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[Economic Committee]**

Focus Area	Completed Initiatives	Current Initiatives	Planned Initiatives
1. To develop secure digital infrastructure	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SELI Work Plan on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) aims to strengthen the economic legal infrastructure of member economies in the digital world by developing a secure ODR platform. 	•
2. To promote interoperable and secure platforms	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SELI Work Plan on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) may include design of a sustainable ODR platform which is interoperable and secure for use across APEC member economies. 	•
3. To develop and ensure universal broadband access	•	•	•
4. To adopt holistic (whole-of-government) government policy frameworks for Internet Economy	•	•	•

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5. To promote a cloud-first agenda for government	•	•	•
6. To ensure regional regulatory equivalence regimes : in data transfers and privacy, in data protection, in transactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEPR - some of the material in the 2014 AEPR on Good Regulatory Practice is of relevance to this issue • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SELI Work Plan on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) provides for harmonization of the relevant laws and development of common procedural rules, and may include design of an ODR platform which meets highest standards of data security, privacy, integrity, and preservation as well as fraud detection and prevention. 	•
7. To promote seamless cross-border data flows	•	•	•
8. To strive for common digital IDs	•	•	•
9. To establish baseline Internet Economy measurements	•	•	•

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10. To advance open data programmes	•	•	•
11. To equip all APEC citizens to be digital literate participants in the Internet Economy	•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SELI Work Plan on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) provides for capacity building as well as leverage private sector and academic support. The Work Plan is designed to reduce risks for MSMEs by enforcing contracts and delivering affordable and accessible justice across borders. 	•

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<p>Initiatives that do not fall under the 11 focus areas indicated above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEPRs – 2015 on SR and Innovation; 2016 on SR and Services. Both made recommendations of relevance to the internet/digital economy discussion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAASR – 2016-2020 mandate for structural reform initiatives across the 3 pillars of RAASR. Individual Action Plans now in place for all 21 economies, with specific domestic reforms listed – some of which are in the internet/digital area. Regarding the External Quantitative Indicators developed to track RAASR progress horizontally, one of the indicators - WEF Inclusive Growth and Development Indicators for Basic Services and Infrastructure – includes access to digital infrastructure. • AEPR – 2017 on SR and Human Capital Development. Will explore connected issues around HCD the internet/digital economy. • EoDB – 10% average improvement from 2016-2018 across the 5 priority areas of starting a business, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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		<p>getting credit, trading across borders, dealing with permits, and enforcing contracts. There are some links to internet/digital: (i) under enforcing contracts, there is one new indicator there called “quality of judicial processes”. This index is higher if countries report the availability of electronic case management systems for judges and lawyers, as well as the ability to file initial complaints, serve initial complaints and pay court fees electronically; (ii) under getting credit, indicators include “strength of legal rights index” which includes one feature that relates to “having a collateral registry with modern features such as those that allow secured creditors to register, search, amend or cancel security interests online”. It also includes “credit information index”, which one of the</p>	

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		<p>features is that “banks and other financial institutions have online access to the credit information”; (iii) additionally, in other priority areas like starting a business, trading across borders, and dealing with construction permits, some of the good practices that have been promoted to reduce time of procedures are to use electronic services, specially associated with one-stop shops/single windows, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition Policy – including of relevance to AHSGIE: (a) ensuring that workable competition exists within the sectors, including the internet/digital economy, to avoid markets which are controlled by incumbents and where innovation is stifled; and (b) promoting technological neutrality of regulations so that competition from future technologies is not inhibited. 	

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