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Work Program	Actions Required	Responsibility	Timeline
Multilateral Trading System			
Negotiations in the WTO/DDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain committed to strengthen the multilateral trading system as embodied in the WTO. In working towards the successful multilateral conclusion of the Doha Development Agenda, reaffirm the instructions to our officials in Geneva to continue exploring different, fresh and credible negotiating approaches; while respecting the Doha mandate, the principles of transparency, the importance of the multilateral trading system, and development. Continue to advance the discussions on trade facilitation and other development-related issues as mandated by the 8th WTO Ministerial Conference. 	Economies Ministers Geneva Caucus	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensively and realistically review the progress achieved in the WTO by the next meeting of APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) in 2013. 	Trade Ministers Economies	2013 MRT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the product coverage and membership of the WTO Information Technology Agreement (ITA) negotiations, and work in earnest in order to swiftly achieve a good outcome of the negotiations, and call APEC economies to consider joining the agreement. 	Economies Geneva Caucus MAG	2013
Resisting Protectionism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrain through the end of 2015 from raising new barriers to trade and investment, imposing new export restrictions, or implementing WTO-inconsistent measures. Continue to rollback protectionist measures and continue maximum restraint in implementing WTO-consistent measures with a significant protectionist effect. 	Economies	2012-2015
Financial Stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolve to work collectively to support growth and foster financial stability, and restore confidence. Commit to strengthening domestic demand where appropriate, facilitating job creation, reducing high public deficits and debts, and implementing structural 	Economies, FMP, FDM SFOM, SOM	2013

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reforms to boost growth in our economies. Commit to reducing imbalances by strengthening deficit economies' public finances with sound and sustainable policies that take into account evolving economic conditions and, in economies with large current account surpluses, by strengthening domestic demand and moving toward greater exchange rate flexibility. 	Economies, FMP, FDM SFOM, SOM	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake to move more rapidly toward market-determined exchange rate systems and enhance exchange rate flexibility to reflect underlying fundamentals, avoid persistent exchange rate misalignments, and refrain from competitive devaluation of currencies. 	Economies, FMP, FDM SFOM, SOM	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work towards ensuring the long-term fiscal sustainability of member economies while recognizing the need to support their recoveries within the available fiscal space. Continue to enhance financial market integration by progressing the development of an Asia Region Funds Passport (ARFP) with the view of establishing a pilot ARFP 	Economies, FMP, FDM SFOM, SOM FMP	2013 2013 / 2014
Bogor Goals			
Bogor Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to address issues that will help APEC economies to achieve the Bogor Goals. 	Economies SOM/CTI	On-going till 2020
Trade and Investment Liberalization, Regional Economic Integration			
Addressing Next Generation Trade and Investment Issues that an FTAAP Should Contain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to facilitate APEC's role as an incubator of an FTAAP and explore ways forward towards its realization by providing leadership and intellectual input into the process of its development. Continue to implement the action plan framework on Capacity Building Needs Initiative (CBNI). Continue to address next generation trade and investment issues as an important aspect of APEC's work to further integration of APEC economies and expansion of trade throughout the region. Advance 	SOM, Economies CTI CTI MRT SOM CTI	2013 and ongoing 2013 2013

