

## APEC Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) Work Plan 2023

### Introduction

1. In 2023, PPFS will build on the APEC 2023 theme *Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All*, with specific focus on *interconnectedness, innovation, and inclusivity*, and the agriculture sub-theme of *Together Achieving Sustainable, Equitable, and Resilient Agri-Food Systems*. PPFS will continue the work on the initiatives and projects outlined in the *Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 (Roadmap)*, adopted in 2021, and its *Implementation Plan*, adopted in 2022, to strengthen regional food security.
2. We will share and promote best practices in innovation, science-based and risk-proportionate policies, and climate-smart agriculture in a regional effort to address the food security, climate change and sustainability nexus in ways that are immediately accessible, adaptable, customizable, and achievable across the APEC region.
3. Further, we will advance the *Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economy*, adopted in 2022, to promote APEC's sustainability objectives through comprehensive activities. We also commit to addressing regional food security through a holistic approach with economic, social, and environmental components to achieve balanced, inclusive, and sustainable growth.
4. We will draw upon and share current practices and approaches that improve the quality of life for all members of society and advances gender equality. In addition, we will encourage continued economic inclusion and empowerment of MSMEs, women, and other groups with untapped economic potential, such as Indigenous Peoples as appropriate, people with disabilities, and those from remote and rural communities, while also promoting the role of youth.
5. We will ensure the private sector's role in PPFS by actively seeking the participation of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) and private sector input in the execution of 2023 deliverables. To that end, we will engage private sector representatives throughout the APEC region to share their experiences in advancing sustainability objectives while responding to environmental challenges and disruptions facing the region.
6. We also recall the *Putrajaya Vision 2040*, adopted in 2020, for an open, dynamic, resilient, and peaceful Asia-Pacific Community, and will renew our collective commitments to action ensuring agricultural food trade, agricultural sustainability, and innovation under the *Aotearoa Plan of Action*.

## **PPFS Deliverable for 2023**

### **1. Field guides**

Throughout 2023, PPFS will host a number of rigorous, and highly concentrated knowledge-sharing initiatives in the form of workshops, field trips, and development of consensus-based materials. We propose that the presentations and findings of these activities provide the basis of a compendium of best practices and practical applications after the conclusion of each workshop. By the end of the 2023 APEC year, this proposal would result in a collection of reports or materials—or what we propose to refer to as “field guides”—that would be accessible, adaptable, customizable, and achievable across the APEC region. In keeping with the APEC review and clearance process, each of these field guides would be circulated for comment and, upon reaching consensus, be permitted to be published on the APEC website. The United States will be following this approach with their self-funded workshops and invites other economies to consider adding to the collection of field guides through other workshops proposed for the 2023 APEC year.

In order to strengthen and expand the whole-of-system approach within APEC all relevant stakeholders—particularly across fora and sub-fora focused on food and ag systems—are also invited to contribute to the compilation of the field guides, including the Agricultural Technical Cooperation Working Group (ATCWG), the High-Level Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Biotechnology (HLPDAB), the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG), and Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance (SCSC). (See 3. Workshops for list of proposed field guides.)

### **2. Development of a Principles Document**

In keeping with the U.S. host theme of *Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All* and, more specifically, the agricultural sub-theme of *Together Achieving Sustainable, Equitable, and Resilient Agri-Food Systems*, the United States proposes the development of a high-level deliverable in the form of a Principles Document. The proposed document would represent the APEC community’s commitment to a common set of principles that can aid member economies in developing resilient agri-food systems and guide regional cooperation. The Principles Document would support and help drive regional conversations about sustainable development, economic security, environmental commitments, and trade through the agricultural and food lens as APEC collectively moves towards enhancing regional food security.

The proposed deliverable would be separate but complementary to the Roadmap and Implementation Plan, undergirding the associated actions and guiding future activities. Building off the momentum generated throughout 2021 and 202—and shifting into the “year of action” regarding our commitments—it is important to acknowledge and solidify our understanding of principles to facilitating and promoting sustainable agriculture and food security.

