

- Canada is continuing to work toward greater openness and transparency within APEC. Canada has been a leader in promoting the wider engagement of non-governmental groups and institutions in ongoing APEC work. Connecting APEC on a more routine basis with other international economic institutions, academia, business, and voluntary non-governmental groups will help APEC to produce high quality policy research.

Lacking a large professional secretariat, APEC must reach out beyond the limited internal resources of member governments and bring in outside expertise. Building a larger constituency base will also help to strengthen support for the institution over the long term.