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	<p>work on capacity-building and sharing of best practice on global supply chains and participation of SMEs in global production chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share progress achieved towards implementation of Leaders' commitments in 2011 and 2012 related to next generation trade and investment issues, including the APEC Model Chapter on Transparency for RTAs/FTAs; and producing innovation and trade implementation practices to assist economies to better implement Leaders' 2011 commitment on promoting effective, non-discriminatory, and market-driven innovation policy. Undertake further study in 2013 on the impact of local content requirements on regional integration and economic growth, and discuss possible ways through which economies can promote job creation and competitiveness goals in ways that enhance, rather than distort trade. 	<p>Economies CTI</p> <p>SOM CTI</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the expansion of the APEC Services Trade Access Requirements (STAR) Database, the Action Plan on Statistics on Trade in Services and continue to develop other tools and indicators that help to assess the level of liberalization in the services sector, including voluntary liberalization. 	CTI/GOS	2013
Investment Facilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue implementation of the APEC Investment Facilitation Action Plan (IFAP) and in the development of a framework for measuring IFAP . Continue to increase the flow of investments within the region, in particular by ensuring transparency in the development of investment regulations. Explore further steps to enhance mechanisms for the prevention and prompt resolution of investment disputes. Hold Public-Private Dialogues on investment on a regular basis, and promote broader work within the public-private partnership framework. 	<p>CTI/IEG</p> <p>Economies CTI/IEG</p> <p>CTI/IEG</p> <p>CTI/IEG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Advancing Regulatory Convergence and Coherence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to progress the 2011 commitment to strengthen implementation of good regulatory practice 	SOM EC	By SOM 3 2013

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	<p>by ensuring internal coordination of rule-making, assessing the impact of regulations, and conducting public consultations. Carry out capacity-building and information sharing activities, and complete by SOM3, an assessment of economies' implementation of the actions by updating the "Baseline Study of Good Regulatory Practices in APEC Member Economies" summary report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a Conference on Good Regulatory Practices focusing on Conformity Assessment in Regulations. • Continue work on implementation of the APEC Regulatory Cooperation Plan and promote further cross-fora collaboration. • Continue work to implement the Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labeling of Chemicals; promote regulatory cooperation and capacity, and continue to work to promote regulatory cooperation and capacity, enhance transparency in regulatory processes while protecting business confidentiality, facilitating data exchange, and contributing to the international chemicals agenda. 	<p>CTI/SCSC</p> <p>SOM CTI/SCSC SOM</p> <p>CTI/CD/SCCP</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Promoting Green Growth, Trade and Investment in Environmental Goods and Services (EGS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake to promote green growth and to seek practical, trade-enhancing solutions to address global environmental challenges. • Reduce applied tariff rates to five percent or less on the APEC List of Environmental Goods by the end of 2015, taking into account economies' economic circumstances without prejudice to their positions in the WTO. • Continue with capacity-building activities to assist economies in implementing tariff reductions on the agreed list of environmental goods. • Ensure that economies' actions to protect the environment are least trade restrictive and consistent with their international trade obligations. • Continue to share updates on policy approaches to facilitate the diffusion of advanced technology and alternative-fueled motor vehicles. 	<p>Economies, Ministers, SOM CTI</p> <p>Economies Ministers SOM CTI</p> <p>CTI, SCE, EWG, PPSTI, SCCP</p> <p>Economies</p> <p>Economies CTI/AD</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013-2015</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to compile economies' tariff and non-tariff measures concerning goods that are not newly manufactured, conduct capacity-building workshops and further develop resource materials on remanufacturing to assist economies to join the Pathfinder on Facilitating Trade in Remanufactured Goods. Continue work on regulatory approaches for smart grid investment and deployment, enhancing performance of energy efficiency of green buildings and support future work on solar technologies 	CTI/MAG EWG, SCSC	2013 2013
Illegal Trade in Wildlife, Illegal Logging and Associated Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen efforts to combat illegal trade in wildlife, combat illegal logging and associated trade, implement measures to ensure sustainable marine ecosystems and forest management,. Take steps to promote sustainable forest management and conservation of wildlife populations while addressing both the illegal supply and demand for endangered and protected wildlife, through capacity building, cooperation, increased enforcement, and other mechanisms. 	Economies EGILAT, OFWG, SCCP Economies, EGILAT, OFWG, SOM	2013 2013
Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make efforts to promote confidence and trust in electronic environments globally by encouraging secure cross border flows of information, including electronic documents. Work with multi-stakeholders to continue efforts to expand and strengthen the Asia-Pacific Information Infrastructure and to build confidence and security in the use of ICT. Take steps to improve disaster preparedness, response and recovery through the development of ICTs and promotion of appropriate systems and technologies. Promote innovation through increased trade and investment and broader implementation of information and communication technologies, including by supporting regulatory coherence and cooperation in the field of e-commerce. 	TELWG CTI/ECSG TELWG CTI/ECSG Economies TELWG, EPWG Economies SOM CTICTI/ECSG, TELWG	Toward 2015 Toward 2015 Toward 2015 2013

