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# **An Overview of APFF Work Related to Retirement and Long-term investments**

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# APFF work on retirement and long-term investment

## 2017 APFF Progress Report to APEC Finance Ministers

### Expanding the Region's Long-Term Investor Base

- **Triple wins** thru Retirement income and long-term investment
  - **Consumers** receive high and stable returns for long-term savings
  - **The financial sector** is able to access deeper capital markets for infrastructure investment.
  - **Governments** obtain relief from large contingent fiscal liabilities
- **Triple gaps** to address to achieve the above objective
  - **Pension/Protection Gap**
  - **Infrastructure/Investment Gap**
  - **Regulatory/Accounting Gap**

1. Mandatory provisions and scalable retirements systems
2. Tax incentives to promote long-term saving products
3. Product/distribution innovation and financial awareness

- The APFF intends to coordinate with global initiatives (i.e. OECD, World Economic Forum) and the pension industry (i.e., Asia Pacific Investors Cooperation) and to hold dialogues with both pension and insurance regulators
  - APFF/APIC Regional Pension Funds and Social Security Systems Summit, 5-6 December 2017, Hong Kong
- The APFF continues to study selected APEC economies and examine gaps and potential solutions on retirement income and longevity solutions. The following are some examples of the recent developments in the region:
  - Thai Government introducing a new mandatory provident fund scheme
  - Malaysia's Employees Provident Fund (EPF) receives innovation award for its retirement advisory service
  - Australian government's consultation on the Discussion Paper
  - Life Annuity Scheme in Hong Kong

1. Promotion of infrastructure as a defined asset class
2. increased fiscal spending by Asian sovereigns within macroeconomic parameters suitable for developing economies
3. adoption of various financing vehicles, with a broader public-private partnership framework to promote long-term infrastructure investment

- The APFF is coordinating with global (i.e. Global Infrastructure Hub, OECD, WEF) and ASEAN initiatives (i.e. AIC) and the securities industry (i.e. ASIFMA), and undertakes dialogues with selected APEC economies (i.e. Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines, Thailand)
  - APFF/APIP Dialogue with Indonesian Government on PPPs in Waste Management on 14 March in Jakarta
  - APEC Finance Ministers Process Seminar on Long-Term Investment in PPP on 17 May in Ninh Binh
  - APFF Roundtable on Long-Term Investment on 25 July in Toronto
- The APFF continues to study selected APEC economies and examine possible improvements to attract long-term investors, including financing vehicles, green finance, and survey on infrastructure investments:
  - Rethinking risk allocation in PPPs
  - The IFC/WBG's PPPs in infrastructure

1. Bank-centric regulations
2. Short-term oriented economic regime
3. “One-size-fits-all” model

## *Remaining key accounting issues*

- *Unit of account*
- *Scope for “variable fee approach”*
- *Transition*

- The APFF participates in global and regional conferences and meetings to discuss relevant regulatory and accounting issues.
- The APFF has engaged in continuous outreach and dialogue with policymakers, regulatory authorities and accounting standard setters, international (i.e. IAIS, IASB, OECD, World Bank) and regional institutions (i.e. ADB, ASEAN, NAIC, ASSAL)
  - IAIS Work on risk-based global ICS and Dialogue with IAIS
  - IFRS17 and Dialogue with IASB
  - Dialogue with regulatory authorities in the region (i.e. Indonesia, Thailand)
  - Coordination with ASEAN Insurance Council, Geneva Association and IIF
- The APFF continues to study selected APEC economies and examine regulatory and accounting issues and consider possible implementation support:
  - APFF Roundtable on Insurance Regulations and Accounting on 31 October in Hong Kong



# 2017 seminars (to be) contributed by the APFF RLTIWG

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- 17<sup>th</sup> OECD/ADBI Roundtable on Capital Market and Financial Reform, Tokyo, 2-3 March
- 18<sup>th</sup> ASSAL/AIOS/IAIS Seminar, Santiago de Chile, 17-18 April
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Indonesia Infrastructure Finance Conference, Jakarta, 17-18 May
- 10<sup>th</sup> IAIS Global Seminar, Old Windsor, 29-30 June
- 5<sup>th</sup> EIOPA/ICIR Conference on Global Insurance Supervision, Frankfurt, 6-7 September
- OECD/NAIC/OIC Roundtable on Insurance and Retirement Savings in Asia, Bangkok, 20-21 September
- 5<sup>th</sup> Insurance China International Summit, Shanghai, 21-22 September
- 2017 International Longevity Risk and Capital Markets Solutions Conference, Taipei, 21-22 September
- OLIS 50th Anniversary Life Insurance Symposium, Tokyo, 25-26 October
- 24<sup>th</sup> IAIS Annual Conference and Stakeholders Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, 1-3 November
- 36<sup>th</sup> FIDES Conference, San Salvador, 12-15 November
- 27<sup>th</sup> CNSF International Conference, Mexico City, 16 November
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pacific Insurance Conference, Hong Kong, 19-22 November
- 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Insurance Regulators' Meeting and 43rd ASEAN Insurance Council Meeting, Vientiane, 21-24 November
- 4<sup>th</sup> NAIC Asia Pacific International Forum, Honolulu, 29 November – 1 December

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September 5, 2016

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- Mack participated in the APFF Roundtable and the ABAC meetings in Shenzhen, August 1-4, 2016 August 28, 2016

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August 29, 2016

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) hosted the Third Annual Asia-Pacific International Forum on August 24-25.

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Mack made remarks to share the APFF activities, issues and recommendations during the panels on Retirement Security, FinTech, and Cyber Security.

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