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# APEC Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP)

Clark Freeport Zone, Philippines  
27-29 January 2015

# Background

- ▶ The APEC Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP) was established in 1994.
- ▶ Its main objectives are the following:
  - to simplify and harmonise regional customs procedures to ensure that goods and services move efficiently, effectively and safely through the region, and
  - to reconcile and facilitate border control.

# Introduction

- ▶ The APEC 2015 host theme is “Building Inclusive Economies, Building a Better World” and enumerated the four priority areas:
  - (i) enhancing the regional economic integration agenda;
  - (ii) fostering the participation of SMEs in regional and global markets;
  - (iii) investing in human capital development; and
  - (iv) building sustainable and resilient communities.
- ▶ The APEC Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP) held its first Meeting for 2015 from 27–29 January 2015 in Clark, the Philippines.

# WORKPLAN FOR 2015 IN RESPONSE TO 2015 APEC PRIORITIES

**A. SUPPORT TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM**

**B. ADVANCING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION**

Achieving the Bogor Goals

Global Value Chain Cooperation and SME's participation

**C. STRENGTHING COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTIVITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEV'T.**

Supply Chain Connectivity Framework

Implementation of the APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015-2025

**D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEV'T., REFORM AND GROWTH**

Digital Economy

# I. PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR 2015 IN RESPONSE TO 2015 APEC PRIORITIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO APEC LEADERS/ MINISTERS/SOM DECISIONS OF 2014

- **A) SUPPORT TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADING SYSTEM**



- – endorsed in principle the APEC Trade Repository (APEC-TR)

- **Note:** APEC-TR is a single online reference point on the trade and tariff regimes of APEC member economies, as well as other information that are relevant to APEC's stakeholders engaged in cross-border trade.

## B. ADVANCING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

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  - 1.) Achieving the Bogor Goals

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  - i) Single Window*

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  - ▶ To further promote interoperability between and among single window systems, member economies were requested to verify information and provide additional inputs to the 2014 Single Window Questionnaire.
      - ▶ The questionnaire contains data on cross-border data exchange, synergy with advance technologies and integrated border management.

- *ii) Authorized Economic Operator*

- – endorsed the proposed study on AEO Best Practices in APEC, which will be undertaken by the PSU.

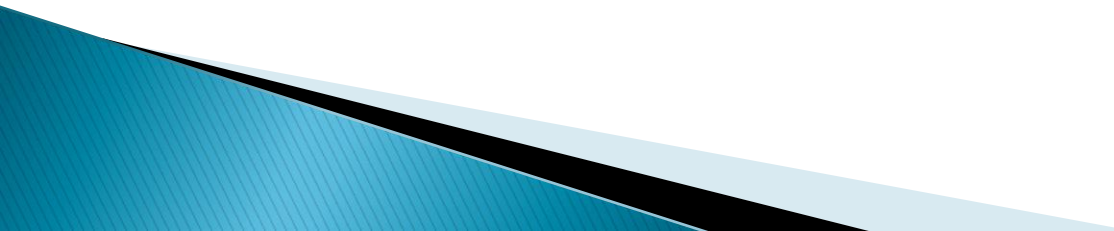
- **Note:** The initiative supports the implementation of the APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015–2015 and the APEC Customs 3M (Mutual Recognition of Control, Mutual Assistance of Enforcement and Mutual Sharing of Information) Strategic Framework as endorsed by APEC Leaders in 2014, and in advancing the work of the SCCP AEO Working Group under the AEO Action Plan.

- *iii) Collective Action Plan (CAP)*
- ▶ The SCCP agreed to make efforts to achieve remaining 6 CAP items by 2020.



- **2. Global Value Chain Cooperation and Fostering SMEs' Participation in Regional and Global Markets**

- deliberated and shared preliminary observations on the SOM Discussion Paper, “Towards an APEC Action Plan for Cooperation to Foster SME's Participation in Regional and Global Market (APEC SME Action Plan)”.

- ▶ **C. STRENGTHING COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTIVITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**
    - **1) Implementation of the Supply–Chain Connectivity Framework and Action Plan**
    - – addressed the Supply Chain Framework chokepoints relevant to customs through capacity building activities
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- ▶ ***2. Contributions to the implementation of the APEC Connectivity Blueprint for 2015–2025***
  - ***i) Collaboration with APEC Committees, Sub-Fora and Working Groups***
  - – end-to-end review of APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC) that was conducted by the Business Mobility Group (BMG) that developed recommendations on managing the growth of the scheme, which will be discussed by BMG in 2015.

