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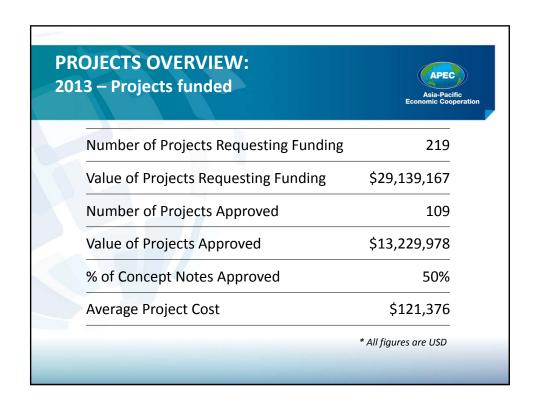
### **Project Management Update**

Purpose: Information Submitted by: APEC Secretariat



Competition Policy and Law Group Meeting Ningbo, China 21-22 February 2014





## APPROVAL PROCESS 2014 – Dates and deadlines



#### Two funding sessions in 2014:

- Session 1: CNs due Feb 28 (for May-Jun approval)
- Session 2: CNs due July 21 (for Oct-Dec approval)
- **2013 Sessions:** 3 Sessions, concluding in May, June, Dec

#### Notes:

- •After CN deadline, the PO has approximately 2 weeks to ensure CN is compliant, endorsed, and prioritized by the forum
- •Deadlines expire midnight, Singapore time
- •All dates and details subject to change (check website: <u>http://www.apec.org/Projects/Applying-for-Funds.aspx</u> )

### PROJECTS OVERVIEW: Session 1, 2014: Funds Available



Operational Account (OA)	\$905,500
Trade & Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation Account (TILF)	\$451,000
APEC Support Fund (ASF) General Fund	\$365,500
ASF Sub-funds	
(i) Human Security	\$212,500
(ii) Health & Emerg Preparedness	\$256,000
(iii) TFAPII	\$72,000
(iv) Science and Technology	\$253,500
(v) Energy Efficiency	\$704,000
(vi) ANSSR	\$619,500
(vii) Supply Chain Connectivity	\$575,000
Total OA+TILF+ASF	\$4,414,500

#### To Note:

- •Figures are estimates as of Dec. 2013 and are subject to approval at BMC1
- •Figures and availability for the new ASF Supply Chain Connectivity sub-fund are to be confirmed
- •A portion of TILF and ASF-EE funds have been allocated to future years, as per BMC's financial realignment exercise
- •Session 2 will likely have similar amounts, plus unspent monies from Session 1

\* All figures are USD

## APPROVAL PROCESS: How are projects approved?



Forum discusses, then endorses and prioritises Concept Note/s

Committees use the 2013 Funding Criteria to rank and prioritise CNs overall, for each fund

CNs approved for funding starting with highest priority, until available funds are depleted

CNs expanded into full proposals and assessed by PMU

Proposals recommended to BMC (projects >US\$200,000 require SOM approval)

# CONCEPT NOTES Key advice



#### Follow all guidelines:

- Meet submission deadlines
- 3-page maximum
- At least 2 co-sponsoring economies (6 for HRD)
- Link project to 2014 APEC Funding Criteria
- Ensure project end date is by Dec of following year
- Use most current form, found on website
- Follow all guidelines in Guidebook

Make sure your economy participates in the ranking and prioritisation of Concept Notes.

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION Key guidelines



- Projects completed within two financial years
- Projects must be implemented in line with the Guidebook on APEC Projects
- Monitoring reports (mandatory) submitted at 6 month intervals within a calendar year:
  - 1 February
  - 1 August
  - next due August 1, 2014 (just received February reports)
- Completion report (mandatory) submitted within 2 months of project completion

# PROJECT RESOURCES Project quality workshops



### The Secretariat is providing info sessions on applying for APEC funds and improving project quality:

- •Sessions are one hour, with a second optional hour
- •No prior sign-up is required
- •Participants need only attend one session
- Ask your Program Director for a flyer

#### Timing:

•Thu, Feb 20: 9:00-10:00 or 13:00-14:00 •Fri, Feb 21: 13:00-14:00 or 13:00-14:00

•Sat, Feb 22: 9:00-10:00

#### Location:

•Jiangbei Room, Level 3, Shangri-La Hotel

