



**APEC Business Advisory Council**

**SOM1 PPFS  
2024**

**2024 ABAC Food Security Work Plan**

**Policy Partnership for Food Security Plenary Day 1**

**Lima, Peru**  
February 24, 2024

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## ABAC 2024 Work Plan



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1st ABAC Meeting

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
14-16 February 2024

2nd ABAC Meeting

Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China  
22-25 April 2024

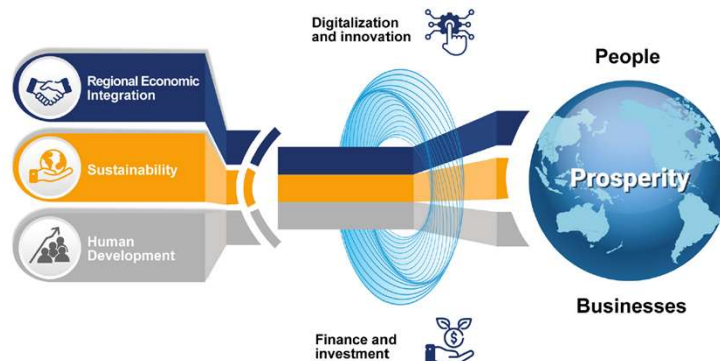
3rd ABAC Meeting

Tokyo, Japan  
01-04 August 2024

4th ABAC Meeting

Lima, Peru  
10-12 November 2024

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**Overarching goal**

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## ABAC 2024 Work Plan: Sustainability



### Priorities:

1. Securing Food Sustainability and Advancing Responsible Natural Resource Management
2. Fostering Circular Economy Practices and Effective Waste Management
3. Driving the Shift to Low-Carbon Economies and Energy Transition
4. Enhancing Natural Disaster Risk Preparedness and Building Robust Infrastructure

Focus on:

Climate change

Food security

Carbon neutrality

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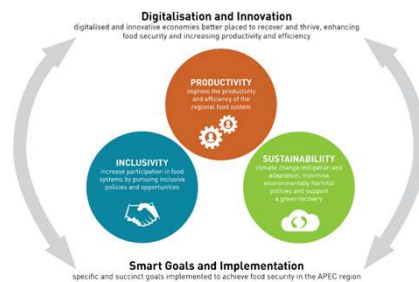
## APEC Food Security



### 1 The Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 (New Zealand 2021)

#### Public-Private Partnership for Food Security

leveraging the public – private sector partnership to achieve food security in the APEC region



#### Public Private Partnerships

18. (a) Promote **regular dialogue between public and private sectors** within each economy to advise PPFS on how to enhance the business environment for the food sector.

18. (b) **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 optimise their involvement.

### Implementation Plan of the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 (Thailand 2022)

2 "A critical aspect of the Roadmap 2030 is public private partnership, which is also one of the foundational elements of PPFS. The intent behind this partnership is to ensure private sector participation in the development and implementation of relevant workstreams implementing the Roadmap 2030."

➢ Private sector specifically identified in **12 of 24 actions**

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## ABAC Food Security Work Plan: Objectives



### Promoting private sector leadership in food security:

Create opportunities for the broader public sector including small and medium sized enterprises to share perspectives, opinions, and lessons learned on food security-related issues. This will be pursued through the launch of an interview series and report to compile private sector perspectives in the key action area of digital and innovation.

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- a. The 2023 Food Security Ministerial chair's statement encourages strengthening public private partnership in expanding digitalisation and promoting innovation within the APEC agri-food systems.
- b. Building on lessons learned from ABAC 2023's Food Security-related project and discussions, the survey will target 10 sustainable and innovative AgTech businesses throughout APEC.
- c. The interviews will be conducted through online and in-person surveys aiming to better inform policy makers by identifying private sector priorities and areas of interests in food security.

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**Develop a set of ABAC recommendations on the PPFS TOR review** to revitalise the working relationship and achieve meaningful partnership between ABAC and PPFS.

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## ABAC FS Project Overview: Interview series



**Objective:** Create opportunities for the broader public sector including small and medium sized enterprises to share perspectives, opinions, and lessons learned on food security-related issues.

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**Target:** Businesses operating in the APEC Agricultural Technology industry



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### Stakeholder Engagement

Discussions with 4 to 5 businesses to identify priorities and areas of interest  
➤ February to March



### Interview

Survey 10 businesses to consolidate opinions and perspectives related to food security  
➤ April to May



### Report

Publish report with findings to present to SOM and ABAC  
➤ July

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**Expected Outcomes:** The interview series on private sector perspectives will provide an opportunity to better understand private sector engagement in food security related issues at the PPFS and provide insights into fostering meaningful partnerships.

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## Project Timeline



| Activities                                      | Description  | Date                          |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>ABAC I</b>                                   | Seek endorsement of ABAC Food Security Work Plan at ABAC I.  | February 14 to 16             |
| <b>SOM I PPFS Meeting</b>                       | Present endorsed ABAC Food Security Work Plan to PPFS.   | February 25 to 26             |
| <b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>                   | Initial probe and discussions with 4 to 5 businesses to identify priorities and interests. This is expected to form the direction of the survey. | February and March            |
| <b>ABAC II</b>                                  | Present update and results of stakeholder engagement at ABAC II.   | April 22 to 25                |
| <b>Survey</b>                                   | Conduct interview surveys with approximately ten businesses and consolidate results.   | April to May                  |
| <b>Report</b>                                   | Circulate survey report and collect feedback. Finalise report.   | June                          |
| <b>PPFS TOR Review: ABAC Recommendations</b>    | Utilise report findings to create recommendations for the PPFS TOR review. Circulate recommendations prior to ABAC III.                          | July                          |
| <b>ABAC III</b>                                 | Present report findings. Seek Endorsement of ABAC Recommendations on PPFS TOR review at ABAC III.  | August 1 to 4                 |
| <b>SOM3 PPFS Meeting</b>                        | Present ABAC Recommendations on PPFS TOR renewal issue at SOM3.  | Between August 12 to 17 (TBD) |
| <b>CSOM and Leaders' week</b><br><b>ABAC IV</b> | Provide final report to ABAC.  | November 10 to 16             |

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## ABAC: PPFS TOR Review



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With the PPFS TOR Review slated for completion by 2025, it will be critical for ABAC to present their recommendations to optimise public private partnerships which reflect private sector priorities and areas of interest.

Preliminary **recommendations** include:

- Realising a true Public-Private Partnership by mandating private sector representation in all actions under the APEC Food Security Roadmap.
- The inclusion of protocols to ensure proper communication and consultation processes with ABAC.
- The addition of key values within the TOR objectives and firmly stand for the notion of inclusive food sustainability.

### 2024 ABAC discussions

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- Identifying private sector priorities and interests to optimise partnerships and conceptualise meaningful outcomes.
- ABAC consultations regarding PPFS TOR review.
- Increased private sector participation in PPFS and Food Security related projects.

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Thank You