



## Pacific Economic Cooperation Council

### Community Building Forum Core Activities in 2004-2005

Activities which are central to the work program of the Forum in 2004-2005 have the following characteristics.

#### 1. Contribution to the mission of the Forum

The mission of the Forum is to contribute to the understanding of the function, design and impact of partnerships between government and the business sector.

Partnerships which are the focus of the Forum in this cycle are those which help build the capacity of an economy to undertake structural change, and to remove impediments to successful integration with others in the region and the rest of the world.

Where possible work under the auspices of the Forum will also identify and promote opportunities for partnerships, and depending on the resources available it may also facilitate their implementation.

#### 2. Outputs for policy makers, business and researchers

The activity should help identify new options for policy makers, give business a forum to present their views on opportunities and challenges in the development of these partnerships, and help guide the research agenda.

#### 3. Evidence of business support and government linkages

The activity should be designed with early input from business. Proposals for activities to become part of the Forum's core work program, and therefore eligible for travel funding support from PECC, should demonstrate the consultations undertaken and provide evidence of direct business support for the work, for example, through sponsorship of events, participation in meetings, and access to projects.

The manner in which the results of the work will be communicated to governments must be explained.

The linkages to relevant activities in APEC should also be evident in the proposals.

#### 4. Cross-border participation

Activities should also consider how foreign investors are involved in partnerships, what impediments there are to foreign participation, how those impediments were resolved, and the contribution of foreign investment to project performance.

## 5. Links to projects

The activity will have extra value if it is linked to actual projects, which can be used to illustrate the relevance of the questions being examined in the work, or provide examples of solutions to problems in, or innovative designs of, government-private sector partnerships.

It would be helpful if these projects could continue to be monitored and the case material be updated.

## 6. Research community contributions

Contributions of members of the research community include analytical framework for examining the key issues in the design and assessment of partnership projects. It could also include contributions to the reporting of the results of the work and compilation of materials for publication and wider distribution.

## 7. Adding value

There is a substantial amount of work done on partnerships between the public and private sectors, eg, much of it presented on the World Bank website ([www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)). A search of the internet on relevant key words will reveal a very large number of organizations with interests in this field. Proposals for work in this field under the PECC banner should therefore explain how it will add value to materials already available or work already done. Examples could be applications to sectors not already treated extensively, efforts to extend the understanding of the material already available or to reach new audiences, opportunities for the private sector to present their views, or work to extend and refine the existing material. Other items for attention include the scope to contribute to APEC work in this or in related fields.

## 8. Timetable

The current work program is designed to report to the PECC General Meeting to be held in Korea in November 2005 (date to be confirmed). A mid-term milestone for the Forum is a meeting to be held in Sydney in December 2004, which will examine a general framework, as well as applications, on issues in partnership design and evaluation. Participation in that meeting by contributors to other core activities in Forum would be welcome.

## 9. Endorsement by the International Advisory Group

Proposals for contributions to the core activities of the Forum should be discussed with the Coordinator (contact details below) who will then distribute the proposals for endorsement to the Forum International Advisory Group (see [www.pecc.org](http://www.pecc.org)).

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