

APEC Gender Focal Point Network (GFPN)
8th Meeting, Ranzan, Japan
23rd September 2010

GFPN REPORT TO SCE

The Gender Focal Point Network (GFPN) held its 8th meeting on 23rd September in Ranzan, Japan. 12 economies were represented at the meeting, with a total attendance of 48 delegates. Some of them participated in the 15th Women Leaders Network (WLN) meeting in Tokyo, from 19th to 21st of September, which was attended by nearly 600 participants. Recommendations from the WLN meeting are hereby attached as endorsed by the GFPN.

GFPN ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

GFPN progress areas:

- ***Formulation of the GFPN medium-term workplan and strategic plan***
 - Preparation of the GFPN medium-term workplan to sustain the work of the GFPN.
 - Agreement to develop the GFPN long-term strategic plan.

- ***Promotion of capacity building programmes/initiatives for women and relevant officials***
 - Public Policies to Promote Women Entrepreneurs (Peru) (2009 APEC-funded project)
 - APEC Symposium on GFPN Strategies: Integrating Gender Considerations to APEC Fora (Chinese Taipei) (2009 APEC-funded project)

- ***Contribution of GFPN PASC (Project Assessment Standing Committee) to assess all proposed APEC-funded projects***
 - Ongoing contribution of GFPN PASC to assess all proposed APEC-funded projects submitted to the APEC Secretariat in accordance with the gender criteria as well as feedback and advice.

- ***Fostering a closer relationship between the GFPN and WLN***
 - Agreed to implement WLN Recommendations concerning the GFPN.

Individual economy's progress report on the Framework for the Integration of Women in APEC:

Twelve economies reported on the progress made in their implementation: Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States of America and Vietnam.

The progress areas included gender mainstreaming, gender analysis, collection and use of sex-disaggregated data, and the development of gender and women-focused policy, legislative and programme enhancements.

REVIEW OF 2010 AND PROPOSED FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

GFPN identified the following key challenges for gender integration:

- Discussed how GFPN activities will contribute to the 2010 APEC Growth Strategy and agreed upon the importance of concrete actions, including project proposals which should be aligned with the future GFPN Strategic Plan.

- Discussed the upcoming high-level policy and public-private partnership dialogue to promote women's entrepreneurship– APEC Women's Entrepreneurship Summit, in Gifu, Japan, on 1st of October 2010.

GFPN recommends the following measures within the APEC Fora:

- Continue and strengthen collaboration with the Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group (SMEWG), the Emergency and Preparedness Working Group (EPWG), the Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) and the Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG) to improve the business environment for women-led micro, small, medium-enterprises in the region, and to assist in fulfilling APEC's private sector development agenda.

GFPN RECOMMENDATIONS TO SCE:

The 2010 GFPN recommends the following actions for SCE to take forward to SOM:

- Recognize in APEC Economic Leaders' Declaration and Ministerial Meeting Joint Statement that women are key economic drivers as reflected in the APEC Growth Strategy, and can contribute to its implementation.
- Consider creating a high-level policy dialogue on women's economic opportunities within APEC in line with the APEC Growth Strategy, starting in 2011.
- GFPN endorses and recommends that SCE support the 15th WLN Meeting Recommendations for SOM endorsement.