



## **The APEC Symposium on GFPN Strategies: Integrating Gender Perspectives to APEC Forums 12-13 May 2010**

### **Recommendations to APEC Forums**

The APEC Symposium on GFPN Strategies: Integrating Gender Perspectives to APEC Forums is held on 12-13 May 2010 in Taipei. 11 honorable guests from 9 APEC economies are invited to be speakers at the symposium.

With a wonderful discussion at the 2-day symposium, we know that we still need to keep co-working for integrating gender issues across diversified domains to ensure that the policy goals in every APEC forum concrete results of full gender integration and agreement into tangible benefits: regional economic integration, economic and technical cooperation, sustainable business environment, and human security.

We know it is a constant educational process to keep advocated, enlisted and engaged to the APEC forums to ensure that gender equality is integrated from the earliest stages.

We are pleased to the effective mechanism of Project Assessment Standing Committee and the related achievement in Chinese Taipei. For better operation on project assessment process, we would like to give recommendations to APEC forums as following:

1. The GFPN PASC should look the WLN as a source of gender expertise in APEC program areas.
2. Project Directors at the APEC Secretariat and Project Overseers in each economy should be aware of the new “Practical guide on gender criteria.”
3. Most of the proposals only integrate gender analysis when responding question 13 and question 14. However, gender criteria should be included when evaluating the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability of the proposals.
4. The proposal team should engage women in every stage of a project. Women should be involved as participants, decision-makers, project-overseers, and workshop/training presenters.
5. The proposal team should collect and use of sex-disaggregated data during the planning, implementation and evaluation of the project.



6. The proposal team should avoid the term “gender neutral,” since it is rare to find one proposal which is not gender-sensitive.
7. A proposal should avoid duplicating the traditional roles of gender.
8. A project should notice the unequal access to technological information and convey to people in different areas, especially to villages or remote areas.
9. The beneficiaries of the proposal should be included in the process of discussion and decision making to ensure that the proposal indeed makes contribution to the target group.
10. A gender-sensitive proposal does not only focus on the proportion of female participants. The differences between genders and how different genders benefit should also be emphasized.
11. Gender policies should include short and long term projects.
12. Gender-analysis should include budgeting analysis in terms of its input, output and outcome.
13. Evaluate projects that received APEC funding support after its implementation in order to see how the proposed work regarding gender has been carried out, the benefits both women and men gained, and obstacles that still need to be overcome.
14. Introduce common indicators to evaluate projects after its implementation in order to see an overall impact of APEC’s gender-sensitive projects.