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APEC Technical Assistance and Training Facility (TATF)

Project Objectives

- Support APEC and the APEC Secretariat in furthering regional economic integration
- Support the Bogor Goals of free and open trade
- Help APEC become a more strategically managed regional institution

Indicative Work Areas

Regional Economic Integration

- Trade Facilitation Action Plan
- Investment Facilitation Action Plan
- Leaders' Agenda on Structural Reform
- Creation of a free trade area for the Asia-Pacific region
- Strengthening financial markets

Strengthening APEC Secretariat

- Professional capacity building
- Outreach
- IT support for international communications

Sector Technical Assistance

- Private sector engagement
- Biotechnology
- Environment
- Health
- Disaster management
- Gender issues

The United States Government (USG) launched the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Technical Assistance and Training Facility (TATF) in October 2008, underlining the USG's commitment to assist APEC in achieving its objectives. APEC is the premier venue for the USG to engage the Asia-Pacific region on a wide range of economic and other issues.

APEC member economies represent 41 percent of the world's population, 50 percent of world trade, and 60 percent of world production. The APEC TATF, a 4.5-year project managed by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and co-funded with the U.S. Department of State, will help the APEC Secretariat support its member economies achieve the APEC objectives of promoting economic growth, fostering a secure environment in which prosperous societies can flourish, and improving the lives of people throughout the region.



(SOURCE: USAID)

In its 2007 Reform Agenda, APEC acknowledged that meeting its objectives would require a stronger, more professional and efficient APEC Secretariat. The TATF will work with the APEC Secretariat to build the capacity of the

Secretariat staff to design, implement, and evaluate activities on a daily basis. TATF staff will work closely with the Secretariat's new project management and policy support units, as well as with its public relations and IT sections, to support, as requested, elements of the Secretariat's Operational Plan, including increasing cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat.

Key Areas of Support

Facility activities will support APEC's priority objectives of regional economic integration, creation of a Free Trade Area for the Asia-Pacific region and financial market reform. It will also help to implement APEC's second Trade Facilitation Action Plan, which covers customs, standards and conformance, electronic commerce and business mobility; its Investment Facilitation Plan; and, the Leaders' Agenda on Structural Reform, targeting achievements in competition policy, regulatory reform, public sector management, corporate governance, and economic and legal infrastructure.

The TATF may also undertake projects in other areas as requested, such as energy and environment, human resource development, regional security, transparency, and intellectual property rights.

Implementers

The DAI/Nathan Group manages the APEC TATF and draws upon the expertise of a variety of members and partners.

Consortium members

- Development & Training Services (dTS)
- Associates for International Resources and Development (AIRD)
- Checchi and Company Consulting
- Cluster Competitiveness Group
- Grant Thornton
- Impaq International LLC
- Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services

Regional/functional partners

- Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide in Australia
- Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)
- Kenan Institute Asia (K.I. Asia)
- Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- Enterprise & Development Consultants (EDC)
- APOYO Consultoria
- Pacific Disaster Center (PDC)
- Michigan State University Institute of International Agriculture
- International Resources Group (IRG)

Facility activities will be developed in consultation with the APEC Secretariat and will be approved through APEC's procedures. Assistance may be delivered in the form of policy studies, assessments, capacity building, training, and expert advice.

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