

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Chemical Dialogue

Overview & Regulatory Forum

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Overview

- **What is APEC & who's involved?**
- **Committees & Structure**
- **Chemical Dialogue**
- **Work Program**
- **Regulators Forum**
- **Upcoming Activities and Issues**

APEC

- **Economic cooperation, trade & investment**
- **Non-binding commitments**
- **Consensus-based**

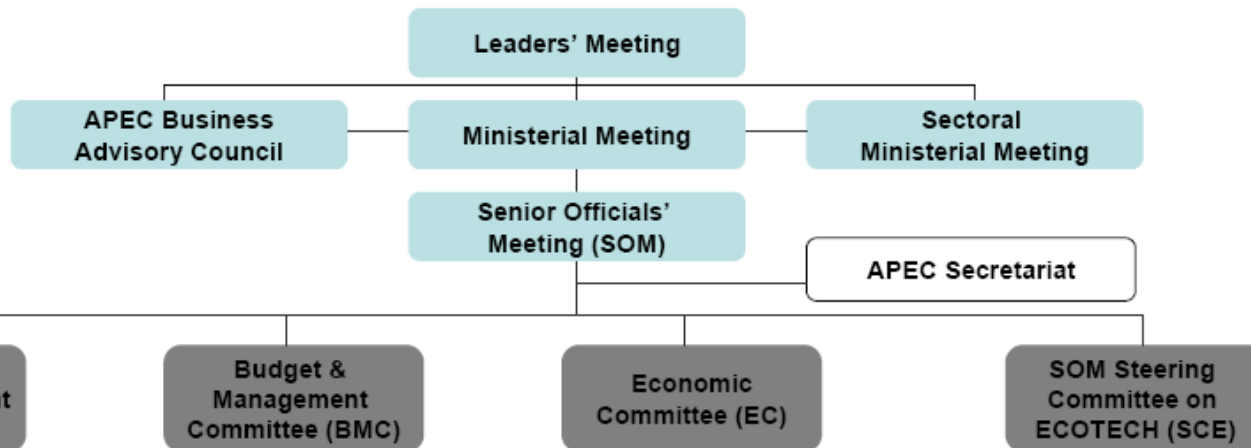
21 Member Economies

Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Peru; The Republic of the Philippines; The Russian Federation; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States of America; Vietnam.



Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation

ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION



• since 1994
(called RTL 1992)

• since 1994
(called BAC before 1999)

• since 1995
(called ETI 1991)

• since 1998
(called ESC before 2006)

Sub-committees/Experts Groups

- Sub-Committee on Standards & Conformance
- Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures
- Market Access Group
- Group on Services
- Investment Experts Group
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Government Procurement
- Business Mobility Group
- Electronic Commerce Steering Group

Experts Group

- Competition Policy & Law Group

Special Task Groups

- Anti-Corruption Task Force (since 2005)
- Counter Terrorism Task Force (since 2003)
- Gender Focal Point Network (called SOM Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Gender Integration, 1999 - Dec 2002)
- Mining Taskforce (since 2007)
- Task Force on Emergency Preparedness (since 2005)

Working Groups

- Agricultural Technical Cooperation (since 2000)
- Energy (since 1990)
- Fisheries (since 1991)
- Health Working Group (since 2007)
- Human Resource Development (since 1990)
- Industrial Science and Technology (since 1990)
- Marine Resources Conservation (since 1990)
- Small & Medium Enterprises (since 2000)
- Telecommunications & Information (since 1990)
- Tourism (since 1991)
- Transportation (since 1991)

Sectoral Ministerial Meetings Held (1992- 2008)

• Education	1992, 2000, 2004, 2008
• Energy	1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007
• Environment Sustainable Development	1994, 1996, 1997
• Finance	1994 and annually
• Health	2003, 2006, 2007
• Human Resource Development	1996, 1997, 1999, 2001
• Mining	2004, 2005, 2007
• Ocean-related	2002, 2005
• Regional Science & Technology Co-op	1995, 1996, 1998, 2004
• Small & Medium Enterprises	1994 and annually
• Structural Reform	2008
• Telecommunications & Information	1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2008
• Trade	1994, and annually from 1996
• Transportation	1995, 1997, 2002, 2004, 2007
• Women's Affairs	1998, 2002
• Tourism	2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008

Industry Dialogues

- Automotive Dialogue (since 1997)
- Chemical Dialogue (since 2002)
- High Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (since 2001)
- Life Sciences Innovation Forum (since 2003)

Chemical Dialogue (CD) 2009-2010 Workplan

- **Implementation of GHS**
- **REACH Implementation**
- **Best Practices for Chemicals Regulation**
- **Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)**
- **Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation in the Chemicals Sector**

Regulators' Forum Objectives

- Facilitate risk reduction and the sound management of chemicals across the APEC region and as an APEC contribution to broader SAICM implementation;
- Share information and knowledge on chemicals management more broadly in the region with the increased and direct involvement of regulators;
- Bridge principles and practice – sharing tools and experience with best practices and plan opportunities for collaboration to address common concerns; and
- Discuss nexus between chemicals management and competitiveness, including SMEs, to help facilitate trade in concert with protecting human health and the environment.

Regulators' Forum Workplan

- Create Sub-fora satellite website to act as clearing house of information for regulatory reform and chemicals management and initiatives;
- Engage participation of regulatory community in capacity-building and expert information exchange during upcoming Best Regulatory Practices Workshop;
- Continue economy exchange and update on sound management of chemicals practices; and
- Develop and disseminate checklist/survey information on chemicals management needs, priorities and opportunities for exchange per economy.

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