

Subject : **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - APEC FUNDS 2019 FOR CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS/SMEs**

From : **Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC)**

Sir/ Madam,

With respect the above matter is referred.

2. We are pleased to inform that MESTECC as the focal point for Malaysia for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation (APEC PPSTI), would like to invite participation in the opening for APEC Funds 2019 on capacity building projects related to APEC Agenda. APEC-funded capacity building projects can be delivered through activities i.e. workshops, symposia, seminars, training events, which enable member economies improve their policies and regulations or their institutional structures and processes.

3. Project owners who wish to bid for the funds are required to submit their Concept Note (attached template) in not more than 3 pages, and to choose the best suited APEC project funding sources as stated below to streamline the bidding process:

i. i. General Project Account (GPA)

Funding Priority Areas: Support all types of APEC projects especially in areas in line with the theme for APEC 2019, which priorities comprises of (i) Improving Connectivity and Deepening Regional Economic Integration (Integration 4.0); (ii) Sustainable Growth; (iii) Digital Society; and (iv) Strengthening Inclusive Growth through Structural Reform and by Increasing Opportunities for Women and SMEs.

ii. ii. APEC Support Fund (ASF) - General Fund

Funding Priority Areas:

- § Developing Human Capital;
- § Developing stable, safe and efficient capital markets through structural reform;
- § Strengthening economic infrastructure;
- § Facilitating technology flows and harnessing technologies for the future;
- § Safeguarding the quality of life through environmentally sound growth; and
- § Developing and strengthening the dynamism of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);
- § Integration into the global economy;
- § Human security and counter-terrorism capacity building;
- § Promoting the development of knowledge-based economies; and
- § Addressing social dimension of globalisation.

iii. iii. APEC Support Fund (ASF)- Sub-Fund

- § Sub-Fund on Human Security

- § Sub-Fund on Health and Emergency Preparedness
- § Sub-Fund on Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Measures
- § Sub-Fund on Supply Chain Connectivity
- § Sub-Fund on Mining
- § Sub-Fund on Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific and Global Value Chains
- § Sub-Fund on Innovative Development, Economic Reform and Growth
- § Sub-Fund on Connectivity
- § Sub-Fund on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- § Sub-Fund on the Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform (RAASR)
- § Sub-Fund on Women and the Economy

iv. iv. Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation Special Account (TILF)

Funding Priority Areas: Trade and investment liberalization and facilitation in at least one of the 15 areas below:

- § Tariffs
- § Non-Tariff measures
- § Services (telecommunications, transportation, energy and tourism sectors)
- § Investment
- § Standards and Conformance
- § Customs procedures
- § Intellectual Property Rights
- § Competition Policy
- § Government Procurement
- § Deregulation/ Regulatory review and reform
- § Implementation of WTO's obligation (including RULES OF ORIGIN)
- § Dispute Mediation
- § Mobility of Business People
- § Information gathering and analysis (groundwork)
- § Strengthening economic legal infrastructure

v. v. Energy Efficiency and Low Carbon Measures (EELCM) Sub-Fund – Energy Working Group
APEC

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Funding Priority Areas: Capacity building initiatives contributing to the promotion of energy efficiency and low carbon measures in the APEC region.

To be eligible for funding under this Sub-Fund, Concept Notes must address the Sub-Fund eligibility criteria, which include co-endorsement by the APEC Energy Working

Group. Detailed instructions on the application process and the eligibility criteria for the Sub-Fund is as in attachment.

Kindly refer to URL <https://www.apec.org/Projects/Funding-Sources> and <https://www.apec.org/Projects/Applying-for-Funds> for detailed information and important guidelines on APEC Funds application.

4. The deadlines for the Concept Note submission to APEC Program Directors are on 12 March 2019 (for Session 1/2019) and 15 July 2019 (for Session 2/2019). MESTECC will assist projects related to science, technology and innovation to secure co-sponsoring economies for the project before the above-mentioned submission deadlines. Hence, we urge all submissions of Concept Note to reach the secretariat (undersigned) latest by 19 February 2019 (for Session 1/2019) and 24 June 2019 (for Session 2/2019 – preferred).

5. Should you have further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Thank you.