▶ ***ii) Passenger Name Record (PNR)***

- – a workshop on Advance PNR will be conducted in 2016 to discuss the benefits of border control on agencies and airlines and implementation challenges on PNR.

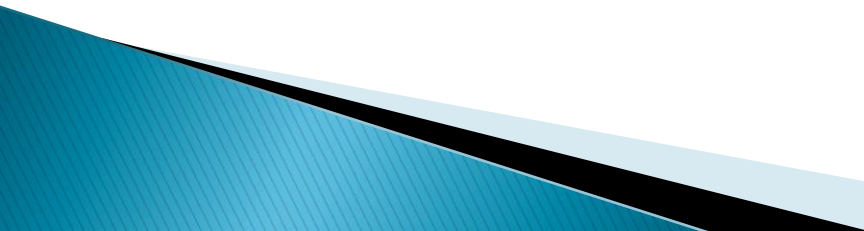
▶ D. CONTRIBUTIONS TO INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC REFORM AND GROWTH, IN PARTICULAR, APEC'S LEADERS' GROWTH STRATEGY GROWTH

- 1) Digital Economy

- i) *Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)*

- to update the IPR Border Enforcement Checksheet to show the latest status on IPR border enforcement in the APEC region.

- ii) *Cross-border E-Commerce*

- – a Workshop on Customs Control over Cross-Border E-Commerce will be conducted in April/May 2015 in China.
  - – The objective of the workshop is to increase awareness on the trends of cross-border e-commerce development, as well as share experience and practices among APEC economies and initiate rules and regulations to policymakers among APEC economies.
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▶ **E. OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING APEC-WIDE INITIATIVES ON HUMAN SECURITY, FOOD SECURITY, APEC REFORM, GENDER AND STREAMLINING**

◦ **1) Wildlife Trafficking**

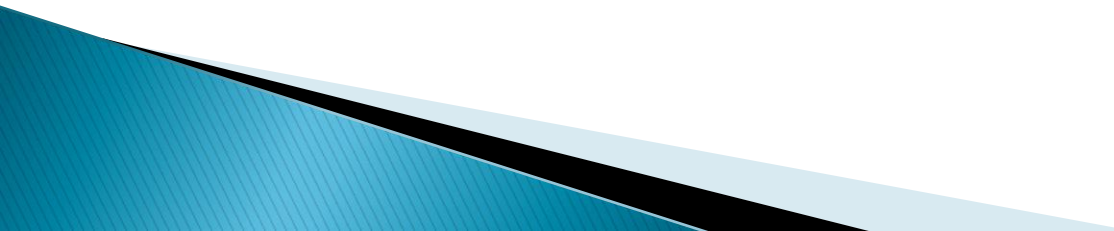
- Recognizing the critical conservation concern and national security threat of wildlife trafficking, the SCCP agreed to conduct a workshop in 2015.

◦ **2) Cooperation between SCCP and EGILAT in 2015**

- – to work intersessionally on the suggested tripartite workshop of the APEC Expert's Group on Illegal Logging and Associated Trade (EGILAT) with APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group (ACTWG).



## II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES/DELIVERABLES FOR 2015

- ▶ Intersessional work:
  - ▶ Completion of survey (2014 Single Window Questionnaire)
  - ▶ Review of the CAP
  - ▶ Inputs on the proposed guidelines on cross-border customs transit (Chokepoint 8)
  - ▶ Updating of the IPR Border Enforcement Checksheet
  - ▶ Development of a concept note for a workshop on the implementation of the adopted guidelines of Chokepoint 8
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- ▶ Contributions to:
- ▶ SOM Discussion Paper, “Towards an APEC Action Plan for Cooperation to Foster SME’s Participation in Regional and Global Market (APEC SME Action Plan)”
- ▶ APEC Trade Repository (APEC-TR)
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## II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES/DELIVERABLES FOR 2015

- ▶ **Continuing activities:**

- ▶ APEC Customs Business Dialogue (August 2015, Cebu City)



- ▶ **Implementation:**

- ▶ Conduct a Workshop on Customs Control over Cross-Border E-Commerce
- ▶ Conduct a ACTWG-EGILAT-SCCP Workshop on Wildlife Trafficking
- ▶ Conduct of PSU Study on APEC Best Practices on AEO Programmes



- ▶ **Endorsement:**

- ▶ Endorse the concept note on “Trusted Trader Program”

**THE END**