The development of the Principles Document will continue to build on the cooperative guidance from, but not limited to, APEC’s ATCWG, HLPDAB, SCSC, OFWG, and ABAC. Because these stakeholders were instrumental in the development of the Roadmap, their insight and contribution to the Principles Document is equally important.

### 3. Development of an APEC Ministerial Declaration on Food Security

In anticipation of the Food Security Ministerial Meeting in SOM3, the United States will prepare and lead the development of a 2023 Ministerial Declaration.

The process of developing the Declaration is as follows:

Date	Event	Action
15 February 2023	SOM1 PPFS Plenary Meeting Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of the proposed PPFS 2023 Work Plan.</li> </ul>
19 February 2023	SOM1 PPFS Plenary Meeting Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and discussion of the proposed outline for the Food Security Ministerial Meeting Declaration.</li> </ul>
April 2023	Circulation of Zero Draft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collection of first round of comments.</li> </ul>
May/June/July 2023	Drafting sessions for PPFS Ministerial Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-3 rounds of comments.</li> <li>• 2-3 virtual drafting meetings.</li> </ul>
August 2023	Finalization and Endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPFS SOM3 Plenary</li> <li>• Joint Meeting (PPFS, ATCWG, SCSC, HLPDAB, OFWG, EGILAT)</li> <li>• Food Security Ministerial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize draft at PPFS Plenary.</li> <li>• Present final version during SOM3 Joint Meeting.</li> <li>• Endorse final version during SOM3 Food Security Ministerial.</li> </ul>

### 4. PPFS Joint Meeting

PPFS will convene a Joint Meeting with HLPDAB, ATCWG, SCSC, OFWG and EGILAT in SOM3.

### 5. Workshops and Events

#### PPFS

- SOM1 (February)
  - Climate Side Event
  - Ag-APEC Kick-off Event and Reception
  - *PPFS-ATCWG* Joint Workshop: on Reducing GHGs: “A Three-Tiered Approach to Decreasing Agriculturally Generated Greenhouse Gas Emissions in APEC” (Field Trip and Field Guide)
  - *PPFS -ATCWG* Joint Workshop: Approaches to Decreasing Agriculturally Generated Greenhouse Gas Emissions in APEC (Field Guide)
- SOM3 (August)

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  - *PPFS* Workshop: Harnessing Market-Based Incentive Policies for Climate and Food Security (Field Guide)
  - *PPFS* Workshop: Policy Interactions of Climate, Food Security, and Open Markets (Field Guide)

#### Related APEC Sub-fora

- Pre-SOM1 (January 17-18)
  - *ATCWG* Virtual Workshop “Tackling Climate Change Challenges with Agriculture Technology and Innovation”
- SOM1 (February 16)
  - *OFWG* Workshop on Prioritizing Capacity Building Efforts: Improving Coastal Resilience in the APEC Region
- SOM2 (May)
  - *FSCF PTIN* Workshop: “Risk Communication Related to Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)” (Field Guide)
  - *FSCF* Field Trip (TBD)
  - *FSCF PTIN* Workshop: “Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) and Laboratory Capacity Building of Environmental Testing for Foodborne Pathogens Workshop”
  - *FSCF* Public-Private Innovation Dialogue
- SOM3 (August)
  - CONCEPT NOTES STILL UNDER DEVELOPMENT
    - *ATCWG* Workshop: “FLW Reduction and Measurement of Hospitality, Food Service, and Retail Industries” (Field Trip and Field Guide)
    - *ATCWG* Workshop: “Principles and Metrics for Resilient and Inclusive Sustainable Productivity Growth” (Field Guide)
    - *HLPDAB Proposed Guidance Document on Regional Regulatory Cooperation on Agricultural Biotechnology*
  - *HLPDAB* Early Career Researchers and Innovative Start-ups Symposium
  - *HLPDAB* Workshop on Reducing Redundancies and Facilitating Efficiencies: Regulatory and Policy Solution for the Oversight of Agricultural Biotechnologies
  - *HLPDAB* Field Trips to Davis, CA, and St. Louis, MO on Agricultural Biotechnology Innovations for a Resilient Future
- Throughout the Host Year
  - *HLPDAB* THREE Virtual Seminars and ONE Workshop on Animal Biotechnology