



# Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) Terms of Reference Review – Dialogue 1 February 26, 2024

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Agenda Item [I] – Opening Session

## Background

- In 2009, ABAC issued a strategic framework for food security which, among its recommendations, called for the establishment of a high-level food dialogue among governments, the private sector and research/academic sector. This would serve as a **mechanism to ensure the policy and technical cooperation necessary to achieve the holistic approach needed** to realize the ABAC proposal which had been endorsed by APEC leaders in 1999 **for a unified APEC food system.**
- In 2010, APEC Food Security Ministers declared **consultation with relevant stakeholders to be critical to making sustained progress towards food security goals** and instructed Senior Officials to integrate ABAC into APEC's food security efforts in a more substantive manner.
- In 2011, APEC Senior Officials agreed to **create a Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) to strengthen public-private cooperation.**



## Policy Partnership on Food Security Operational Terms of Reference

Intersessionally Endorsed, 5 November 2021

- **Membership**
  - Government, [Private Sector](#), APEC Sub fora and Multilateral Organizations, and Research and Academic Institutions, NGOs
  - Leadership
- **Objectives**
  - Scope
  - Meetings & Venue
  - Support
  - Quorum
  - Sunset Clause

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## Objectives (summarized)

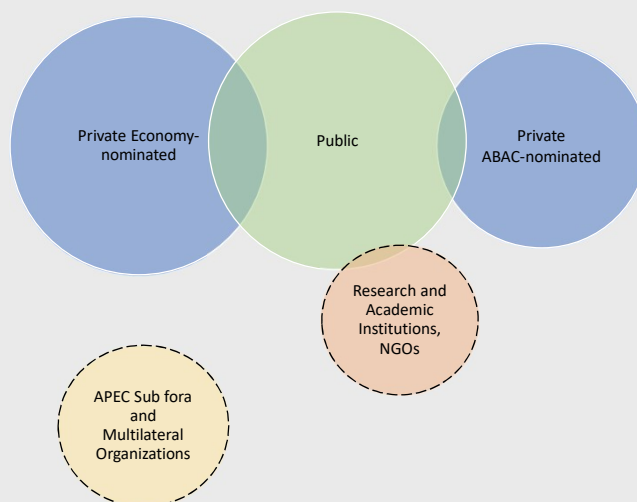
- Through digitalization and innovative technologies, increase productivity and efficiency; reduce food loss and waste; mitigate and adapt to climate change; reduce costs and facilitate food trade.
- Address supply chain impediments and distortions and improve access to domestic and international markets.
- Promote an open, fair, transparent, predictable, and nondiscriminatory multilateral trading system.
- Boost productivity and incomes of small-scale producers in the agri-food and fisheries sectors.
- Alleviate poverty, hunger and malnutrition.
- Recognize a well-functioning, food system that is inclusive of MSMEs, women, youth, indigenous communities and the elderly are integral to maximizing usage of resources, improving rural, remote and coastal livelihoods, and unlocking the full potential of the APEC region.
- Minimize the food system's harmful impacts on the environment.
- Acknowledge sustainability and collaboration will lead to an improvement in APEC's food system environmental performance.

## Public-private Partnership: Are we fulfilling the mission?



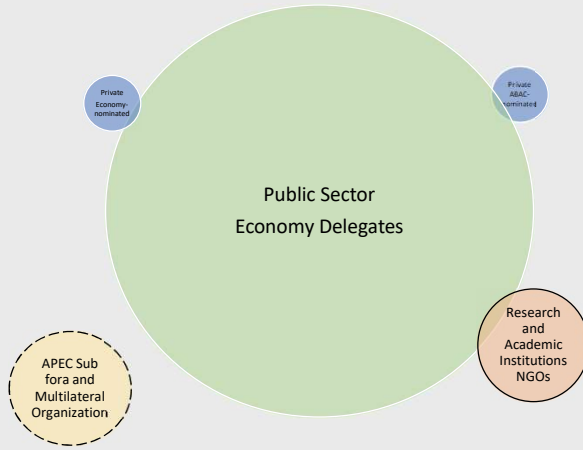
### TOR PPFS Membership

- 21 Member Economy Delegates
- 21 Economy Nominated Private Sector Delegates
- + ABAC Members
- + Researchers



### Current PPFS Membership

- 21 Member Economy Delegates
- 1 ABAC Member (Vice Chair)
- 1 Economy Nominated Delegate
- 2 Researchers



### 2024 Goal #1:

Nominate economy private sector delegates.

In 2023, the United States hosted four PPFS workshops and two PPFS field trips. In all activities combined, only three private sector representatives attended.....

## 2024 Goal #2:

Engage private sector representatives in PPFS activities.

# Thank you.

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