



Automotive Dialogue's Revised Work Plan for 2020-2021

Introduction

- The original plan to hold the 32nd meeting of Automotive Dialogue in June 2020 is no longer feasible due to the current global situation related to COVID-19. Travel restrictions due to COVID-19 considerably delayed substantial discussions among AD members to carry out deliverables set in the original Work Plan of the AD. The AD members believe that this pandemic crisis should not stop the AD from moving forward to achieve its goals and priorities. Simultaneously bearing in mind disruptions on global supply chains of the global auto industry, the AD members share the same view that the Dialogue should collectively address challenges raised by these disruptions. All the Senior Officials encourage all the APEC Working Groups to continue to carry out their planned works in accordance with their current Work Plans. In addition, the Officials urge APEC Working Groups to actively respond to the Statement on COVID-19 by APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade. Through this Statement, the Trade Ministers require the AD members to work collectively to mitigate COVID-19's impacts on international trade and investment, acknowledging the importance of strengthening regional connectivity by intensifying our efforts to make global supply chains more resilient and less vulnerable to shocks, to advance sustainable economic growth.
- Therefore, the AD members are mandated to continue to work collaboratively to advance AD's existing activities and discussions on its own priorities, as well as to actively respond to challenges and risks brought out by the global pandemic of COVID-19. As part of efforts to honour this mandate, AD is required to adjust the original work plan to new priorities on its deliverables as a result of the pandemic.

1. Completed Deliverables

- The Automotive Dialogue members recognize the following deliverables have been successfully completed
 - 1.1. Endorsed SIAM's application for renewing its status of Official Guest to AD for 2020-2022
 - 1.2. Endorsed a new Concept Note on Autonomous Vehicles at Project Session 2 2020
 - 1.3. Achieved a consensus on the AD Inputs to the Checklist of Instructions from Senior Officials in response to the Statement on COVID-19 by Ministers Responsible for Trade
 - i.* Continue to share Economy Updates on market access to auto industry
 - ii.* Finalize the APEC Guideline on Autonomous Vehicles
 - iii.* Continue to discuss new technologies such as Autonomous Vehicles, Electric Vehicles and E-Scooters
 - iv.* Identify challenges against auto industry in responding to COVID 19 and Best practices of economies to build resilience in auto industry

2. Revised Expected Deliverables for 2020-2021

- As part of the aforementioned adjustment, the Automotive Dialogue will carry out the following revised selective expected deliverables rather than focusing on the entire deliverables originally planned in the original work plan.



- To achieve these deliverables via virtual meetings, the AD will adopt a thematic approach to a meeting structure of AD32. Under the 32nd Meeting of AD. The AD members will convene two meetings on the following two different themes over the coming months from July to November 2020.
 - Capacity Building and Economy Updates on Market Access on Auto Industry Impacted by COVID-19
 - New Technologies including Autonomous Vehicles, Electric Vehicles and E-scooters
- The first meeting on Capacity Building and Economy Updates on Auto Industry Impacted by COVID-19 will be scheduled in either August or September. This meeting is to discuss two topics: 1) Projects and 2) Market Access on Auto Industry and Impacts of COVID-19. At this meeting, the AD members will continue to discuss an overall situation of auto market and industry, progress on free trade agreements and tax regimes and structures as well as trade and trade-related regulatory issues affecting the competitiveness and sustainable development of the automotive industry in the Asia-Pacific region.
- In addition, the AD members will discuss how to implement the instructions and tasks mandated by the Senior Officials. The AD will mainly identify challenges against auto industry in responding to COVID-19 and build best practices of economies to strengthen resilience in auto industry.
- The second meeting on New Technologies will aim to lead in-depth discussions on 1) Autonomous Vehicles, 2) Electric Vehicles and 3) E-scooters.
 - In particular, the Dialogue will aim to seek endorsement of the Committee on Trade and Investment on the APEC Guideline on Autonomous Vehicles after seeking constructive cross-fora collaboration with TPTWG. In addition, the Dialogue will discuss what to build further on the base of the APEC Guideline on Autonomous Vehicles.
- The revised expected deliverables of AD for 2020-2021 are as follow:
 - 2.1 Develop the AD Report to CTI and SOM on AD's Implementation of the Instructions from SOM in response to the MRT Statement on COVID-19
 - 2.1.1 Update on market access to auto industry in APEC economies
 - 2.1.2 Brief on discussion on Autonomous Vehicles, Electric Vehicles and E-scooters
 - 2.1.3 Identify challenges against auto industry in responding to COVID-19
 - 2.1.4 Build best practices of economies to strengthen resilience in auto industry
 - 2.2 Seek CTI's endorsement on the APEC Guideline on Autonomous Vehicles
 - 2.2.1 Seek constructive inputs from TPTWG as part of cross-fora collaboration before tabling the Guideline to CTI for endorsement
 - 2.3 Continue to discuss possible collective activities to implement the APEC Guideline on Autonomous Vehicles in a coordinated way
 - 2.3.1 Hold a project workshop on Autonomous Vehicles Principles
 - 2.4 Continue to discuss AD's policy initiative to incentivise electric vehicles on the base of the Final Report of AD 01 2018A titled with "Electric Vehicles in APEC: Overview of Regulations and Standards 2018 Update."
 - 2.4.1 Seek lessons learned from other cases of success and failure not only in APEC region but also in other regions such Europe
 - 2.5 Elect new AD Chair and Vice Chair for 2021-2022
 - 2.6 Develop a plan of holding AD meetings in the coming years 2021 and 2022