

**EXPERT GROUP ON MINERALS AND ENERGY EXPLORATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**PREAMBLE**

APEC economies are major producers and consumers of energy, and minerals and mineral products. These sectors are important components of many APEC economies, and potential engines for economic development. Both sectors share strong similarities in the exploration and development processes, and in regulatory frameworks.

Access to key mineral and energy resources is essential to support commitments in the Economic Leaders' Vision Statements, particularly where they relate to the sustainable use of natural resources, energy conservation and environmental protection.

In Bogor in 1992, Leaders' pledges included finding cooperative solutions to the challenges presented by a rapidly changing regional and global economy, ensuring that people of the region shared the benefits of economic growth and using resources sustainably.

In Manila in 1996, Economic Leaders gave high priority to strengthened economic and technical cooperation, including developing human capital and promoting environmentally sustainable growth.

**OBJECTIVES**

The Expert Group on Minerals and Energy Exploration and Development, GEMEED, which was created in 1995, operates under the auspices of the Energy Working Group (EWG).

In keeping with broad APEC goals and the objectives and strategic themes of the EWG, GEMEED will promote environmentally sustainable growth in the region through discussion and diffusion of approaches to explore for, and develop, minerals and energy resources in a socially acceptable, environmentally sound and economically efficient manner.<sup>1</sup> To do this GEMEED will:

- Articulate, coordinate and promote, where appropriate, minerals and energy issues within APEC groups and the Minerals Forum of the PECC.
- Gather and distribute information about mineral and energy exploration, development potential and opportunities.
- Facilitate investment in the minerals and energy sectors, and trade in minerals products.

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout this document, "minerals" and "minerals sector" refer to exploration, development, production and closure, as well as the trade in and use of mineral products; whereas, "energy", "energy resources" and "energy sector" refer to exploration and development only, complementing the activities of the EWG itself and the other Expert Groups.

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- Promote linkages between minerals and energy in programs, projects or policy actions in member economies.
- Enhance the contribution of mineral and energy resources to sustainable development, through environmentally and socially acceptable practices in exploration and development.
- Identify, develop and promote synergies in the area of mineral and energy exploration and development with other national, regional and multilateral organizations, such as Annual Conference of Mines Ministries of the Americas (CAMMA) and the Non-ferrous Metals Consultative Forum on Sustainable Development.

### **STRUCTURE, AND ACTIVITIES**

GEMEED operates under the policies and procedures of APEC and the EWG. Representatives from all APEC economies are members of GEMEED. Attendance by non-members and guests will be encouraged where it serves to advance GEMEED objectives, while respecting APEC policies and procedures.

GEMEED activities will be co-ordinated by a Chairperson with the assistance of a Secretariat (see Appendix). The GEMEED Chair, which will be filled by consensus, will represent GEMEED at APEC meetings, and in other fora as agreed by GEMEED members and subject to APEC policies and procedures.

The Secretariat will act as the focal point for GEMEED activities. It will:

- prepare meeting agendas;
- maintain a mailing list of members;
- circulate GEMEED and other relevant documents; and
- maintain the GEMEED website.

#### **Sub-Groups**

From time to time, GEMEED may create sub-groups and steering committees to manage projects or particular activities, subject to approval from the EWG. There are presently the Environmental Cooperation Sub-Group, the Database Steering Committee and the Steering Committee on the Survey on Demand for Minerals.

#### **Activities and Meetings**

GEMEED will meet, or conduct virtual meetings, at least once a year. The Annual Meeting will serve as a forum for, among other things, reports by sub-groups on their current activities, reports by member economies and discussions on priorities for future activities. GEMEED may host or co-host additional meetings as part of project activities and hold virtual meetings on its website.

Sub-groups and steering committees will normally hold meetings in conjunction with the GEMEED Annual Meeting, or with other events hosted by GEMEED.

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### APPENDIX

Presently, Chile is the GEMEED Chair, and provides the Secretariat, which is domiciled in Chile at the following address:

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