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to advance the implementation of APEC's Strategies and Actions Toward a Cross-Border Paperless Trading Environment to enable the electronic transmission of trade-related information across the region by 2020 		
IPR / Digital Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote an innovation-friendly environment and stimulate jobs and economic growth in APEC economies through cooperation to strengthen intellectual property protection and enforcement that provide for and protect the incentives that encourage creativity and innovation and provide the tools for successful management and utilization of intellectual property. 	Economies CTI/IPEG/LSIF/SCCP	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the Cross Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) System including through discussion on the issues of comparability and potential interoperability between the European Union Binding Corporate Rules and APEC CBPR System. 	CTI/ECSG	2013
APEC New Strategy for Structural Reform (ANSSR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to implement the APEC New Strategy for Structural Reform plans; encourage collaboration and capacity building among developed and developing economies to expedite the achievement of structural reform objectives based on the identified specific reform priorities each member economy plans to implement under the ANSSR through 2015. 	Economies, SOM EC, HRDWG, SMEWG, PPWE	2012-2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a mid-term assessment in 2013 to track progress towards ANSSR implementation 	Economies, SOM EC, HRDWG, SMEWG, PPWE	2013 AELM
Establishing Reliable Supply Chains			
Supply Chain Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to advance the implementation of the APEC Supply-Chain Connectivity Framework with a view to achieving an APEC-wide 10% improvement in supply chain performance by 2015. The adoption of supply-chain related e-business solutions and digital delivery will facilitate cross-border trade and also improve customer relationships and enhance market reach. 	Economies, CTI and relevant subfora (MAG, SCSC, SCCP, ECSG) TPTWG, EWG, SFOM, SMEWG, TELWG	Toward 2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a mid-term assessment of progress towards the APEC-wide target of a 10% improvement in 	PSU, CTI	2013

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	<p>supply-chain performance, in terms of reducing time, cost and uncertainty of moving goods and services through the Asia-Pacific region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a more systematic approach to addressing existing chokepoints in supply chains through targeted capacity-building and concrete steps towards making supply chains more reliable, resilient, safe, efficient, transparent, diversified and intelligent from 2012 to 2014. Continue discussions with the business community and other relevant stakeholders on work to build capacity to assist economies implement Authorized Economic Operator programs in line with the WCO (World Customs Organization)/APEC SAFE Framework of Standards; and on the diversification of transportation routes in the region and resiliency planning in order to build the most efficient supply chain networks. Continue work to streamline customs procedures in order to improve supply chain performance, including work on the development of Single Window Systems in each economy, IPR border enforcement, Time Release Survey, the application of the Revised Kyoto Convention, and the application of more business friendly Rules of Origin (ROO) and electronic Certificate of Origin (ECO). Develop projects on the use of paperless trading in commercial processes, particularly projects that use e-solutions include electronic Certificate of Origin (ECO). Improve supply chain integrity for medical products. Make Rules of Origin (ROO) more business friendly, and improve the functionality of the APEC Website on Tariff as well as ROO "WebTR". 	<p>SOM, CTI and relevant subfora (MAG, SCSC, SCCP, ECSG) TPTWG, EWG, SFOM, SMEWG, TELWG</p> <p>Economies, CTI,CTI/SCCP; TPTWG,</p> <p>CTI/SCCP</p> <p>CTI/SCCP</p>	<p>Toward 2014</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Secure Trade and Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the APEC Consolidated Counter-Terrorism and Secure Trade Strategy and support deeper cooperation and capacity building across the Strategy's priority areas of secure trade, travel, 	CTTF, TPTWG, SFOM, CTI/BMG, CTI/SCCP	2013

