
Agenda

APEC Workshop: Studies for Enhancing Mutual Recognition and Regional Cooperation for Skills and Job Qualifications in the APEC region

- *Best Practices & Lessons Learned from Case Studies of Regional Efforts* -
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Where do we stand? How far have we come through the many initiatives taken to facilitate the mobility of professionals and skilled labor in the region?

13 May 2017, 14:00-18:00 (followed by cocktail dinner)

2nd floor (**Room 212**), National Convention Centre, Ha Noi, Viet Nam

We are pleased to invite APEC economies to attend the workshop in order to better understand the importance and benefit of mutual recognition of skills and job qualifications. Project researchers will present an overview of current initiatives among APEC member economies. Leaders of recent mutual recognition initiatives will each present on their experiences with and best practices for implementing initiatives that support cross-border labor mobility and skills development.

Following the presentations, there will be a Q&A session in which the panel will address questions submitted in advance by workshop attendees. Attendees are encouraged to discuss their own experiences, share common challenges, and consider how to best overcome these challenges. Please join us to discuss and network with like-minded stakeholders from fellow APEC economies.

The workshop will be led by the following organizations:

- APEC Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
- Institute for International Studies and Training (IIST), Japan
- Washington CORE (HRDWG project research team), United States

Speakers from the following organizations will present (alphabetical order of the economy): *

- Engineers Australia, Australia
- Information-technology Promotion Agency (IPA), Japan
- Graduate Institute of Technological & Vocational Education, National Taipei University of Technology (NTUT), Chinese Taipei
- Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam

* Program and speakers may subject to change.

Any questions about the workshop should be directed to the project organizers, Mr. Shuichi Harima (harima@iist.or.jp) and Mr. Takahito Nakamura (takan@wcore.com).

Registration can be done online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/XkTJ3v8pQL4OhrD32>

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#	Time	Activity	Main Speakers
	14:00 - 14:30	Registration and Arrival	
1	14:30 - 14:40	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>1. Project Overseer describes the value of mutual recognition of skills and job qualifications, and current capacity building efforts.</p> <p>2. Remarks from CBN Coordinator</p>	<p>1. (TBD), APEC Office, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan</p> <p>2. Mr. Meng-Liang Tsai, Deputy Director General, WDA, Ministry of Labor.</p>
2	14:40 - 15:00	<p>Research Presentation “How far have we come? A big-picture view of current initiatives and best practices”</p> <p>Project researchers will present an overview of current initiatives and capacity building efforts to promote the mutual recognition of skills and job qualifications among APEC member economies.</p>	<p>Mr. James Tetlow, Senior Research Analyst</p> <p>Mr. Takahiro Nakamura, Research Analyst</p> <p>Washington CORE</p>
3	15:00 - 16:50	<p>Presentations from Speakers</p> <p>Each invited speaker will present an initiative in his/her economy, with insights on the project background, and noteworthy achievements in the areas of skills recognition initiatives and capacity building efforts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MRAs, Engineering Mobility, the Australian Experience 2. Chinese Taipei’s Occupational Competency Standards (OSC): Concurrent and Outlook 3. Promoting MRAs in ASEAN: Experiences of Vietnam 4. IT Engineers Examination - A model case of enhancing skill recognition and capacity building for IT professionals in ASEAN region - 	<p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Glen Crawley, Registrar, Professional Standards, Engineers Australia [Australia] 2. Prof. Jen-Chia (Richard) Chang, National Taipei Univ of Technology [Chinese Taipei] 3. Mr. Nguyen Anh Duong, Deputy Director of Macroeconomic Policy and Integration Studies Dept., Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM) [Viet Nam] 4. Mr. Kenji Ogawa, VP of IT HRD-HQ, Information-technology Promotion Agency (IPA) [Japan]
4	16:50 - 17:00	Coffee Break (Question sheets for panel will be collected)	N/A

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5	17:00 - 17:30	<p>Q&A Panel Session</p> <p>Questions from the floor on the speakers' topics or research output will be welcomed. Participants can also bring up his/her own experiences and share the common challenges they face in implementing mutual recognition arrangements, and how to best overcome these challenges.</p>	<p>Washington CORE</p> <p>Speakers</p> <p>Participants</p>
6	17:30 - 18:00	<p>Final Thoughts & Feedback for the Studies</p> <p>Project researchers will summarize the essence of the discussion, which will support the recommendations in the final project report. Participants are kindly requested to complete a feedback questionnaire about the workshop.</p>	<p>Washington CORE</p>
7	18:00 - 19:00	<p>Welcome Cocktail (Room 210)</p>	<p>N/A</p>