

DOCUMENT ACCESS

The Senior Officials have agreed that FINAL documents of APEC meetings will be considered public 30 days after the close of the meeting where the documents were produced, unless the APEC Secretariat receives a written request to restrict the document before that date. The documents include Declarations, Summary Records, Joint Statements and associated annexes for all APEC fora meetings, including meetings of Ministers, Senior Officials, Committees, Working Groups, and other fora.

APEC fora are requested to include "Document Access" as a final Agenda Item at each meeting in order to make the document classification process as transparent as possible.

The APEC Guidelines on Document Access suggest that recommendations for public access use the following categorisations:

1. Public (for final documents)
2. Restricted – Draft
3. Restricted (explanation of reason for restriction), date to review restriction.

A draft List of Documents for the meeting is at [Attachment A](#). This list will be updated by the EWG Secretariat during EWG23 and will be circulated to members for consideration prior to this item.

With consensus from members, the EWG Secretariat will submit the documents listed to the APEC Secretariat at the conclusion of the meeting.

Action Proposed for the Twenty-Third Meeting

- Members to decide on classification of documents from EWG23.