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	finance, and infrastructure to make regional commerce more secure, efficient, and resilient.		
Travel and Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue efforts to facilitate international travel, assess the liberalization of air transportation services and improve safety and security of tourist products including encouraging the implementation of the APEC Guidelines on Ensuring Tourist Safety. 	Economies TWG TPTWG	2013
Disaster Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance preventive measures, emergency preparedness, disaster resiliency and fostering of scientific and technical cooperation among APEC economies, communities and businesses in this regard, and ease the mobility of relief assistance in the aftermath of disaster to minimize casualties. 	EPWG, SMEWG, BMG, SCCP	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and facilitate business continuity and resiliency planning especially among small and medium-sized enterprises. 	EPWG, SMEWG CTI, BMG, SCCP	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance disaster management mechanisms including through public-private partnerships, establishing common standards for emergency early warning systems in cross-border transportation, further the development of an operational trade recovery communications mechanism based on the APEC Trade Recovery Program. 	EPWG, CTTF, TPTWG, SCCP, TELWG	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop cooperation for emergency management and disaster response preparedness among Crisis Management Centers (CMCs) in APEC economies, including with other regional CMCs. 	EPWG/, SDMOF	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen resilience against disasters through the development of disaster risk management (DRM) strategies. 	EPWG	2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake knowledge exchange within APEC and beyond including joint efforts with the World Bank, OECD, ADB and other bodies' to elaborate practically applicable guidelines for financial authorities' responses to natural disasters with due regard to the work undertaken by the G20; and advance planning and preparation measures by financial authorities. 	EPWG SFOM	2013

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Strengthening Food Security			
Sustainable Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase sustainable agricultural production and productivity, considering the diversity of environmental conditions world-wide and positive externalities of agriculture; further facilitate trade and develop food markets, enhance food safety, improve access to food for vulnerable groups and improve farmer's welfare; ensure fair and open markets; reduce food price volatility and establish greater regional and global food security . • Implement measures to help ensure sustainable marine ecosystems management and combating illegal fishing and associated trade. • Take concrete actions to raise productivity in agriculture by boosting investment and adopting innovative technologies in agriculture, including biotechnologies • Create an enabling environment to encourage increased public and private investment in agriculture. • Keep the positive role of foreign direct investment in increasing agricultural production, and note the Principles for Responsible Agriculture Investment (PRAI). 	<p>ATCWG, HLPDAB, PPFS CTI/SCSC; MAG;IEG,</p> <p>OFWG, PPFS</p> <p>ATCWG, PPFS, HLPDAB CTI/IEG, SFOM,</p> <p>PPFS, ATCWG, ABAC, CTI/IEG,SFOM</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Innovative Agricultural Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the safe development and implementation of innovative agricultural technologies since land, water, forest and other natural resources are limited. • Facilitate better coordination, interaction and capacity building among research institutes and innovation centers, including through regional networks, to strengthen domestic and international agricultural research systems. • Undertake dissemination and utilization of innovative technologies by farmers in an effective, market-driven, and voluntary manner. • Look for ways to mitigate the negative effects of agriculture on climate change and support efficient and sustainable use of agricultural while minimizing any 	<p>ATCWG, HLPDAB, PPFS</p> <p>ATCWG, HLPDAB, PPFS</p> <p>ATCWG, HLPDAB, PPFS</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>

