CAPACITY BUILDING FOR BETTER CONNECTIVITY:
SOM STEERING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

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DISCUSSION OUTLINE

• SCE Objectives
• ECOTECH Objectives
• SCE Capacity Building Process
• Capacity Building for Better Connectivity
**SCE Objectives**

- Strengthen the implementation of APEC's ECOTECH medium-term priorities:
  - Regional economic integration (Institutional Connectivity)
  - Addressing the social dimensions of globalisation (inclusive growth)
  - Safeguarding the quality of life through sustainable growth
  - Structural reform (institutional Connectivity)

- Provide policy guidance on ways to contribute to APEC's ECOTECH goals
- Coordinate ECOTECH objectives and priorities

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**ECOTECH Objectives**

- Attain sustainable growth and equitable development in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Reduce economic disparities among members
- Improve overall economic and social well-being (Human Security)
- Deepen the spirit of community in the Asia-Pacific
There are a number of opportunities that SCE Working Groups can explore to contribute to enhancing connectivity in the region.
In 2013, APEC committed to fund 84 ECOTECH projects proposed by the SCE and other APEC working groups and task forces to progress work in APEC's priority areas and support APEC's economic and technical cooperation agenda.

These projects focused on the five medium-term ECOTECH priorities identified by the SCE.

Several capacity building projects in 2013 directly contribute to enhancing greater connectivity in the region.