Public-Private Sector Partnership for Infrastructure Development

Establishing a mandate for Regional Infrastructure Dialogue

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Context

• Significant infrastructure needs in APEC
  – Measuring infrastructure adequacy
  – Project identification & selection
  – Financing challenges & new opportunities
  – Governance & codes of practice
  – Risk management

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A Regional Infrastructure Dialogue

• Why?
  – To build confidence and mandate for governments to invest in infrastructure.
  – To enrich the vision for a long term infrastructure plan to secure long term economic prosperity and underpin social stability.
  – Champion a pragmatic agenda for early action based on genuine partnership with business and community.

What could an Infrastructure Dialogue deliver?

• Seamless relationship & place for quality dialogue between government, private sector and community interests in infrastructure
• To sharpen ‘national interest’ and planning capabilities for infrastructure requirements
• Push for ‘best practice’ governance arrangements within government and private sector
• Demystify the role of the private sector, and its capability to deliver public policy outcomes and bring forward financing solutions

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Issues & Comments

• What should be the primary objective of a regional infrastructure dialogue as part of the APEC agenda?
• How could APEC assist regional governments with capability building in infrastructure policy and planning?
• Should there be a role for private sector in the dialogue?... Importance of strong practitioner perspectives and critical review of procurement options such as PPPs?

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