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Meeting Paper 8-A Update on Progress of Valuations Standards Initiative IVSC

PURPOSE For information.

ISSUE Update on Progress of Valuations Standards Initiative

BACKGROUND Valuations are central to decision-making and the economic growth and development of financial systems are impacted in a multitude of ways by valuation. The programme that the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) has embarked upon with ABAC and the APEC economies to strengthen both valuation practices and the valuation profession has taken the form of two key initiatives so far:

1. Preparing an Audit of the current valuation landscape of all APEC economies
2. Preparing a template of best practice in five important areas (Regulation and compliance; Organisational infrastructure; Access to information and disclosure; Education and training; Standards).

The IVSC ABAC working group has continued to gather and verify information in respect of the valuation landscape in each of the 21 APEC economies. The Template has been reviewed by several experts from around APEC economies and it is currently being updated in response to that feedback.

The group intends to host a series of round tables to sound out the key stakeholders to develop a road map to assist economies in adopting best practices as outlined in the Template. We have held discussion with three economies interested in holding such round tables and while we have received very positive feedback we have not yet secured official commitment.

Discussions with the China Appraisal Society (CAS) and, in turn, by them with the China Ministry of Finance, are progressing in regard to holding, subject to securing adequate sponsorship, a Symposium/conference in November 2015: Valuation and its contribution to Economic Growth, for APEC valuation experts and other key stakeholders in the APEC financial architecture.

PROPOSAL

None.

***DECISION
POINT***

Note the current status of development of the initiative.

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Update on Progress of Valuations Standards Initiative

As discussed in previous forums, valuations are central to decision-making and the economic growth and development of financial systems are impacted in a multitude of ways by valuation. The programme that the International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) has embarked upon with ABAC and the APEC economies to strengthen both valuation practices and the valuation profession has taken the form of two key initiatives so far:

1. Preparing an Audit: this will be a full description of the current valuation landscape of all 21 APEC economies
2. Preparing a template of best practice in five important areas (Regulation and compliance; Organisational infrastructure; Access to information and disclosure; Education and training; Standards). The template will describe options for establishing best practice landscapes for the valuation practices in various types of economy.

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As mentioned in our previous report we intend to host a series of round tables to sound out the key stakeholders in a number of APEC economies on ways to develop a road map to assist these economies to adopt best practices as outlined in the Template for strengthening valuation practices and the valuation profession. We have held discussion with three economies interested in holding such round tables and while we have received very positive feedback we have not yet secured official commitment.

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- share experiences of how valuation practices can contribute to economic growth
- share and discuss the results of the Audit and best practice Template

Tentative dates have been set for 9/10 November in Beijing and further planning meetings are scheduled for the later part of April 2015, following which the IVSC is hopeful it will be able to issue, together with the CAS, save the date notices. The proposal is to hold the conference alongside the 2015 China Valuation Forum.

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