



**Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation**

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**2018/SOM1/EPWG/010**

Agenda Item: 4

## **APEC 2018 Theme and Priorities**

Purpose: Information

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# APEC 2018

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Presentation by Papua New Guinea



# 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.



# **APEC 2018 POLICY PRIORITIES**



# 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
- 11<sup>th</sup> GRP Conference
- Concluding Second Action Plan (Mark II) on EoDB
- Jointly developing 2018 APEC Economic Policy Report





# 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



**THANK YOU**