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Sustainable Development is a long term theme in APEC since 1996, and it's timely that we revisit APEC's approaches, given that the main theme of APEC Viet Nam 2006 is "Towards a Dynamic Community for Sustainable Development and Prosperity". The economic, social and environmental dimensions of Sustainable Development have been taken into account in the Recommendations of this APEC Meeting, which was attended by 17 economies, the APEC Secretariat, UN-CSD, UNEP, and ECLAC.

After a decade of APEC work regarding Sustainable Development, this High Level Meeting aimed to give an APEC-oriented follow-up to issues on the agenda for the current biannual cycle of the Commission for Sustainable Development, which met at UN Headquarters from 1-12 May 2006. The agenda of this Meeting focused on the 14th session of the CSD, namely on industrial development and energy for sustainable development; as well as on a historical analysis of APEC activities in sustainable development.

Conclusions

1. APEC's considerable and diverse work on Sustainable Development, involving more than two hundred projects from several sectoral subfora, is an important contribution to the region.
2. The priorities of APEC's work on Sustainable Development, embodied in the Manila Declaration (1996), have provided orientation to the Fora's and subforas' activities during the last decade, among others: promotion of public-private partnership, local empowerment, innovative approaches to sustainable cities and urban management, clean technology production and a sustainable marine environment. APEC's approach to Sustainable Development is a cross-sectoral one, and it's the responsibility of each working group to consider how to best integrate it into its work.
3. We commend the efforts of APEC fora in the areas under review by the 14th session of the CSD, Energy Use and Industrial Development, while acknowledging that progress has been slow and uneven. The APEC Energy Working Group has developed sustainable development criteria for assessing projects and its programme of work has been lodged with the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) as a Partnership for Sustainable Development.
4. There is a need to ensure that other relevant multilateral fora are better informed of the outcomes of APEC's projects that contribute to Sustainable Development.
5. There's a need for greater continuity in APEC's workshops, research and other initiatives that have been undertaken on Sustainable Development.
6. Civil society plays a valuable role with respect to the promotion of sustainable development. There is scope to further develop the participation of civil society on APEC's work on Sustainable Development.

7. Education has a considerable role as an important mean to achieving Sustainable Development progress.

Recommendations

1. To encourage APEC Working Groups to coordinate their work on Sustainable Development through the exchange of information, including at the Committee of the Whole (COW) of the SCE, using existing mechanisms such as Senior Officials Meetings.
2. To encourage ongoing cooperation on Sustainable Development between and among APEC economies, including public-private partnership, with special emphasis in capacity building and best practices.
3. To encourage APEC economies, where possible, to seek out methodologies for measuring the cross-sectoral nature of Sustainable Development, in order to apply the metrics to measure progress made towards the goal of Sustainable Development, and to encourage capacity building to this end.
4. To improve the exchange of information between APEC and other international organizations, such as UN-CSD, WTO, OECD, and the World Bank.
5. Specifically, APEC member economies should be encouraged to continue to submit to the CSD their best practices, lessons learned and successful energy programs for inclusion into the CSD Matrix. APEC fora are encouraged to submit to the APEC Secretariat their work on these issues. The APEC Secretariat should submit to CSD Secretariat the APEC regional best practices, lessons learned and successful energy programs for inclusion in the CSD Matrix.
6. APEC member economies are encouraged to review the CSD Matrix with their development and energy experts and provide to the CSD Secretariat recommendations on how the CSD Matrix can be more user friendly to facilitate the widespread adoption of best practices on energy services for Sustainable Development.
7. To ask SOMs to consider civil society participation and dialogue in the future work on Sustainable Development, in accordance with the APEC Guidelines on Non Members Participation.