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**8th Policy Partnership on Science, Technology, and
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Executive Summary**

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: PPSTI Chair



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AND INNOVATION (PPSTI) MEETING
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Executive Summary

Highlights

The 8th APEC Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation (PPSTI) met in Lima, Peru on 15-17 August 2016. Sixteen member economies (Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States and Viet Nam), ABAC, and two guests (APRU and Macao, China) attended the meeting. The PPSTI-8 Meeting considered the theme **“Science, Technology and Innovation for Quality Growth”**.

PPSTI 8 was chaired by Mr. Chen Linhao (China) with Ms. Karin Fassbender (Peru) and Mr. Andrew M. Hebbeler (USA) as Vice-Chairs and ABAC Principal Advisor Mr. Nicholas Brooke.

Day 1 commenced with opening remarks from the President of CONCYTEC Ms. Gisella Orjeda, PPSTI Chair and Vice-Chairs. This was followed by adoption of the agenda, presentation of the summary report of the 2nd Policy Seminar held at PPST-7 by Peru, presentation on APEC Project Updates by the Secretariat and intervention by the ABAC Principal Advisor who spoke on development of PPSTI-ABAC cooperation.

PPSTI members listened to the report on the “APEC Centers” Cooperation Conference (Pohang, 11 June 2016) by the Republic of Korea and had a discussion on the draft Guidelines on the Establishment, Management and Review of Endorsed PPSTI Centers. The U.S. and Peru gave a brief explanation of 2016 APEC Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education (“ASPIRE”) candidate selection and the arrangement of the award ceremony. Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI), Republic of Korea, presented ART 2016 Outcome Report. China, Chinese Taipei and the U.S. reported on the IoV Multiyear Project and Future Opportunities in IoT.

Members discussed the Report on the Implementation Progress of Independent Assessment, which was conducted in 2015, and the procedure for appointment of a new Governing Board.

In the afternoon, PPSTI's three Sub-Groups met on the following sub-themes: A) Building Science Capacity (Chair: the United States, Vice-Chair: Malaysia), B) Promoting Enabling Environment for Innovation (Chair: the Philippines, Vice-Chair: the United States), and C) Enhancing Regional Science and Technology Connectivity (Chair: Chinese Taipei, Vice-Chair: Peru). PPSTI projects and proposals were presented during the sessions.

Day 2 commenced with discussion on Innovation Policy Dialogue, led by Canada, which was followed by the wrap-ups from the Sub-Groups and endorsement of issues discussed at PPSTI 8.

Lastly the group listened announcements from Peru on Eco-tour and from Viet Nam on PPSTI-9 outlook, after which the Chair closed PPSTI-8 meeting.

In the afternoon of Day 2 PPSTI had a joint session with HRDWG, where both groups discussed cross-fora project proposals and issues related to cross-border education, inter-university collaboration and APEC Innovation Mobility Card.

On the following day the APEC Research and Technology (ART) back-to-back event was organized by the Republic of Korea and moderated by PPSTI Chair and Vice-Chairs.

PPSTI-8 Endorsements and Agreements:

1. PPSTI endorsed its 2016 annual report to SCE.
2. PPSTI endorsed the Report on the Implementation of Recommendations of Independent Assessment for submission to SCE.
3. PPSTI agreed to regularly hold Innovation Policy Dialogues to exchange best practices and information with the view of achieving clear outcomes and lessons for the economies.

PPSTI-8 Intersessional Actions:

1. PPSTI will further discuss draft Guidelines on the Establishment, Management and Review of Endorsed PPSTI Centers and will try to finalize this document within two weeks.
2. The members were invited to nominate candidates for the positions of the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Secretariat will coordinate the process of collecting the nominations and circulating them to the group for approval. The process is expected to be completed by the end of November. PPSTI members noted that the U.S. is planning to nominate its candidate for the position of the Chair.
3. The PPSTI annual report will be submitted to SCE by 9 September 2016.
4. PPSTI will continue discussion on the implementation of some recommendations of the independent assessment.
5. ABAC Principal Advisor will represent PPSTI at the IASP World Conference 2016 in Moscow this September and will report back to PPSTI.
6. PPSTI Sub-Group reports remain open for comments which should be sent to the Chairs of the Sub-Groups.
7. PPSTI members are encourage to submit new concept notes for Project Session 2, 2017.
8. Policy recommendations resulting from the projects will be submitted to SCE/SOM.

PPSTI-8 Notation

1. PPSTI members took note of the fact that most recommendations of the independent assessment are aimed at encouraging PPSTI to be more focused and policy-oriented in its activities and to align its work with ToR priorities. It was also noted that implementation of these recommendations will require a proactive leadership from the newly

appointed governing board, which will start its work next year and inevitably the dedication of additional resources to achieve that objective.

2. PPSTI noted the importance of the joint PPSTI-HRDWG session for establishment of cross-fora collaboration and agreed to continue working towards closer ties with HRDWG and other APEC fora.