | Impacts of COVID-19 on Renewable Energy Development in APEC Economies | China | In-Principle Funding |
| EWG 02 | Support offshore wind deployment and grid connection in APEC region | China | In-Principle Funding |
| EWG 03 | Promoting Energy Efficient and Resilient Data Centres in the APEC Region | Hong Kong, China | In-Principle Funding |
| EWG 04 | Lessons learned on resiliency and uptake of variable energy resources from islanded grids that support APEC clean energy goals | United States | In-Principle Funding |
| EWG 05 | APEC Peer Review on Energy Efficiency (PREE) Phase 11 | Japan | In-Principle Funding |
| EWG 06 | Workshop and Capacity Building for Food Industry in Energy Efficiency Enhancement | Indonesia | In-Principle Funding |
| EWG 07 | Assessing existing and planned hydrogen infrastructure to facilitate widespread hydrogen use in the APEC region | United States | In-Principle Funding |

PROJECT SESSION 2, 2021

Dates

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| Internal Submission Deadline | 28 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Submit Concept Note to Program Director (PD) by this date➤ Some PDs may set earlier deadlines➤ Minimum co-sponsors agreed by this deadline➤ Check with PDs if more than 2 co-sponsors are required for your forum or Sub-Fund➤ Endorsement of Concept Notes commences |
| Final Submission Deadline | 12 July | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ PDs submit endorsed Concept Notes to PMU by this date➤ Responsible APEC Fora assess eligibility and score Concept Notes➤ BMC makes final in-principle approvals |
| Concept Note Selection Outcome | 12 August | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ POs receive advice of outcome➤ Successful POs commence preparation of their Project Proposal |
| Submit Project Proposal | 9 September | Must submit to Secretariat by this date |
| BMC Approval of Project Proposals | September onwards | Final BMC approval, subject to forum endorsement and satisfactory Secretariat quality assessment |

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Important reminders for forum members

Project Quality

- With the increase in numbers of projects being implemented, it is important that **all members scrutinise Concept Notes originating from their forum**, to ensure they are of a high quality.
- Things to consider when reviewing Concept Notes:
 - Does this project duplicate work that has been done before?
 - Will this project contribute to the workplan or priorities of the forum?
 - Are the objectives and outcomes relevant and clearly stated?
 - Are the project objectives and timeframe realistic and achievable?
 - Does the project have relevance to a reasonable number of economies?
 - If the project involves a physical event this year, check that the PO has also planned for a virtual or hybrid event, in view of COVID restrictions.



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Important reminders for forum members

Project Design Amendments

- The PMU is receiving many Project Design Amendment Forms from POs seeking to change physical events to virtual or hybrid events.
- If a PO decides to change the event format (or any change to project design) we request they notify their Program Director **four months ahead of the event**. This allows PMU to conduct the necessary review and approval of the Project Design Amendment Form.
- Given the continuing COVID restrictions (travel, group size), we **strongly encourage POs to change all physical events to virtual format until the end of this year**.

Recording APEC project events

- The **intention to record any part of an APEC event** must be stipulated in the Concept Note, including the purpose of recording and how it will be used.
- Recordings must be **edited and endorsed by the originating forum** before being shared publicly (e.g. via YouTube). Refer to the *APEC Project Event Recording Policy* in the PO Toolkit on the website.



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Important reminders for forum members

Budgeting for virtual and hybrid events

- The PMU is receiving many queries about appropriate expenses for virtual and hybrid events. As a general principle, it is expected that delivering virtual or hybrid events will cost less to hold than an entirely physical event.
- APEC funds can be used to pay for:
 - Costs associated with securing access to a Virtual Meeting Platform (VMP);
 - any contracted inputs such as specialists to assist with the staging and logistics of the event;
 - ICT accessibility needs for travel-eligible participants, speakers and contractors on a case-by-case basis; and
 - the costs of hosting such as dedicated facilities; and travel for travel-eligible participants, speakers and contractors for hybrid events (and virtual events in specific cases).
- 2021 host New Zealand has made a VMP available for virtual project events, and we encourage POs to explore using it, to reduce project costs.



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Improving project effectiveness and sustainability

- The annual Longer Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP) process shows that there is a need to **improve the effectiveness and sustainability** of APEC project outcomes.
 - In the 2020 LTEAP, 53% of PPs reported applying new materials and information from project events ‘infrequently, rarely or never’; 41% reported no change in policies or practices in their home agency.
- Maximising the effectiveness and sustainability of APEC project outcomes depends on ensuring **the ‘right’ participants** attend APEC project events i.e. participants with skills and experience relevant to the project, and working in a position/agency where they can best apply new material and information.
- Please encourage Project Overseers (POs) in your economies to **target the ‘right’ participants for project events**. POs should also encourage participants to **share new material and information as widely as possible** in their home agencies, to maximise the uptake of new policies and practices.



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RESOURCES

Visit the **PO Toolkit** page on the APEC website:

<https://www.apec.org/Projects/Forms-and-Resources>

Visit the **Project Quality: Training and Guidance** page:

<https://www.apec.org/Projects/Project-Quality-Training-and-Guidance>



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