



# Lessons from APEC

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# History and Organization

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to build the capacity of APEC members to strengthen domestic and regional energy security and lower the carbon intensity of energy supply and use across the region, facilitated by information and data exchanges, joint research and development, and open trade and investment.



50<sup>th</sup> APEC EWG, Honolulu, Hawaii

- ▶ Energy Working Group Founded in 1990; Just Held 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- ▶ Supported by:
  - APERC founded in 1996
  - APSEC founded in 2014
- ▶ Four Expert Groups –
  - Expert Group on Energy Efficiency and Conservation
  - Expert Group on New and Renewable Energy
  - Expert Group on Energy Data and Analysis
  - Expert Group on Clean Fossil Fuels
- ▶ Two Task Forces –
  - Low Carbon Model Towns
  - Energy Resilience

# Work Program

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- ▶ **Achieve greater energy security through the use of a wide diversity of energy supplies that are developed in a safe, efficient and environmentally sustainable manner;**
- ▶ **Rationalize and phase out inefficient fossil-fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption, while recognizing the importance of providing those in need with essential energy services;**
- ▶ **Continue to be an innovation hub with a skilled workforce for cutting edge renewable and energy efficiency technologies and supportive policies in areas of power generation and distribution, industry, transport, buildings and appliances;**
- ▶ **Lead the world as a region where energy goods, services and investment flow freely; and**
- ▶ **Transition to a lower carbon economy through the continued development of cleaner energy sources and technologies and improved energy efficiency through commercially viable technologies, and effective policies and practices adopted by an ever increasing number of cities and communities.**



# Lessons Learnt

- **APEC's diversity is its strength - 21 member economies, various stages of economic development includes strong private sector consultation and strong Ministry engagement.**
- **Consensus based, policy making forum, reinforced by economic and technical cooperation to support agreed goals and supporting reforms.**
- **Culture of APEC a asset - cooperative, collegial, technical as well as political at the highest-level – deep relationships built through frank dialogue and cooperation on common challenges among members.**



# Lessons Learnt

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- **Central tenet free trade and investment, regional economic integration, sustainable and inclusive growth; APEC is a remarkably transparent organisation.**
- **APEC does not have a large central specialized Secretariat.**
- **APEC is now a middle-income region, looking for a low carbon sustainable future achieved by growing together.**



# Opportunities for APEC and Japan

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