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APEC'S TRADE RELATED CAPACITY BUILDING ASSISTANCE

Since APEC began projects in 1993, projects numbers have increased from 33 per year to around 120 in 2006. Over the same period, the funds APEC committed to projects increased from just under \$1 million to almost \$8 million per year. Around 1200 projects have been undertaken during this period with 251 projects currently active at a value of \$18.5 million of APEC funds (i.e. not including self-funded amounts).

The main APEC fund to provide assistance for trade related activities is the Trade and Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation Special Account, which was established in 1995. This funds cooperative projects in support of trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, which aim to assist APEC Member Economies to achieve the Bogor Goals. Japan and the United States contribute to this fund. In 2006, approximately US\$4.4 million was available for activities related to trade and investment liberalization and facilitation. Japan has been the sole contributor until U.S. joined in 2007.

Some trade related projects are also funded through the Operational Account and APEC Support Fund.

The Operational Account is formed from a portion of members' annual contributions to APEC. The amount available each year is approximately US\$2 million. This Account primarily funds projects in support of economic and technical cooperation, which is aimed at attaining sustainable growth and equitable development, while reducing economic disparities among APEC economies and improving economic and social well-being.

The APEC Support Fund was established in November 2004, to support the capacity building needs for APEC developing economies in APEC's agreed high priority sectors for economic and technical cooperation. Australia, Chinese Taipei, Korea, China and the United States contribute to this fund. In 2006, approximately US\$4 million was available to build capacity among developing members.

A summary of APEC's trade related assistance for 2006 is outlined in the table below.

APEC's 2006 trade related capacity building activities

	USD
TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS	
Trade policy and administrative management	104,426
Technical barriers to trade (TBT)	-
Sanitary and phytosanitary measures	-
Trade facilitation: of which	
Trade facilitation procedures	698,285
Customs valuation	-
Tariff reforms	-
Regional trade agreements (RTAs)	107,280
Multilateral trade negotiation: of which	
Accession	-
Dispute settlement	249,760
Trade-related intellectual property rights (TRIPS)	-
Agriculture	-
Services	-
Tariff negotiations - non-agricultural market access	-
Rules	95,100
Training in trade negotiation techniques	32,500
Trade and environment	-
Trade and competition	-
Trade and investment	188,100
Transparency and government procurement	93,170
Trade education/training	276,706
<i>Sub-total</i>	1,845,327
ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE	
Transport and storage	237,273
Communications	242,686
Energy supply and generation	1,052,648
<i>Sub-total</i>	1,532,607
BUILDING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY (including Trade Development)	
Business support services and institutions	770,893
Banking and financial services	-
Agriculture	768,831
Forestry	-
Fishing	130,800
Industry	178,450
Mineral resources and mining	-
Tourism	70,870
<i>Sub-total</i>	1,919,844
TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT	
General budget support (to be replaced by Trade-related adjustment)	-
<i>Sub-total</i>	-
TRADE DEVELOPMENT (subset of Building Productive Capacity)	
Business support services and institutions	-
Public-private sector networking	195,260
E-commerce	81,064
Trade finance	-
Trade promotion strategy and implementation	611,261
Market analysis and development	49,520
<i>Sub-total</i>	937,105
<i>Total</i>	6,234,883