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	negative impacts on land, water, forest and biodiversity.		
Food Security and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to implement the 2010 Niigata Declaration on Food Security, and reaffirm commitment to a standstill, first made by APEC Leaders in 2008, as it pertains to export restrictions and other WTO-inconsistent trade measures. Implement the APEC Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS)'s Action Plan for 2012-2013 which envisages developing a road map to achieve the PPFS' long-term goal to set up a food system structure by 2020 sufficient to provide lasting food security to economies of the region. Progress work of the Food Safety Cooperation Forum. Undertake cooperation and capacity building on the benefits of harmonizing domestic regulations on food safety and quality with international standards consistent with the WTO Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade and on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures. Improve domestic food safety systems by implementing preventive control measures, building information sharing networks, strengthening laboratory capacity, and building regional capacity to respond to high priority food safety hazards and minimize food safety incidents. Explore ways to improve economic and physical access to food for vulnerable groups, including those affected by disasters; encourage exchange of best practices on the provision of food for vulnerable populations, including through social and school feeding; strengthening sustainable social protection and social safety nets. 	<p>Economies PPFS, ATCWG SOM</p> <p>PPFS, ABAC</p> <p>CTI/SCSC-FSCF, PPFS CTI/SCSC, PPFS</p> <p>CTI/SCSC-FSCF, PTIN PPFS SCE</p> <p>PPFS, EPWG SCE</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013-2020 Towards 2020</p> <p>2013 2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Agricultural trade and food markets infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reiterate pledge against protectionism, recognizing that bans and other restrictions on the export of food may cause price volatility, especially for economies that rely on imports of staple products. Ensure fair and open markets, reduce food price 	<p>Economies PPFS, ABAC, CTI, ATCWG OFWG</p> <p>Economies</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013 and beyond</p>

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	volatility, develop food markets infrastructure, reduce post-harvest losses along the entire food supply chain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute data and information to the Asia-Pacific Food Security Information Platform (APIP), web-based resource to share regional information on food security; support cooperation between APIP, the Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) and the Rapid Response Forum, launched by the G20. 	PPFS	
Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and associated trade; working towards sustainable management of marine ecosystems; improving capture fisheries management and sustainable aquaculture practices; and facilitating sustainable, open and fair trade in products of fisheries and aquaculture. Promote cooperation and exchange information concerning IUU fishing and management measures applied by the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs) and other relevant organizations.. 	OFWG, PPFS CTI Economies OFWG	2013 2013
Intensive Cooperation to Foster Innovative Growth			
Science, Technology and Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully complete the transformation from Industrial Science and Technology Working Group into a Policy Partnership on Science, Technology (PPSTI) by holding the first PPSTI meeting and continued work in the APEC Life Sciences Innovation Forum (LSIF) to promote innovation and address issues that impact specific innovative technologies. Organize future Innovation Technology Dialogues (ITDs) to discuss key emerging technology markets and related technologies and prospects for their application in terms of addressing current challenges facing Asia-Pacific economies. Implement recommendations of ITD on Nanotechnologies for Energy Efficiency Strengthen cooperation among innovators of APEC economies to boost the accumulated innovative 	PPSTI, CTI/LSIF ABAC PPSTI ABAC PPSTI Economies PPSTI	2013 2013 and beyond 2013 2013

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	<p>potential and improve innovation capacity of the APEC region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase and formalize opportunities for the private sector to provide input into APEC's ongoing work on innovation, including drafting an action plan containing short and long term goals in this regard. • Promote cross border cooperation between innovative and science centers, including by rewarding the efforts of young scientists. • Organize a meeting of APEC Chief Science Advisers to reinforce senior science and innovation relations across the Asia Pacific. • Develop opportunities for women and girls to participate in work on innovation 	<p>PPSTI ABAC</p> <p>PPSTI New Zealand and Indonesia to co-chair</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
SMMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the involvement of SMEs and MEs in innovative economy through enhancing effective, non-discriminatory and market-driven innovation environment • Create an APEC common information resource for SMEs which will promote companies' inclusion in the global supply chain and foster innovation development in the APEC region; assist SMMEs' internationalization; strengthen their access to markets and financing, and promote innovation as their key competitive advantage. • Continue to implement the APEC principles for voluntary codes of business ethics 	<p>SMEWG</p> <p>SMEWG</p> <p>SMEWG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Start-ups and Young Entrepreneurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support start-ups and young entrepreneurs, including for young women and girls, through SMEWG Young Entrepreneurs Network and other mechanisms, 	PPSTI, SMEWG	2013
Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate women's participation and empowerment in the innovative economy by enhancing business opportunities, fostering engagement in innovation and promoting investment in human capital. 	PPWE, PPSTI, SME WG	2013
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take forward priorities on cross-border student, researcher and education provider mobility to develop cross-border educational cooperation in the APEC 	Economies SOM HRD WG	2013

