

APEC's Working Groups

APEC's 10 working groups cooperate to address the economic interests of APEC members. Some Canadian firms are already active in a number of these groups, and others are being encouraged to participate. The 10 working groups, together with a brief description and federal government contacts, are:

Transportation: to create efficient transportation systems by streamlining procedures, reducing institutional barriers, and harmonizing standards and to support sustainable economic growth through addressing transportation bottlenecks. Contact: Transport Canada, Pacific Region Policy Co-ordination; fax: 604-666-7255.

Telecommunications: to build an Asia-Pacific information infrastructure, for example by adopting common operating and equipment certification standards and test data recognition. Contact: Industry Canada, International Business Development; fax: 613-990-3858.

Tourism: to achieve environmentally and socially sustainable tourism by removing impediments to the movement of tourists and tourism investment capital and identifying best practices for integrated planning. Contact: Industry Canada, Tourism Marketing; fax: 613-952-7906.

Energy: to improve the efficiency of energy markets and policies by fostering a better understanding of regional issues, strengthening the capacity to regulate the sector, facilitating trade and investment, and encouraging environmentally sound policies and technologies. Contact: Natural Resources Canada, International Energy Division; fax: 613-995-5576.

Human Resources Development: to provide a quality basic education for all, to analyze the regional labour market to allow sound forecasting of trends and needs in human resources dev-

elopment, to address regional training needs in business management, economic development management, industrial training, and education in formal schooling sectors. Contact: Human Resources Development Canada, International Affairs Branch; fax: 613-941-4576; or Canadian International Development Agency, Asia Regional Institutions; fax: 819-953-3350.

Industrial Science and Technology: to develop human resources, promote exchange of researchers and more open flows of technology and information, facilitate joint research projects, clarify regulatory frameworks, and encourage sustainable development. Contact: Industry Canada, International Science and Technology Policy; fax: 613-952-5381.

Fisheries: to strengthen regional co-operation and promotion of sustainable fisheries management practices by facilitating trade in fish and fishery products, solving common fisheries resource management problems and aquaculture disease control to enhance food safety and quality of fish and fisheries products. Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, Policy; fax: 613-991-3254.

Marine Resources Conservation: to enhance the conser-

vation and management of ecologically and economically important marine resources. Contact: Fisheries and Oceans, Institute of Ocean Science; fax: 604-363-6479.

Trade and Investment Data: to develop a database on merchandise trade, service trade and investment for all APEC member economies. Contact: Statistics Canada, International Trade; fax: 613-951-0117.

Trade Promotion: to serve as a link between APEC trade promotion agencies and the private sector by addressing trade promotion and financing trade skills and training, export training, and information sharing. Contact: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Strategic Planning (Trade); fax: 613-943-8819.

APEC also benefits from the expertise of three ad hoc groups on:

small and medium-sized enterprises (contact: Industry Canada, Small Business and Entrepreneurship; fax: 613-954-5492);

agricultural technology (contact: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, International Trade Policy; fax: 613-759-7503); and

environment (contact: Environment Canada, Policy and Communications; fax: 819-953-7025).

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