

The impetus behind the initiative stems from an ABAC recommendation to the Finance Ministers in 2014 that:

“..the public sector should collaborate with ABAC, the IVSC, valuation professional organizations (VPOs), experts from industry and other relevant bodies to promote high quality valuation practices and professionals across member economies through region-wide convergence toward robust global valuation standards and the development of sustainable VPOs”

Response: Establishment of ABAC/IVSC Working Group

Scope:

- Explore valuation landscape in Asia Pacific economies;
- Discuss model valuation architecture, associated best practice, the role of internationally accepted valuation standards and of VPOs;
- Record strengths, weaknesses and impediments to improving valuation practices and identify where need to develop and/or reinforce valuation infrastructure;
- Prioritise opportunities to enhance existing landscape and implementation challenges
- Outline development process for member economies that lack valuation infrastructure

Initial Tasks assigned to Working Group

- Preparing an Audit: this is a full description of the valuation landscape of all 21 APEC economies, covering all asset classes
- Preparing a Template of best practice: the Template describes various options for establishing a range of best practice landscapes for the valuation practices in various economies
- Identifying and start planning for several Roundtables for various APEC economies to assist those economies which would benefit most from adopting best practices as outlined in the Template

Project Update

- Audit/stocktaking and Template largely complete
- First Roundtable held in Malaysia in January 2016
- Future Roundtables to be held in Japan, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam in coming months
- Approach from ASEAN economies of Cambodia and Myanmar
- Symposium planned for autumn 2016 in Beijing in partnership with CAS – Valuation and its Contribution to Economic Growth

Way Forward

- 4-6 Roundtables p.a. plus one major awareness raising event as part of three year delivery programme, subject to sponsorship and other potential means of funding
- Potential for Working Group to play larger role in helping ABAC/APEC to achieve their financial goals e.g. promoting access of SME's to finance on regional basis, bankability of public private projects, ever-evolving world of fintech, the provision of micro-finance and the world of financial instruments through, for instance, access to valuation experts in these fields