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Food Security, Climate Change and Gender
Empowerment by “Plant Back Better” Initiatives**

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Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology, Innovation, Food Security, Climate Change and Gender Empowerment by “Plant Back Better” initiatives



Chinese Taipei and Viet Nam



“Plant back better” initiatives

- **Proposed concept note by Chinese Taipei**
 - Capacity building and emergency preparedness for sustainable development at agricultural communities through “Plant back better” initiatives
- **Co-sponsors**
 - Chile, Indonesia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Viet Nam
- **APEC Cross-fora linkage**
 - Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS)
 - Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy Working Group (PPWE)
 - Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group (SMEWG)



Alignment with APEC priorities

- **Viet Nam (2017) and Peru (2016)**
 - “Food Security” highlighted as one APEC annual top priority,
 - **“Enhancing Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture in Response to Climate Change”** (2017)
 - **“Fostering the Regional Food System”** (2016)
- **APEC leaders concluded in Lima (AELM 24) in 2016**
 - “to intensify efforts to **mitigate impacts of drought, flood and climate-related disasters on food production and food security.**”
- **Relevant APEC Fora’s policies**
 - APEC ATCWG and PPFS
 - the APEC Food Security Road Map Towards 2020
 - the APEC Food Security Business Plan (2014-2020)



“Plant back better” focuses on

- **Help vulnerable areas**
 - To enhancing capacity building and emergency preparedness countermeasures through **smarter and disaster-resilient vegetable plantation.**
- **At phases of disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness, the initiatives**
 - To build up a resilient community **with local knowledge and efforts** against natural disasters.
- **After disaster strike,**
 - To effectively and efficiently recover the **micro economic activities,** vegetable plantation and food supply



Key objectives

- To develop **guidelines on natural disaster preparedness for agricultural communities**
- To facilitate **data and information sharing** as well as best practices at phases of disaster risk reduction and post-disaster recovery based on “Plant back better” initiatives.
- To engage **public-private partnership for food supply chain** as part of disaster risk management.
- To initiate plans for disaster-resilient planning of vegetables plantation to **cope with future challenges and climate change.**
- To cooperate with one APEC economy for a **pilot implementation** of “Plant back better”.



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