



# **Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation**

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR: THE STI CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY MAKING ON NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE: BETTER STI, BETTER RESILIENCE, BETTER COMPETITIVENESS PPSTI 07 2017A**

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## 1. OVERVIEW

Most APEC economies are often stroke by disasters of natural origin (i.a. earthquakes, landslides, mudflow, forest fires, and volcanos eruptions). The natural phenomena related to the 'Ring of Fire' frequently impact on the growth and competitiveness of the economies across the Pacific Ocean. Governments need to create an ecosystem enabling the generation of knowledge and technology in order to mitigate the impact to the population, the economy and the development caused by any natural catastrophe. This project aims to create an ecosystem among APEC economies supporting the connections between policy-making on natural disaster resilience and the contribution thereto provided by science, technology and innovation (STI), connections that are often deficient in the less-developed economies of APEC.

As a result of a mutual learning exercise among stakeholders from both developed and developing APEC economies, this initiative will make a contribution to the policy making process on natural disaster resilience based upon STI evidence via the provision of a set of recommendations promoting thus the collaboration among research, industry and government. This set of recommendations will therefore boost APEC economic integration; support competitiveness and innovation in APEC economies by a better preparedness and resilience policies to cope with disasters of natural origin. The main benefit of this initiative will be the improvement and consolidation of new R&I capacities providing more efficient responses via the identification and understanding of the factors interceding in the societal risks unleashed by any disaster of natural origin.

The project mainly responds to Rank 1, as it contributes to Emergency preparedness and disaster management, including activities relating to the efficient movement of capital, goods, services and people as well as the implementation of the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. It also fits Rank 2 given that it facilitates the science, technology and ICT approaches on disaster preparedness, risk reduction, response and post-disaster recovery and cooperation in search and rescue. This project also relates to Rank 1 Connectivity Blueprint, since the ecosystem it aims to establish will enhance institutional connection of members, especially in direct benefits for developing economies.

Fora Alignment: This project aligns with the PPSTI Strategic Plan 2016-2025 insofar it will make a significant contribution to driving economic growth by advancing science, technology and innovation issues that matter to government and non-government players and that are at the heart of economic prosperity. Natural Disaster is PPSTI 2017 annual priority.

In addition, this project directly links to Vietnam 2017's priority for APEC: (i) fostering sustainable, innovative and inclusive growth. This project has clear and achievable goals, well-targeted methodology, sufficient budget, and expected outcomes

## 2. DATE AND LOCATION

**Date:** 1-2 August, 2018

**Location:** CONICYT Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Moneda 1375, Santiago, CHILE

## 3. CALL FOR DELEGATES

The set of actions to be developed within this project aims to benefit a broad range of stakeholders involved in the domestic ecosystems for science, technology, innovation and resilience related to natural hazards. Beneficiaries are expected to be directly involved in the governmental preparation, promotion and implementation of decisions and understanding of the complex impacts of natural disasters on their economy in order to produce a robust exchange of ideas and conclusions. Beneficiaries are also expected to be knowledgeable with their economies' priorities for science, innovation, and resilience for disasters of natural origin. The results of the project will mainly target:

- A) Governmental entities (ministries, councils, others) related to policy-making on resilience and preparedness for disasters of natural origin
- B) National bodies of science, technology and innovation
- C) Funding agencies of science, technology and innovation
- D) Relevant experts from public or private universities/institutions/research centers/ EPWG

The project will provide travel assistance for up to 18 APEC-funded participants who attend the workshop coming from among the 11 travel-eligible economies (Chile, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Peru, Russia, Thailand and Viet Nam) from the target groups mentioned above (up to 2 travelers from each travel-eligible economies). The 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler from each economy will be first come first serve basis.

Additionally, the project will provide travel assistance for up to 6 speakers who will be presenting at the workshop from all APEC economies. Speakers are selected based on invitation by PO.

Gender diversity can certainly contribute to the development the set of recommendations for resilience on natural hazards, therefore the project seeks to go beyond the set up women participation target of 23%.

Throughout its lifecycle, the project will involve both women and men willing to exchange experiences of good practices with a gender perspective oriented to the STI contribution to resilience policy designing.

## **4. FUNDING FOR PARTICIPANTS**

### **4.1 ALLOWANCE PRINCIPLES**

APEC Funding is available for up to two (2) participants from each APEC travel-eligible economies: Chile, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Russia, Thailand, the Philippines and Viet Nam. The 2nd traveler from each economy will be first come first serve basis.

The APEC Secretariat will provide APEC funding for the invited participants on the following principles:

Up to two active participants from each APEC travel-eligible economy will be provided with round-trip airfares of restricted economy class and in the most direct route, and per diem rate of around US\$250 per day up to a maximum of three nights to cover costs such as hotel bills, meals, transportation, transfers, travel insurance and departure taxes.