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	<p>region while taking into consideration the circumstances of individual economies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the implementation of the OECD/INFE Guidelines for Financial Education in Schools and consider the participation in the Financial Literacy Measurement Programme for International Students Assessments (PISA) in 2015. Promote the education of women and girls in the APEC region so that in future they may participate in the innovative economy 	<p>GOS</p> <p>Economies SFOM, HRD WG</p>	2013-2015
Human Resources Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve employment policies and programs that allow workers, including women, to acquire the skills they need for access to employment opportunities. 	Economies HRD WG	2013
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to address health issues across sectors, and take further concrete steps to strengthen health systems and healthcare settings; prioritize access by mothers and children to quality health care, including preventive interventions from pre-natal period and throughout life. Work with stakeholders to identify high-impact investments along the life course that will yield commensurate economic and social returns and report findings in 2015. 	<p>Economies HWG</p> <p>Economies HWG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>Report in 2015</p>
Other Initiatives			
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen APEC energy security to promote energy efficiency and develop cleaner energy sources for sustainable development and reduce carbon emissions. 	Economies EWG, EPWG	2013
Energy Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work to improve sustainability, efficiency, predictability, and transparency of traditional energy markets. Review the current state and prospects of energy markets of the APEC region, with a view to increasing the share of natural gas in the energy mix in order to facilitate the transition to a lower carbon economy without prejudice to other energy sources. 	<p>Economies EWG</p> <p>Economies EWG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate production, trade potential and environmental impact of shale gas and other unconventional natural gas resources. Promote steady investment in energy infrastructure, including natural gas liquefaction facilities, as appropriate for increasing energy security and economic growth in the APEC region. 	<p>Economies EWG</p> <p>Economies EWG, CTI/IEG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Response Mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote activities to improve response to oil and gas emergency situations in the APEC region. 	EWG, EPWG	2013
Nuclear Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the safe and secure use of nuclear energy as a clean energy source in interested economies by sharing expertise, knowledge and best practices, improving nuclear safety standards and coordinating emergency response and preparedness mechanisms. Strengthen cooperation among interested APEC member economies and relevant international organizations in the sphere of peaceful use of nuclear energy. 	<p>Economies EWG</p> <p>Economies EWG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Rationalizing and Phasing-Out Fossil Fuel Subsidies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report annually on progress using the Voluntary Reporting Mechanism Continue to build regional capacity to reform fossil fuel subsidies 	<p>Economies EWG</p> <p>Economies EWG TPTWG</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2013</p>
Reducing Energy Intensity and Carbon Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote technology development and deployment of a low-emission energy supply including carbon capture, storage and use, and renewable energy sources such as bioenergy from sustainable biomass sources. Implement the 2011 APEC Transportation and Energy Ministerial Conference Action Agenda to promote energy efficient and sustainable transport systems development, including municipal and railway transportation, gas and electric vehicles and more fuel-efficient conventional vehicles in order to reduce oil dependency and harmful emissions from transport Share the results of research and analysis and 	Economies EWG	2012-2035

