



**Asia-Pacific
Economic Cooperation**

Catalogue of Responses to Consultation Paper (Draft APEC Internet Economy Principles)

3rd Ad Hoc Steering Group on the Internet Economy (AHSGIE) Meeting

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BACKGROUND

- Consultation Paper circulated in December 2016
- Received written comments from 11 member economies
- Current catalogue captures a snapshot of comments received on the preamble (11 principles)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Terminology – rather than “principles”, consider other terms e.g. pillars, building blocks, etc.
- As currently written, the document references the importance of security but its ultimate goal for open data and interoperability seems to override the importance of security.
- Any discussion that takes place on developing “Principles” should take into account the work in other forums. Namely the OECD, WIPO and the G20; it will be important to ensure the instruments are complimentary and mutually reinforcing.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Using the APEC Principles as the basis for an Action Plan or Roadmap will be an important next step to provide for individual economies to translate the Principles into a set of coherent policies and initiatives that will support economic growth and social prosperity across the Asia Pacific region.
- Broadly supportive of the document, some important areas in the document are currently unclear
- Document clearly highlights most important issues that economies have been facing; it provides certain effective measures and directions that without doubt would help the policy making of economies and advance development of the internet economy across the region.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- A further principle needed on ensuring that workable competition exists within the internet economy
- It is important that the principles stress technology neutrality so that competition from future technologies is not inhibited.
- Some issues like cross-border data flows should be highlighted, that cross-border data flows are not without any limitation and economies' domestic laws and regulations should be respected.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Propose to restructure the outline in 4 categories:
 - 1. **Infrastructure:** both principles 1 and 3.8, which refer to the submarine cable network and emphasize the development of interconnectivity of national and regional network, would fall under this category of Infrastructure.
 - 2. **Platform:** interoperability, flow of data, and digital ID would be the main issues in the platform layer. Consequently, Principles 2, 7, and 8 could be classified in the same category.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Propose to restructure the outline in 4 categories: (Cont'd)
 - **3. Government Relevant Issues:** issues related to the actions of governments, such as policy framework, cloud-first, open data, etc. Therefore, principles 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10 could fall into this category.
 - **4. User's Capacity Building:** principles 3 and 11 could be placed together because the accessibility of network and digital literacy both relate to user's capacity in Internet.

PREAMBLE

1. To develop secure digital infrastructure

- To develop **resilient** digital **and ICT** infrastructure

2. To promote interoperable and secure platforms

- We do not support inclusion of this concept until it is developed more fully

5. To promote a cloud-first agenda for government

- To promote **application of secure cloud computing for government**

6. To ensure regional regulatory equivalence regimes: in data transfers and privacy, in data protection, in transactions

- To promote regional **secure** regional equivalence regimes: in data transfers and privacy, in data protection, in transactions

PREAMBLE

7. To promote seamless cross-border data flows

- To promote seamless cross-border **free flow of** data
- To promote seamless **and secure** cross-border data flows

8. To strive for common digital IDs

- This is an area of work that hasn't been explored in depth yet in APEC
- To strive for common **use of** digital IDs
- To strive for common digital IDs to **assist in authentication**
- **To avoid data server localization requirements**

PREAMBLE

9. To establish baseline Internet Economy measurements

- To **develop common list of terms and classifications related to Internet Economy**

10. To advance open data programmes

- To advance **trustful** open data programmes

11. To equip all APEC citizens to be digital literate participants in the Internet Economy

- To **promote accessibility**



Roadmap Development: Option 1 ('Bottom up')

Objective	To develop a signposted overview of where APEC can and should be focused on facilitating the development of an Internet Economy for all member economies and the regional economy as a whole, based on existing work programmes and identified gaps in work initiatives.
Approach	Survey the work ongoing in APEC sub-fora and working groups to identify initiatives relevant to the Internet and Digital Economy; identify duplication of Internet Economy-related initiatives; identify levels of awareness of initiatives and, where apparent, coordination between fora; engage with various Internet Economy stakeholders, both within APEC and APEC-related fora (e.g., ABAC), and external to APEC through various private public dialogues.
Inputs	Presentations, suggestions and requests from member economies; Requests and suggestions from SOM; Summary programme audits from APEC sub-fora; Inputs from private sectors and non-governmental organizations through PPDs; Responses to consultations
Timeline	End-2016: Summary of initial capture of initiatives and issues H1 2017: Draft Roadmap for circulation based upon inputs Q3 2017: Finalized Roadmap
Outputs	Key issues of the Internet Economy for focus by APEC; Where duplicate initiatives/efforts and gaps exist; Which sub-fora should have responsibility for which issues; Where coordination is required (across silos) and which sectors should be coordinating; Initial suggested priorities.



Roadmap Development: Option 2 ('Top down')

Objective	To develop a signposted overview of where APEC can and should be focused on facilitating the development of an Internet Economy for all member economies and the regional economy as a whole, based on existing work programmes and identified gaps in work initiatives.
Approach	Survey the work ongoing in APEC sub-fora and working groups based upon member economy identification of the Internet Economy; identify duplication of Internet Economy-related initiatives;.
Inputs	Member economy and SOM priorities; Sub-fora working programmes
Timeline	H1-2016: Initial capture of initiatives (audit and responses) H1 2017: Draft Roadmap for circulation based upon inputs Q3 2017: Finalized Roadmap
Outputs	Existing programmes within APEC; Where duplicate initiatives/efforts exist; Which sub-fora should have responsibility for which issues.

THANK YOU