

APEC Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) Work Plan 2024

Introduction

In 2024, PPFS will build on the APEC 2024 theme “*Empower. Include. Grow.*”, specifically under the third priority “*sustainable growth for resilient development*”, which seeks to promote, among others, food security and sustainable and inclusive growth in the region. Throughout the discussion and activities planned for 2024, PPFS will continue the work on the initiatives and projects outlined in the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 (Roadmap) and its Implementation Plan, to transform the food system and enhance food security among APEC economies.

The chore of the PPFS under Peru’s chair will emphasize the need for collective actions among the economies to promote the reduction of food waste and loss (FLW) in the Asia-Pacific region, in order to strengthen the food system to contribute to food security and improve nutrition for APEC’s population.

We will generate and share information to be used by APEC member economies to formulate and implement policies and programs to prevent and reduce food loss and waste in food systems, in order to achieve sustainable food systems for food security in the region. This work will be completed within the framework of the implementation of the APEC Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030, the Putrajaya Vision 2040 and the Aotearoa Plan of Action.

We will also foster inclusivity and 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, and share knowledge and experiences and by making recommendations on how APEC can unlock the economic potential of diverse groups of people within the APEC food system.

We will promote the private sector’s role in PPFS by enhancing the participation of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) in the execution of 2024 deliverables, so we can ensure the role of private sector representatives in APEC’s activities in relation to food security, especially in the APEC Policy Partnership on Food Security.

PPFS Deliverables for 2024

1. Principles for Preventing and Reducing Food Loss and Waste

Reducing food loss and waste brings significant advantages to economies and benefits people. It helps enhance food security, reduce greenhouse gasses emissions, combat climate change, ease the burden on waste management, conserve land and water resources, among others. So, prioritizing the reduction and prevention of food loss and food waste becomes a priority, since these issues have negative impacts on social, economic and environmental aspects.

In this matter, it is crucial to the APEC Economies to adopt and implement a set of context-appropriate Principles to enhance our collaborative and individual efforts to improve food security, foster resilience, and enhance sustainability and equity in agri-food systems. These principles will be designed to serve as a foundation for a concerted effort to address this pressing issue, in order to facilitate economies’ ability to identify practical context specific strategies that can be adopted by member economies to

prevent and reduce food loss and waste as discussed in the key action areas of the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 and its Implementation Plan.

The process of developing these Principles for Preventing and Reducing Food Loss and Waste will be as follows:

Date	Event	Action
24 February 2024	SOM1 PPFS Plenary Meeting Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the proposed PPFS 2024 Work Plan
25 February 2024	SOM1 PPFS Plenary Meeting Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the proposed outline for the Principles
March 2024	Circulation of Zero Draft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of first round of comments and suggestions • Share it with the ATCWG, HLPDAB and OFWG
April/May/June/July 2024	Drafting sessions for the Principles	At least 3 virtual drafting meetings
August 2024	Finalization and Endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd PPFS Plenary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present and endorse the final version during PPFS Plenary and the FSMM

2. Development of the APEC Ministerial Declaration on Food Security

As APEC host economy in 2024, Peru will organize the APEC Food Security Ministerial Meeting (FSMM) in August 2024 in the city of Trujillo. In anticipation of this event, the Peru PPFS Chair and PPFS group will prepare and lead the development of a 2024 Ministerial Declaration for the endorsement of the Food Security Ministers.

The process of developing the Declaration will be as follows:

Date	Event	Action
24 February 2024	SOM1 PPFS Plenary Meeting Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the proposed PPFS 2024 Work Plan
25 February 2024	SOM1 PPFS Plenary Meeting Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the proposed outline for the Food Security Ministerial Meeting Declaration for discussion
April 2024	Circulation of Zero Draft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of first round of comments and suggestions
May/June/July 2024	Drafting sessions for Food Security Ministerial Declaration	3 virtual drafting meetings

August 2024	Finalization and Endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd PPFS Plenary • Food Security Ministerial Meeting (FSMM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize draft (text agreed) at PPFS Plenary • Endorse final version during FSMM
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3. Review of the PPFS Terms of Reference related to public-private partnership engagement

The current PPFS's Terms of Reference (ToR) adopted on January 1, 2021, will expire on December 31, 2025. The ToR must be renewed by APEC Senior Officials prior to the expiration date otherwise the PPFS will cease to function as an APEC subforum, the PPFS will need to agree to an endorsed ToR during APEC 2025, which will be hosted by Korea.

The need for this year's review of how public-private partnership engagement is addressed in the TOR is established under 18b of the APEC Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 Implementation Plan.

This activity will be hosted by the United States in cooperation with Peru, Korea, and ABAC. In SOM1, we will hold an informal discussion among delegates and ABAC to review current ToR language and a proposed review plan. Intersessionally, virtual discussions will be conducted among public and private sector representatives to brainstorm ways to improve collaboration within PPFS. In SOM3, a professional moderator would be hired to facilitate discussions that promote working-level, public-private partnership and discover ways to re-engage the private sector in the future PPFS.

4. Workshops and Events

Event	Date
SOM1, Lima, Peru	
1 st PPFS Plenary Meeting (2 days plenary (3 hrs.))	24 -25 February 2024
Side event: Dialogue of PPFS ToR	26 February 2024
SOM3, Food Security Ministerial Meeting and related events, Trujillo, Peru	
Workshop on preventing and reducing food loss and waste (FLW) to achieve sustainable food systems in APEC economies (PPFS 01 2023)	12 August 2024
Field trip related to the workshop on FLW (PPFS 01 2023)	13 August 2024
Workshop on Indigenous Research Network: The Power of Inclusivity (PPFS-ATC 01 2023S)	14 August 2024
Side event: Dialogue of PPFS ToR	15 August 2024
2 nd PPFS Plenary Meeting (1 day plenary)	16 August 2024
PPFS Joint Meeting (PPFS, HLPDAB, ATCWG, and OFWG)	17 August 2024
Food Security Ministerial Meeting (FSMM)	18 August 2024
Other Workshops	

2nd APEC Seminar on Best Practices and Applications of Digitalization
and Innovation in Food Supply Chain (PPFS 03 2023A)

October 2024