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	develop an Action Plan in order to achieve the aspirational goal to reduce APEC's aggregate energy intensity by 45 per cent by 2035 while noting that individual economies' rates of improvement may differ due to varying domestic circumstances.		
Sustainable development in mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the sustainable development in mining agenda to promote regional integration, foster investment, increase social responsibility, and promote innovation and environment advances in mining and metallurgy. Work to progress the MTF's annual work plan endorsed in 2012, which includes plans to advance structural reforms in mining and metallurgy, encourage green initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability of resources, and to serve as a platform for member economies to exchange information on new technologies in mining. Continue to promote the 10 APEC Mining Policy Principles 	MTF	2012-2015
Anti-Corruption and Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue efforts to implement measures outlined in the Santiago Commitment to Fight Corruption and Ensure Transparency and the APEC Course of Action on Fighting Corruption, and the ACTWG Medium Term Work Plan, including through tools such as the APEC Principles for Financial/Asset Disclosure by Public Officials. Continue implementation of the APEC anti-corruption and open government commitments by 2014 through deeper cooperation in APEC. Implement measures outlined in the 2012 Leaders' Declaration on Fighting Corruption and Ensuring Transparency (Annex E) including commitments on enhancing transparency and accountability, open governance and capacity building efforts to combat corruption. 	<p>ACT WG Economies</p> <p>ACT WG</p> <p>ACT WG Economies</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>2012-2014</p> <p>2013</p>
Economic and Technical Cooperation			
Strengthen ECOTECH Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver a more strategic, goal-oriented, cross-cutting 	SCE	2013

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	approach to economic and technical cooperation activities across APEC economies.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage efforts to mainstream ocean related issues in supporting regional economic integration in line with the Leaders' Growth Strategy. 	SCE, Economies	2013
Strengthening APEC			
Enhancing the Role of the Private Sector in APEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase constructive involvement of the private sector in APEC processes and encourage further substantial collaboration with ABAC and other stakeholders. 	Economies ABAC	Ongoing
Policy Support Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend the mandate of the PSU for an additional seven years from 2014 to 2020 with a mid-term review to examine its strategic direction. 	PSU, APEC Secretariat	2017 (mid-term review)
Ongoing Work to be Reported Annually (from 2011 and 2010 Taskings)			
APEC Leaders' Growth Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to implement the Growth Strategy, focusing on the five attributes of balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative, and secure growth; and follow-up on the Action Plan that encompasses work elements on structural reform, human resource and entrepreneurship development, green growth, knowledge-based economy, and human security. Review progress toward implementing the Growth Strategy in 2015. 	Economies SOM CTI, EC, SCE	Toward 2015
Supply Chain Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish within the economies that are part of the pathfinder commercially useful <i>de minimis</i> values in economies that will exempt low-value shipments from customs duties and streamline entry documentation requirements. 	Economies CTI/SCCP	2012-2015
Improving Ease of Doing Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out capacity building to assist economies progress toward the aspirational APEC-wide target of making it 25% cheaper, faster and easier to do business by 2015. 	EC, SCE, CTI/SCCP	2012-2015
Facilitating Regional Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the APEC Travel Facilitation Initiative to make travel in the region faster, easier and more secure. Continue efforts to enhance the APEC Business Travel 	SCE, CTI/BMG, CTI/SCCP, CTTF, TPTWG, TWG	2012-2017
		CTI/BMG/SCCP	2012 Beyond

Work Program	Actions Required	Responsibility	Timeline
	<p>Card program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work over the long-term towards expediting the flow of growing numbers of travelers in the Asia-Pacific region and facilitating departures and arrivals for international passengers, while ensuring the security of the overall travel system. 	SOM CTTF CTI/BMG, CTI/SCCP, TPTWG, TWG	2012 Beyond
Regulatory Coherence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make progress on a strategic framework to achieve convergence on regulatory approval procedures for medical products by 2020. 	SOM CTI/LSIF HWG	2012-2020
Human Resource and Entrepreneurship Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the “Action Plan for Developing Human Resources, Vigorously Promoting Employment, and Achieving Inclusive Growth”. • Implement the “Strategy for Reinvigorating Economic Growth with Dual Engine: SME and Asia-Pacific Economy”. 	<p>SOM HRDWG</p> <p>SOM SMEWG</p>	<p>Toward 2014</p> <p>2013</p>
Increasing Forest Cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance work on meeting the aspirational goal in the Sydney Declaration of increasing forest cover in the region by at least 20 million hectares of all types of forests by 2020. 	Economies	By 2020