

## Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP)

### *Report for the*

## CTI ANNUAL REPORT TO MINISTERS

### For AMM’s information

#### (a) Key outcomes and achievements in 2024

- For this year, apart from two plenary meetings, SCCP organized the APEC Customs Business Dialogue (ACBD) on 14 August 2024, under the theme – “Digitalization of end-to-end supply chains: Latest developments and next steps”
- SCCP also conducted the following APEC-funded and self-funded projects / workshops:
  - SCCP 201 2023T – “Workshop on Technological Solutions for Green Customs in the Asia-Pacific Region” – workshop held on 13-14 August 2024 (Funded).
  - SCCP 202 2023A – “Best practices to promote transparency in the logistic supply chain: information platforms of logistic services for foreign trade” – workshop held on 17 August 2024 (Funded).
  - SCCP 203 2023A – “Improving the digitalization of international trade: the relevance of the use of an electronic Bill of Lading” – workshop held on 12 August 2024 (Funded).
  - SCCP 04 2022S – “Focusing on MSME Engagement in E-Commerce with Best Practices Recommendations on Regulatory Procedures for Small, Low-Value Shipments” – workshop held on 18 August 2024 (Self-Funded).
  - SCCP 02 2023S – “Exporting entrepreneurship: export promotion program aimed at MSMEs, rural communities, women, and young people” – workshop held on 26 February 2024 (Self-Funded).
  - SCCP 01 2023S – “Empowering women in frontline Customs work: policy report and management indicators” – virtual workshop held on 13 June 2024 (Self-Funded).
  - SCCP 02 2022T – “APEC Workshops for Capacity Building in Self-Declaration of Origin for FTAs/RTAs” – virtual workshop held on 31 January 2024 (Funded).
- The following member-led initiatives were also conducted:
  - Peru’s initiative - “Good practices in Customs value declaration and control aimed at voluntary compliance and trade facilitation”.
  - China’s initiative - “APEC Smart Customs Cooperation Partnership Initiative”.

#### (b) Work undertaken by fora in pursuit of the [Putrajaya Vision 2040](#), including through the [Aotearoa Plan of Action \(APA\)](#)

*Kindly refer to the “Collective Actions” (in the APA) for the relevant fora  
Please also outline any individual actions that your fora has showcased during the year.*

- SCCP’s activities listed above support the Putrajaya Vision, through the implementation of the following Aotearoa Plan of Action collective actions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress liberalisation of trade in goods by reducing unnecessary barriers, strengthening trade facilitation, and fostering regulatory reform. (e.g., SCCP 202 2023A)</li> <li>• Increase trade predictability and openness by improving economies’ transparency through trade measures and policies. (e.g., SCCP 202 2023A)</li> <li>• Collaborate to develop an innovative digital business environment. (e.g. ACBD, SCCP 203 2023A, SCCP 04 2022S)</li> <li>• Promote ecosystems that support MSMEs... to take advantage of the digital economy (e.g. SCCP 02 2023S, SCCP 03 2023S)</li> <li>• Promote e-commerce / digital trade,... and sharing best practice on rules and regulations in e-commerce / digital trade. (e.g. ACBD, SCCP 203 2023A, SCCP 04 2022S)</li> <li>• Advancing gender equality and the economic empowerment of women. (e.g. SCCP 01 2023S)</li> <li>• Cooperate in relevant APEC fora to develop, encourage and exchange best practice policies, and promote capacity building programs, which address all environmental challenges - including climate change - and support sustainable growth. (e.g. SCCP 201 2023T)</li> </ul>
<p>(c) Work Undertaken by the fora in response to Ministerial, SOM and CTI direction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The San Francisco Principles on Integrating Inclusivity and Sustainability into Trade and Investment Policy calls for “<i>Ensuring consideration of particular perspectives and interests which can include MSMEs, working people, consumers, women, persons with disabilities, rural and remote populations, and Indigenous Peoples as appropriate, in the development, implementation, and monitoring of trade policies and trade policy actions</i>”. The SCCP’s work such as the Workshop on Exporting entrepreneurship and Empowering women in frontline Customs work contributes to the San Francisco Principles in this regard.</li> <li>• The SCCP’s work on green customs and digitalization respond to the Bangkok Goals on Bio-Circular-Green Economy, which calls upon APEC economies to enhance the sustainability and connectivity of supply chains; share best practices on green public procurement; facilitate trade in environmental goods and services; strengthen efforts to combat illicit logging; and increase cooperation on advancing toward a circular economy.</li> </ul>
<p>(d) Key Issues Under Discussion by the Fora (if any); &amp;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SCCP has made Inclusiveness and Women in Trade and the issue of digitalization standing agenda items at all future SCCP Plenary meetings to promote further discussions and actions on these topics.</li> </ul>
<p>(e) Private sector / Stakeholder engagement and cross-fora collaboration in 2024 (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACBD invited several members from the private sector, academia and international organizations to engage with government in the event.</li> </ul>

- Representatives from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC), US Council for International Business and the World Customs Organization (WCO) shared presentations at the SCCP Plenary Meeting.
- Other SCCP Project events all invited relevant participants / speakers from the private sector to the workshops.
- EGILAT members were invited to participate in the SCCP Workshop on Technological Solutions for Green Customs in the Asia-Pacific Region. EGILAT also facilitated contacts with relevant speakers for this workshop.
- SCCP chair was invited by EGILAT Chair to participate in cross-fora discussion between EGILAT, SCCP and ACTWG during the EGILAT Plenary Meeting. The goal of the discussion was to identify potential cooperation on the issue of combating illegal logging and associated trade by focusing on supply chain vulnerabilities at points of export and import and related corruption/transparency and money laundering influences. SCCP Chair reported on mandate and priorities of SCCP, as well as key developments in relevant SCCP projects.
- SCCP Chair also had a meeting with Peru's OFWG Team to invite OFWG to participate in SCCP Workshop on Technological Solutions for Green Customs, as well as the SCCP Plenary.
- Peru's EWG representative was invited to make presentation on implementation on APEC policy guidance to develop and implement low-carbon hydrogen policy frameworks in Asia-Pacific at the SCCP Plenary meeting.
- SCCP members participated actively in the 16th Meeting of the APEC Alliance for Supply Chain Connectivity (A2C2) organized by CTI.
- SCCP Chair representative was invited to BMG to share SCCP's experience in mainstreaming the issue of gender into SCCP's workstream.

(f) Items to submit to Senior Officials or Ministers (if applicable)

- N/A