APEC 2018 Theme and Priorities

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THEME

“Harnessing Inclusive Opportunities, Embracing the Digital Future”

The theme seeks to drive APEC’s collective work on growth and connectivity, and brings to the fore discussions on the digital future that APEC beyond 2020 can embrace.
RELEVANCE

In 2018 PNG seeks to:

• continue to promote the notion of quality growth and advance the APEC Leaders’ Growth Strategy.

• Harness a conversation around the digital economy, and how APEC can seize opportunities and respond to challenges associated with it.
Policy Priority 1: Improving Digital Connectivity, deepening Regional Economic Integration

**Relevance**

Advance APEC discussions on connectivity and REI

**Key Areas**

- FTAAP
- reviewing the Individual Action Plans (IAPs) for 2020
- post-Bogor configurations
- breaking barriers for REI through infrastructure investment issues and connectivity
- Multi-lateral Trading System

**Output**

1) Bogor Goals Discussion Paper
2) Gap Analysis of the Connectivity Blueprint
3) Launch of AVG process
Policy Priority 2: Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

Relevance
Promoting economic and social inclusion, and driving sustainable growth.

Key Areas
- Harnessing Growth in the Resource Sectors
- Promote Food Security in the region
- Gender Inclusion and Women’s Economic Empowerment

Outcome
- APEC Guidance on Harnessing Growth in the Resource Sectors
Policy Priority 3: Strengthening Inclusive Economic Growth through Structural reform

Relevance

Further ongoing work under EC and also stimulate discussions that will advance APEC’s ongoing discussions and initiatives on digital age.

Key Areas

- Invigorating RAASR
- Progress work on Good Regulatory Practices
- Progressing Mark II on EoDB;
- AEPR 2018.

Outcomes

- Best Practices on how RAASR can best support reform efforts
- 11th GRP Conference
- Concluding Second Action Plan (Mark II) on EoDB
2018 Notional Calendar

SOM1 and related meetings: 24 February – 9 March
SOM2, related meetings and MRT: 11 - 26 May
SOM3 and related meetings: 04- 20 August
Closing SOM, AMM, AELM: 12-18 November

Sectoral Ministerial meetings in PNG:
Tourism Week & Tourism Ministers’ Meeting: 28 May – 01 June
Mining Week & Mining Ministers’ Meeting: 17 - 25 August
Women and the Economy Forum: 3 – 7 September
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