### **4.2 SIGNING OF UNDERTAKINGS FOR APEC-FUNDED SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS**

Once the APEC Secretariat receives the final list of participants and speakers from the organizers, each APEC-funded participant and speaker needs to contact the APEC Secretariat. Please send to Ms. Angeline GOH (agsm@appec.org) an itinerary and air-ticket quotation in English for review and approval before purchasing the air-ticket.

Once the APEC Secretariat has approved your air-ticket and itinerary, they will send you a travel undertaking for your signature. The undertaking is a contract between you and the APEC Secretariat, in which you agree to perform the Terms of Reference and they commit to reimbursing you for your travel expenses. An undertaking must be signed by each APEC-funded traveler at least 8 working days before their travel commences.

The APEC Secretariat will not reimburse travel costs which are not supported by the signed undertaking. The undertaking will be based on the quotation of the most direct and economical return trip (including airport and airport taxes, if any) to attend the Workshop. This quotation should be obtained by the APEC-funded travelers from his or her local travel agent. The complete travel itinerary and quotation should be forwarded to the APEC Secretariat for approval before the traveler firms up their travel arrangements. The APEC Secretariat assesses received quotations through Internet searches of travel web-sites.

### **4.3 REIMBURSEMENT**

Airfare, per diem allowance and additional payment are normally provided on reimbursement basis which will take 20 working days after the Secretariat's receipt of the claim and necessary documents from the APEC-funded travelers after the Workshop.

The APEC Secretariat may permit, on request, advance payment for travel (airfare and per diem) to travelers from travel-eligible economies. Such payments will only be made after the receipt of a signed advance travel undertaking form. An approved participant who wishes to

request an advance payment should make the request by e-mail with airfare quotation forwarded to Ms. Angeline GOH (agsm@apec.org).

**Deadlines for nominations:** June 10, 2018

## 5. TENTATIVE AGENDA

### THE STI CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY MAKING ON NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE: BETTER STI, BETTER RESILIENCE, BETTER COMPETITIVENESS

<b>DAY 1, 1 AUGUST</b>	
8.30 – 13.00	Registration, Introduction and Welcoming Remarks
	Policy Making on Natural Disaster Resilience Overview
	Policy Making on Natural Disaster Resilience in Services (Energy, Sanitary, Gas, etc.)
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 18.00	Policy Making on Natural Disaster Resilience in Construction Sector
	Policy Making on Natural Disaster Resilience in Communication (telephone, infrastructure, etc.)
	Policy Making on Natural Disaster Resilience in Economic Sectors (Mining, Agriculture, Commerce, etc.)
<b>Day 2, 2 AUGUST</b>	
9.00 – 13.00	Drafting Policy Recommendations on Natural Disaster Resilience
	Further Steps and Wrap Up
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 18.00	Visit to the National Emergency Office of the Ministry of the Interior and Public Security of the Republic of Chile

## 6. VISA INFORMATION

ECONOMY	VISA REQUIREMENT	MAXIMUM STAY
Australia	No	90 days
Brunei Darussalam	Yes	90 days
Canada	No	90 days
China	Yes	90 days
Hong Kong, China	No	90 days
Indonesia	No	60 days
Japan	No	90 days
Korea	No	90 days
Malaysia	No	30 days
Mexico	No	90 days
New Zealand	No	90 days
Papua New Guinea	Yes	60 days
Peru	No	60 days
The Philippines	Yes	60 days
The Russian Federation	No	90 days
Singapore	No	30 days
Chinese Taipei	Yes	90 days
Thailand	No	90 days
United States	No	90 days
Viet Nam	No	90 days

## 7. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

In terms of lodging, participants are free to elect their own accommodation, as there are a number of hotels close to the venue and some that are of easy access by metro.

No smoking rooms available, due to domestic legislation.

### **Recommended Hotels:**

#### **- Crowne Plaza Santiago**

Estimated price for one room with 2 beds per night: \$152.00 USD.

Distance to CONICYT's building: 10 minutes by metro or 25 minutes walking.

Link: [www.crowneplaza.com/Santiago/CrownePlaza](http://www.crowneplaza.com/Santiago/CrownePlaza)

Tel.: +56 2 26855027

#### **- Hotel Plaza San Francisco**

Estimated price for one room with 2 beds per night: \$187.00 USD.

Distance to CONICYT's building: 10 minutes walking.

Link: [www.plazasanfrancisco.cl](http://www.plazasanfrancisco.cl)

Tel.: +56 2 23604444

#### **- Hotel Diego de Almagro Santiago Centro**

Estimated price for one room with 2 beds per night: \$80.00 USD.

Distance to CONICYT's building: 5 minutes walking.

