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The Advisory Group on APEC Financial System Capacity Building

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APIP Work Plan - 2016 Dialogues

- Work plan presented at ABAC 4 last year
- Proposed to develop a pipeline of dialogues with APEC Economies
- Vietnam has advised its interest in hosting a dialogue and arrangements are under discussion.
- ABAC Peru and ABAC Thailand have been approached by APIP to host dialogues – awaiting response.
- The APIP Secretariat is interested in hearing from other economies who may be interested in hosting an APIP dialogue in 2016 or 2017.

Report on ‘Success Factors in the Philippines PPP Program’

As noted at ABAC 4 last year, AASC commissioned a research paper on Successful PPP Programs in the Philippines. The report (included in papers) details the following success factors:

- A comprehensive program of improvements and reforms (there is no “silver bullet”)
- Get the policy framework right and continually improve it.
- A whole of government approach
- Properly resourced
- Government capacity to comprehensively monitor the PPP
- Close engagement with the private sector
- Comprehensive communications strategy for the project

Challenges remain – need for improvements in financing environment

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Deepening linkages with Infrastructure related initiatives

The APIP Secretariat met with G20 Global Infrastructure Hub in February 2016. The G20 Hub provided an update on:

- the development of their knowledge sharing network – The **GIH Guide to Infrastructure Resources** - a single database on infrastructure projects and financing information- available to APEC and non-G20 economies
- A specific project database is also being constructed
- Robert Milliner will continue to link APEC/ABAC and G20 and minimise duplication
- APIP is supporting the G20 initiative with the provision of materials and resources

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