APEC Policy Partnership on Food Security (PPFS) 2025 Workplan

Introduction

In 2025, the PPFS will build on APEC 2025's theme of "Building a Sustainable Tomorrow", especially under priorities "Connect, Innovate and Prosper. " In particular, the PPFS will feature discussions by focusing on the sub-theme "Driving Innovation in Agri-food Systems for Shared Prosperity." In addition, the PPFS will continue to work on the initiatives and projects in alignment with Putrajaya Vision2040, Aotearoa Plan of Action, in the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 and its Implementation Plan, to highlight the need for joint cooperation within APEC.

As the Chair of the PPFS, Korea will lead a mid-term review of the actions in the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 and the implementation plan, in line with the Key Action Area "19 c) Perform review of actions in 2025 (and progress) and a review of the Roadmap in 2030. "Throughout the mid-term review process, economies could evaluate the roadmap's progress, remind goals and strategies, and share effective practices among member economies.

We will focus our discussion on innovation to strengthen food security, as innovation in the agri-food system is a key driver to move towards a path of shared prosperity for all. We aim to share the diverse efforts of member economies for innovation, recognizing the benefit these efforts can provide to all the stakeholders.

We will strengthen the private sector's role in the PPFS by enhancing the participation of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) and actively seeking opinions from the private sector in achieving 2025 deliverables. This year, we plan to finalize the revision of the PPFS Terms of Reference, with a particular focus on facilitating private-public partnerships.

Further, the work of the PPFS, in supporting both individual and collective efforts of member economies to achieve food security targets and provide support to small-scale producers in the agri-food and fisheries sectors, will also build upon the implementation of initiatives such as the Trujillo Principles for Preventing and Reducing Food Loss and Waste in the Asia-Pacific Region, adopted in 2024, as well as the Lima Roadmap to Promote the Transition to the Formal and Global Economies (2025–2040).

PPFS Deliverables for 2025

1. 2025 APEC Ministerial Statement on Food Security

As the chair of APEC in 2025, Korea will host the APEC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in August 2025 in the city of Incheon. In anticipation of this event, Korea's PPFS Chair and the PPFS group will prepare and lead the development of a 2025 Ministerial Statement on Food Security.

The process for developing the Ministerial Statement will be as follows:

| Date | Event | Action |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 5 March 2025 | SOM1 PPFS 1 st Plenary Meeting | Introduction of the proposed |
| | Day 1 | PPFS 2025 Workplan |
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| | Day 1 | outline for the Food Security |
| | | Ministerial Statement for |
| | | discussion |
| April 2025 | Circulation of Zero Draft | Collection of first round of |
| | intersessionally | comments and suggestions |
| April - July 2025 | Drafting sessions for Food Security | 2-3 rounds of comments |
| | Ministerial Statement | 2-3 virtual drafting meetings |
| August 2025 | Finalization and Endorsement | Finalize draft (text agreed) at |
| | SOM3 2nd PPFS Plenary Meeting | PPFS Plenary |
| | Food Security Ministerial Meeting | Endorse final version during |
| | (FSMM) | FSMM |

2. Mid-term Review of the Implementation Plan of the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030

Korea will lead a mid-term review of the actions in the Food Security Roadmap Towards 2030 and the implementation plan, in line with the Key Action Area "19 c) Perform review of actions in 2025 (and progress) and a review of the Roadmap in 2030."

The process for conducting the mid-term review will be as follows:

| Date | Event | Action | |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| 6 March 2025 | SOM1 PPFS 1 st Plenary Meeting | Introduction of the proposed | |
| | Day 2 | Mid-term Review Plan | |
| March 2025 | Intersessional working on Mid- | Endorse the Mid-term Review | |
| | term Review | Plan | |
| April - July 2025 | Intersessional working on Mid- | Collection of reviews from each | |
| | term Review | economy | |
| August 2025 | Finalization and Presentation | Finalize the review during PPFS | |
| | • SOM3 2 nd PPFS Plenary Meeting | Plenary | |
| | Food Security Ministerial | Present the result during FSMM | |
| | Meeting (FSMM) | | |

3. Revision of the Terms of Reference

The current PPFS's Terms of Reference (ToR) adopted on January 1, 2021, will expire on December 31, 2025. The ToR should be renewed by APEC Senior Officials prior to the expiration date; otherwise, the PPFS will cease to function as an APEC forum. This requires the PPFS to agree to a new ToR during APEC 2025. In 2024, the US prepared a draft ToR and recommendations based on the discussions among the US, Peru, ABAC and economies. In 2025, we plan to hold consultations that equally represent the opinions of all stakeholders, finalize the draft and reach an agreement on the new ToR.

The process for revising the Terms of Reference will be as follows:

| Date | Event | Action | |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| February 2025 | Circulation of zero draft | Circulation of ToR Zero Draft | |
| 6 March 2025 | SOM1 1 st PPFS Plenary Meeting Day 2 | Introduction of the zero draft of ToR | |
| April - July 2025 | Drafting sessions for the ToR | 2-3 rounds of comments | |
| August 2025 | Finalization and Endorsement • SOM3 | Present and endorse the final version during SOM3 PPFS Plenary; seek SOM3 endorsement | |

5. Meetings, Workshops and Other Events

| Event | Date |
|--|----------------|
| SOM1, Gyeongju, Republic of Korea | |
| Workshop on APIP using GEN AI (WG1) | 4 March 2025 |
| PPFS Korea Field Trip | 4 March 2025 |
| 1 st PPFS Plenary Meeting (2 days) | 5-6 March 2025 |
| SOM3, Food Security Ministerial Meeting and related events, Incheon, Republic | |
| of Korea | |
| PPFS Korea Side Events (TBD) | August 2025 |
| PPFS Workshop on Public-Private Partnerships for driving innovation in Agri- | August 2025 |
| food systems (Concept Notes under Development, ROK) | |
| Workshop on Use of GEN AI in APIP – Presentation of Compendium Report, and updates & live demo (WG1) | August 2025 |
| Workshop on Benchmarking Agricultural Policy Approaches | August 2025 |
| (Concept Notes under Development, USA) | |
| 2 nd PPFS Plenary Meeting (1 day) | 8 August 2025 |
| PPFS Joint Meeting (PPFS, HLPDAB, ATCWG, and OFWG) | 9 August 2025 |
| Ministerial Reception | 9 August 2025 |
| Food Security Ministerial Meeting (FSMM) | 10 August 2025 |