Future Perspectives and Development of TFEP

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APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting
(November 14-15, 2009 in Singapore)

APEC Leaders reaffirmed the importance to economic recovery and growth of reducing the disruptions caused by disasters to business and trade.
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APEC Leaders recognised the importance of capacity building in relation to emergency preparedness.

APEC Senior Officials emphasize in the CSOM in Singapore (November 2009):

→ strengthening business resilience
→ participation of the business sector in emergency preparedness and management
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→ focusing on business needs and involvement is APEC’s niche role and comparative advantage
→ participants keep this in mind as they think about possible TFEP contributions to a capacity building framework.

TFEP Co-Chairs’ views on project activities:

→ no more than three or four high-priority disaster reduction support activities that the Task Force could undertake in 2010 and 2011.
TFEP Co-Chairs’ views on project activities:

→ To provide a platform for APEC members to share ideas, lessons learnt and best practices, and to support voluntary APEC-wide initiatives and guidelines.

→ To help members, particularly developing economies, to better prepare for and respond to disasters – both individually and collectively.

By 2015, APEC economies and the Task Force aim to see:

→ political decision-makers in APEC economies better understand the economic and social costs of disasters and, equally, the human and economic costs of failing to take action;
By 2015, APEC economies and the Task Force aim to see:

→ gaps in regional disaster risk reduction approaches identified and shared to support the delivery of targeted capacity-building initiatives; and

→ a suite of practical mechanisms developed that will aid APEC economies to build business and community resilience

We hope that this workshop in Taipei will assist in the achievement of these three objectives, particularly the final two goals.
Strategy (which is aligned closely with the UN Hyogo Framework for Action) and APEC Leader and Ministerial directives

→ think about ‘who’ is to implement the capacity building;
→ when and how
Disaster risk reduction (DRR) will be central to mitigating the impact of the increasingly frequent, intense and large-scale disasters that are predicted to savage our region in coming decades.

Welcome focus on DRR

To map current disaster reduction capacity building activities in the region and identify gaps and unmet demands.

how to inject greater coherence, logic and collaboration across DRR capacity-building sector in the region.
TFEP Mandate

- Improve coordination and enhance intra-APEC cooperation and integration of best emergency practice, natural disaster preparedness and response efforts

- Build capacity in the region to mitigate, prepare for and respond to emergencies and natural disasters

TFEP Priorities (1)

- business and community resilience
- public-private partnerships
- disaster risk reduction
- cooperation among heads of APEC emergency management agencies
TFEP Priorities (2)

- preparations for the recovery phase
- integration of disaster reduction and management education in school curricula

TFEP Activities (2008-2009)

- Emergency Management CEOs’ Seminar (Lima, August 2008), which led to the development of the APEC Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Preparedness and Response in the Asia Pacific Region to 2015
TFEP Activities (2008-2009)

- A stocktake of APEC best practice and capacity building needs

- Workshop on Large-Scale Disaster Recovery in APEC (Taipei and Wenchuan, September 2008)

- Finalisation of APEC Principles on Disaster Response and Cooperation (November 2008)

- Workshop on Damage Assessment Techniques (Yogyakarta, August 2009) which drafted APEC-wide principles on disaster damage and loss assessments
TFEP Activities (2008-2009)

- The third Emergency Management CEOs‘ Forum (Hanoi, September 2009) – focused on lessons learnt from recent disasters, the H1N1 pandemic, climate change adaptation, and integrating disaster education in school curricula, public-private partnerships, and emergency management volunteers.

- Workshop on Long-Term Capacity Building for Disaster Risk Reduction in APEC (Taipei, 30 November – 1 December 2009) – inaugural gathering of the heads of Asia Pacific emergency management training institutes.
TFEP Activities (2010)

→ 4th TFEP CEO Forum in January 2010 in Kobe, Japan (with focus on urban risk reduction and climate change adaptation)

→ Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships for Business Resilience (Thailand, early 2010)

→ Seminar on Cooperation to Prevent Forest Fires (Siberia, September 2010)

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→ Study Course on Improving Regional Cooperation in Emergency Training and Response (Moscow, July 2010)
TFEP Activities (2010)

→ The TFEP will also consider activities relating to:
  (i) climate prediction and emergency management planning;
  (ii) attracting, recruiting and retaining emergency management volunteers; and
  (iii) supporting the implementation by APEC members of the 2009-15 Strategy

TFEP Achievements

- APEC is keen to protect business, trade and economic growth from disruptions caused by disasters

- TFEP plays an important role in advancing this agenda. The TFEP provides a platform for APEC members to share ideas, lessons learnt and best practices, and to support voluntary APEC-wide initiatives and guidelines.
TFEP Achievements

- TFEP coordinates with other multilateral organisations, the private sector, non-government organisations and civil society on an event-by-event basis to jointly build the APEC Community a safer place.

TFEP MEMBERS TO CONSIDER:

- to turn APEC Strategy from words to actionable plan
- Institutional arrangement: Task Force v.s. Working Group
- TFEP Steering Committee’s role in assisting the implementation of TFEP projects
TFEP MEMBERS TO CONSIDER

- Cross-Fora and Cross-Economies cooperation within APEC

- Value-added and complementary to the global efforts of Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management (in particular, Hyogo Framework for Action and Climate Change)

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY......
Thank you!!