



## ABAC Women's Forum Meeting, Hong Kong, China

### Minutes of Meeting: 23 February 2012

The ABAC Women's Forum noted the departure from ABAC of Fauziah Talib (member, ABAC Brunei) and Patricia Teullet (alternative, ABAC Peru), and the addition of Anna Buduls (member, ABAC Australia) and Diane Wang (alternative, ABAC China).

Thus, ABAC women membership composition has remained static from 2011.

#### 1. Updates since Last Meeting

- a) Recap of the achievements of the ABAC Women's Forum in 2011.
- b) Overview of APEC's forthcoming women's events for 2012, including:
  - i) APEC Women's Leadership Forum, to be held in Yokohama, Japan on 8-9 March 2012. This is the first APEC follow-up to the inaugural Women in the Economy Summit;
  - ii) APEC Policy Partnership for Women and the Economy meetings to be held in St Petersburg, Russia, on 26-28 June 2012. Awaiting further details from Russia.

For both events, those interested in participating should contact Gaynor for help with registration.

- c) Update on plans for Forum outreach activities alongside ABAC II, to be held in Kuala Lumpur in May 2012:
  - i) Participation in Women's Forum, 24<sup>th</sup> May, afternoon
  - ii) Event at women-only radio station in Kuala Lumpur (details TBC)
- d) Information pack – there are plans to create an information brochure for introductory purposes; the text will be circulated to Forum members in March for review.
- e) Review of the joint cocktail reception held with the Hong Kong Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Association on 21<sup>st</sup> February, on the theme of social enterprise.

## **2. 2012 Policy Platform & Action Plan**

- a) Promote the appointment of more women ABAC members through:**
  - i) Regular reporting of ABAC women member numbers
  - ii) Mid-year update to Leaders and senior officials
  - iii) Encourage the involvement of past women ABAC members
- b) Create databases of the following information:**
  - i) Current and past women ABAC members
  - ii) Senior women leaders (public or private sector)
  - iii) Events and other outreach opportunities in each economy
  - iv) Multi-national/large companies with grass-roots initiatives
- c) Promote STEM education for women**

To help drive inclusive, innovative and sustained economic growth across the region
- d) Active participation in APEC PPWE process**

## **3. Other Action Items**

Due to some members being absent due to conflicting internal and external meetings, part of the meeting agenda will be carried over to the second ABAC meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in May 2012.