

**Draft 2018 Annual Work Plan on
APEC Technical Group on Measurement on TiVA under GVCs**
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I. Major Tasks for 2018 Described in the Work Plan

According to the Work Plan for the Technical Group on Measurement of APEC TiVA under GVCs endorsed by the 21st Meeting of APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade (MRT) and the 27th Meeting of APEC Ministerial Meeting (AMM) 2015 in the Philippines, the major tasks for the year 2018 are as follows:

1. Integrate APEC economies' SUTs/IOTs and construct APECSUTs/APECIOTs by major economic sector, and APECSUTs/APECIOTs by major economic sector with firm heterogeneity, if applicable;
2. Compute the APEC TiVA Database and draft related economy notes;
3. Work with the OECD-WTO TiVA team to check consistency between the APEC TiVA Database and the OECD-WTO TiVA Database. Make necessary adjustment to integrate the two databases;
4. Organize the 6th meeting of the technical group combined with a conference on the application and dissemination of the APEC TiVA Database;
5. Deliver the final official report to the APEC CTI.

II. Major Areas of Technical Work in 2018

Based on the above tasks for 2018, three major areas of technical work have been identified:

1. Construct the APECSUTs/APECIOTs;
2. Develop TiVA indicators based on the APEC SUTs/APECIOTs;
3. If applicable, construct the extended APECSUTs/APECIOTs or single economy extended SUTs incorporating information on firm heterogeneity where possible.

III. Work plan and corresponding deliverables

1. The technical group will deliver the draft versions of APECSUTs/APECIOTs with discrepancies and economy notes in late August 2018 to the 3rd meeting of APEC CTI during the APEC SOM3. The technical group will provide participating APEC member economies two weeks to review and provide comments on the data and economy notes related to their economies. The technical group will incorporate their comments in the most feasible way to complete the final APECSUTs/APECIOTs.
2. The technical group will deliver the final versions of APECSUTs/APECIOTs, economy notes, as well as the TiVA indicators in early November around the CSOM. The co-chairs of the technical group will submit a working report on completion of the mission of the Strategic Framework on Measurement of APEC TiVA under GVCs, to the CTI, the CSOM, the 30th APEC AMM, and the 26th APEC Economic Leaders Meeting (AELM) for endorsement in November 2018.
3. By December 31, 2018, the CTF will complete the integration of the APEC TiVA database with the OECD-WTO TiVA database.
4. The technical group will explore the possibility of holding the 6th Meeting of the

Technical Group and a conference on the application and dissemination of APEC TiVA Database in 2019, likely as one of the official APEC SOM events, before or at the 25th Meeting of APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade in May 2019. All participating APEC economies are welcome to provide suggestions on these events to the technical group.