



Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation

Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) Plenary Meeting Day (1)

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Agenda Item [IV] – Discussion on Terms of Reference

Scope and Desired Outcomes of the Proposed Review

Implementation Plan of the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 Thailand 2022

18b) Review the functioning and terms of reference of the PPFS to ensure a meaningful partnership with ABAC and the broader private sector, which better reflects the priorities and interests of the private sector and seeks to optimize their involvement.

Objective: To enable improved cooperation with ABAC and the broader private sector.

18b continued:

Individual Action: Economies are encouraged to:

1. Identify private sector representatives, including ABAC Members, to encourage them to regularly participate in relevant APEC events.
2. Identify a government point of contact to help APEC workstreams find and engage private sector representatives with expertise or practical experience to inform the workstream.

Collective Action: Economies are encouraged to:

1. Review the PPFS TOR for revitalization and improvement opportunities with ABAC and the broader private sector.
2. Reach consensus on changes that will improve the working relationship between APEC economies, ABAC and the broader private sector.
3. Look for opportunities to develop long-term working relationships with industry members;
4. Work to include industry in all APEC workstreams.
5. Create an industry Point of Contact (POC) list, in collaboration with ABAC, identifying members for each economy that can aid in finding industry representatives to participate in various APEC workstreams.

Proposed Areas of Review/Actions:

Language

- **Review the PPFS TOR** for revitalization and improvement opportunities with ABAC and the broader private sector.
- **Reach consensus on changes** that will improve the working relationship between APEC economies, ABAC and the broader private sector.

Private Sector Representation in Governance

- **Identify private sector representatives**, including ABAC Members, to encourage them to regularly participate in relevant APEC events.



Proposed Areas of Review/Actions:

Activities

- Work to **include industry** in all APEC workstreams.
- Look for opportunities to **develop long-term working relationships** with industry members.

Resources

- Identify a **government point of contact** to help APEC workstreams find and engage private sector representatives with expertise or practical experience to inform the workstream.
- Create an **industry Point of Contact (POC) list**, in collaboration with ABAC, identifying members for each economy that can aid in finding industry representatives to participate in various APEC workstreams.



18b continued:

Evaluation of Progress:

1. By 2025, a review of the PPFS TOR as specified by this target has been completed; and
2. By 2025, a list of industry POCs for finding agricultural industry representatives has been created.

Note: Rewriting the TOR is not the goal of 18b.

Desired Outcomes of the Review Process:

- Renewed understanding and support for nomination inclusion of private sector delegates in PPFS
- Identification of private sector priorities and interests
- Developed understanding of how they intersect with food security policymaking
- Conceptualization of what meaningful outcomes would look like to both the public and private sector given APEC's non-binding, voluntary nature
- Consensus on a set of objectives that will foster private sector engagement in achieving our food security and sustainability goals.

Proposed Phases of Review and Timeline of Activities

Proposed Phases of Review:

- **SOM1**
 - Review of existing TOR language
 - Sharing of insights with private sector delegates
 - Preparation for virtual public/private conversations
- **Intersession**
 - Identify public sector nominees
 - Hold virtual public/private conversations
 - Consolidate initial notes
- **SOM3**
 - Hold in-person, mediated public/private retreat
 - Reach consensus on points to include in renewed TOR
 - Deliver points to Korea for 2025 renewal

SOM1 Work

- **Hold in-person half-day session** (*Request permission to record)
 - Review current Terms of Reference sections, with a focus on sections that address public engagement
 - Review how PPFs currently interacts with the public sector
 - Presentations from ABAC and Thai Public Delegate
 - Discuss the need for economy public delegate nominees
 - Their participation in the 2024 TOR review
 - Set deadline for nominations
 - Discuss 18b POC List deliverable

- **Share recorded session with delegates who were not able to attend***

Intersessional Work

- **Identify economy public sector nominees.**

Each economy identify a minimum of one nominee private sector delegate to participate in an intersessional conversations and attend SOM3 in person. *Target completion: APRIL*
- **Hold virtual public/private conversations** in small groupings by time zone. Participants, both public and private, will be sent a questionnaire and agenda to prepare prior to each conversation. The discussion will focus on current perceptions of public private partnerships, ways that partnerships can be meaningful within the non-binding context of APEC, and suggestions for improved engagement. *Target completion: JUNE*
- **Consolidate initial notes** into a summary report prior to meeting in SOM3
Target completion: JULY

SOM3 Work

- **Hold in-person public/private retreat.**
Request that all public and private sector delegates attend in person for the purpose of engaging in public-private collaboration. Retreat will be a guided, discussion-based process of reviewing and finessing outcomes from the intersessional discussions on how to improve public-private partnership in PPFS.

- **Reach consensus on points to include in renewed TOR**

- **Deliver points to Korea for 2025 renewal**

Questions?

Thank you.

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