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Enhancing Rural Disaster Resilience Through Effective Infrastructure Investment

Purpose: Information

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Purpose of the project

- **Promoting quality infrastructure investment to enhance disaster resilience in the APEC region, in particular, in rural and non-metropolitan areas.**
- Focuses particularly on “**Rehabilitation and Build Back Better (BBB)**“, as well as on prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, defined in the APEC DRR Framework.

Backgrounds:

- ***This APEC Framework** cuts across all areas of the APEC agenda, including agriculture; forestry; fisheries; trade and investments; energy; micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs); **infrastructure development; critical infrastructure resiliency; financial resiliency; human capital; health; gender; food security; science and technology; and ecological integrity.***
- *“**Sendai Framework**” Priority 4: Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to “Build Back Better” in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction *it is important, to promote the resilience of new and existing critical infrastructure, including water, transportation and telecommunications infrastructure, educational facilities, hospitals and other health facilities--**

Project components

- Identifying the best practices and challenges of rural infrastructure BBB
- Organising workshop in Vinh in September, back to back SDMOF September, 2017, Vinh
- Compiling a case book for promoting effective and resilient infrastructure investment

Annual schedule of the project implementation

| Timing | Tasks |
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| February | EPWG: Discussion on the concept of the project: Infrastructure BBB |
| March | Kick off meeting in Kobe |
| August | EPWG: Preparation for the workshop and SDMOF |
| September | Workshop back to back SDMOF |
| December | Case book publication |
| February | EPWG : Report about the project |

Questionnaire on the Experiences from economies

1. Is the idea of Build Back Better, BBB defined in the Sendai Framework well understood and practiced in the process of recovery and reconstruction in your economy?
 - How BBB is defined in DRR policies in each economy?
 - Is the idea of DRR and BBB well shared with by ministries in charge of development and planning policy, and sub-national authorities promoting economic development of the regions?
 - Are the relevant ministries working closely with each other in the process of recovery and reconstruction?
 - How could we collaborate better with the private sector dependant on infrastructure regarding DRR and BBB?
2. Good practices of infrastructure recovery
 - What are the criteria of successful BBB in your economy?
 - Which cases of infrastructure BBB should we focus on ?