
**Summary Report of the Fifth Meeting of
APEC Technical Group of Measurement on TiVA under GVCs**
Submitted by: Co-Chairs

Date: *August 10, 2017*

Location: *Nanning, Guangxi, People's Republic of China*

Participating Economies: *Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; Mexico; Peru; the Philippines; Russia; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States; Viet Nam*

Participating International Organizations: *Asian Development Bank (ADB); United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)*

1. SUMMARIZE THE 3rd CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP:

As the organizer of the 3rd Capacity Building Workshop, MOFCOM summarized the Phase One of the 3rd Capacity Building workshop in August 7-10, 2017, in Nanning, Guangxi, China.

There were 84 participants from 17 economies (except Japan; New Zealand; Papua New Guinea; Singapore) and international organizations, such as ADB, OECD, WTO, UNSD. Women represented 36, or 42 percent of the 84 participants.

The workshop consists of two phases. Phase One is in lecture and presentation styles, covering a variety of topics, including converting SUTs from purchaser's price to basic price; estimating import use tables; estimating direct purchases abroad by residents, and domestic purchases by non-residents; reconciling bilateral trade in goods and services statistics; linking trade statistics with SUTs; and policy application of TiVA database, with expert speakers from various statistical agencies of APEC economies, and international organizations such as ADB, OECD, UNSD, and WTO.

Participants expressed great appreciation toward staff from MOFCOM, UIBE and local student volunteers for their fruitful, hard work.

2. REPORT THE LATEST PROGRESS OF THE TECHNICAL GROUP:

The coordinator reported the work progress by early August 2017 on behalf of co-chairs. A few highlights are as below:

A. Improved the bilateral consultation mechanism between China and the United States. As co-leading economies of the APEC TiVA Database initiative, a bi-monthly bilateral consultation mechanism between China and the United States through the video conference has been run regularly.

B. One trade data working team and four SUT working teams under the CTTF were established, with each team being responsible for SUTs, NA account, and/or trade data collection and compilation for their designated APEC economies. The communication channels between these working teams and MTWTs were established, and the interactive technical work between these teams and APEC participating economies will be carried out during the Phase Two of the 3rd Capacity Building Workshop.

C. Strengthened the collaboration with OECD. Two members from the China and U.S. CTTF, self-funded, spent two months at the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for onsite training and collaboration on APEC TiVA related technical works.

D. Completed and reviewed two rounds of data submissions.

E. Held the 3rd Capacity Building Workshop. The 3rd APEC TiVA Capacity Building Workshop on the Strategic Framework on Measurement of APEC Trade in Value Added (TiVA) and Its Action Plan, an aim to promote construction of APEC TiVA database, was held in August 7-18, 2017 in Nanning, Guangxi, China.

3. REVIEW DATA SUBMISSION BY CTTF TEAMS AND DISCUSS THE CHALLENGES:

CTTF work teams updated the group on the data submission details from 18 APEC participating economies, including the details on submitted SUTs, NA account, and trade statistics; data gaps; and additional technical work needed for compiling the required data for the APEC TiVA database construction. After each presentation, these economies were provided the opportunities to clarify the information presented by these teams.

Participating economies acknowledged the data gaps remain, and while it is a key challenge, much progress has been made. The co-chairs and the CTTF are pleased with the progress to date, and are confident that we will meet our objectives.

Vietnam representative noted that Vietnam's trade in goods statistics are available at the UNComtrade; Vietnam just submitted trade in services statistics; and for Vietnam's IOTs and NA account data, there will be internal consultation regarding data submission.

Mexico updated the group that its 2012 SUTs would be available in upcoming weeks.

UNSD noted that the UNSD collects and compiles basic international trade statistics in goods and services by product and partner economy that are submitted officially by countries/areas. APEC TIVA technical group is welcome to utilize these datasets to reduce data gaps.

4. DISCUSS AND ENDORSE THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN OF THE TECHNICAL GROUP IN 2018:

The Annual Work Plan of the Technical Group in 2018 was introduced. The Work Plan lists the major tasks, the major technical areas, the work plan, deliverables and corresponding dates in 2018. The Work Plan states that the 6th Meeting of the Technical Group and a conference on the application and dissemination of APEC TiVA Database will be likely held in Chile in 2019. The Group endorsed the Annual Work Plan of the Technical Group in 2018 in principle. If APEC economies have any additional comments, they are required to provide them within one week from today, by August 17, 2017.

5. THIS MEETING REACHED THE FOLLOWING CONSENSUS:

- Applauded the latest work progress of the technical group.
- Endorsed the 2018 Work Plan for the technical group in principle. If APEC economies have any additional comments, they are required to provide them within one week from today, by August 17, 2017.

6. SUBMIT THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL GROUP WITH THE LATEST PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL GROUP, THE ANNUALWORK PLAN OF THE TECHNICAL GROUP IN 2018 IF NO FURTHER COMMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 17, 2017, TO THE APEC COMMITTEE OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT (CTI) FOR CONSIDERATION.