Link: [www.dahoteles.com/es/alojamiento/hotel-diego-de-almagro-santiago-centro](http://www.dahoteles.com/es/alojamiento/hotel-diego-de-almagro-santiago-centro)

Tel.: +56 6002620100

#### **NH Collection Plaza Santiago**

Estimated price for one room with 2 beds per night: \$220.00 USD.

Distance to CONICYT's building: 25 minutes by metro.

Link: <https://www.nh-collection.com/es/hotel/nh-collection-plaza-santiago>

Tel.: +56 2 2760 9987

#### **Hotel Neruda**

Estimated price for one room with 2 beds per night: \$99.84 USD.

Distance to CONICYT's building: 20 minutes by metro.

Link: <https://www.hotelneruda.cl/hoteles/hotel-neruda/>

Tel.: +56 2 2663 3153

#### **Hotel Fundador**

Estimated price for one room with 2 beds per night: \$129.00 USD.

Distance to CONICYT's building: 10 minutes walking.

Link: <http://www.fundador.cl/>

Tel.: +56 2 2387 1200



## 8. CONTACT INFORMATION

For all substantive and logistics matters, please contact the Project Overseer:

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## 9. RELEVANT INFORMATION

### ***Local currency***

The local currency in Chile is the Chilean Peso. The currency exchange rate is approximately USD\$1= CLP\$633 (As of May 2018). Currency exchanges are situated in the airport, hotel, shopping malls and other places. Major credit cards are widely accepted in the airport, hotel, shopping malls and other places.

### ***Smoking Policy***

Smoking in public spaces, such as airports, shopping malls, restaurants or hotels is not allowed in Chile. Some restaurants are allowed to have special smoking areas.

### ***Dress Code***

In order to foster a spirit of interactive learning, the dress code for the first day of workshop is formal, the second day workshop is business/casual.

### ***Metro- Subway, Buses and Taxis***

There are 5 metro train lines in Santiago. Ask the hotel front desk for additional information. Buses and metro lines are available only by using BIP Card, which can be purchased at any metro station (cost of the card is CLP \$1500). Taxis are mostly secure in Santiago. However, by night it is better for you to ask the hotel to get a taxi for you.

### ***Climate in August***

August is the last winter month in Santiago de Chile. The temperature in early August varies from 3°-4°C at night/morning and 14°-16° during the day. The winter usually humid, but with rare rain. There might be fog in the morning too.

### ***Electricity***

voltage	220 V
frequency	50 Hz
plugs and sockets	type C / L

In the following images, you can see the types of plugs and sockets.



## 10. MISCELLANEOUS

- (1) After confirmation of acceptance, participants financed by APEC are required to arrive in Santiago, Chile, before 1 August 2018;
- (2) Participants financed by APEC should assume responsibility for other expenses incurred during travel between their economies and Chile;
- (3) Participants financed by APEC shall make their own arrangements for any other financial matters of a personal nature;
- (4) Participants are required to strictly observe the workshop schedule; and,
- (5) Speakers/participants are kindly requested to wear their badge at all times during the workshop. Staff can be identified by their badges too.

## 11. ANNEX I: NOMINATION FORM

### THE STI CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY MAKING ON NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE: BETTER STI, BETTER RESILIENCE, BETTER COMPETITIVENESS (PPSTI 07 2017A)

**Complete all fields and return to Nominations Focal Point below:**

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**APEC MEMBER ECONOMY:** [INSERT]

#### **NOMINEE 1**

Name (CAPITALISE surname): [INSERT]  
Title (Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs): [INSERT] Position:  
Gender (M/F): [INSERT]  
Organization: [INSERT] Email: [INSERT]  
Telephone: [INSERT] Fax: [INSERT]  
Nominated as an Expert Speaker: Yes/No APEC-funded / Self-funded  
Nominated as an Active Participant: Yes/No APEC-funded / Self-funded  
Government official: Yes/No

#### **NOMINEE 2**

Name (CAPITALISE surname): [INSERT]  
Title (Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs): [INSERT] Position:  
Gender (M/F): [INSERT]  
Organization: [INSERT] Email: [INSERT]  
Telephone: [INSERT] Fax: [INSERT]  
Nominated as an Expert Speaker: Yes/No APEC-funded / Self-funded  
Nominated as an Active Participant: Yes/No APEC-funded / Self-funded  
Government official: Yes/No

#### **Name of official making the above Nomination(s):**

Economy Representative for which APEC Fora: PPSTI  
Title:  
Organization:  
Email:  
Telephone:  
Fax:

**Please complete all fields in this form and email it to the Nominations Focal Point given above together with brief bio of the nominee(s), no later than:**

**10 June 2018 for participant nominations**

**\*\*\* LATE NOMINATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED \*\*\***

