

APEC Port Services Network (APSN)

The APEC Port Services Network at a Glance

APEC Port Services Network (APSN) is a non-profit organization established on 18 May, 2008 in response to the directives of the 14th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting held in 2006. Currently, APSN has 16 Council members, who are senior representatives of the competent authority by each APEC member economies and 100-plus Regular Members of public administrations, private sectors and individuals from port, shipping, logistics, trade, finance, and other port-related industries.

The APSN is a premier platform for communication and collaboration among port and port-related industries in the Asia-Pacific region through information sharing, capacity building and technical cooperation and etc. The APSN also creates a unique channel for dialogues between industries and competent authorities on various issues of common interests, by which the views of industries would be well presented.

Goals of the APSN

The mission of the APSN is “*Networking for Stronger Port Industry and Better Community*”.

To that end, the APSN will:

- Promote the development of APEC Port industry by fostering a more cohesive and cooperative partnership among APEC port and port-related industries;
- Encourage capacity-building and information sharing;
- Encourage enhanced safety, security, efficiency and environment and social responsibility of ports;
- Ensure the interests and views of APEC port industry are duly presented to the competent authorities of the member economies.

All these efforts are aiming at achieving the common prosperity of the APEC member economies.

APSN Members

The APSN Membership consists of the following three types:

- **Council Members**

Council members are senior representatives of the competent authority of each APEC member economy. Currently, there are 16 member economies that form the APSN Council, including Australia; Canada; China; Hong Kong, China;

Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Papua New Guinea; Peru; the Philippines; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States of America and Vietnam.

- **Advisory Board Members**

Advisory Board members will be made up of industry leaders from each APSN member economies, one group of which is from the port industry and the other group is from the port-related sectors¹.

- **Regular Members**

The Regular members are any interested groups or individuals from ports and port-related industries in the APEC region, which are open but not limited to the following:

- port authorities and corporations;
- terminal operators and owners;
- shipping lines;
- shipping agents;
- stevedoring companies;
- logistics companies and freight forwarders;
- rail companies;
- associations, research academies and institutes; and
- any other stakeholders relevant to port and shipping industries.

Scope of Activities of the APSN

Broadly speaking, the APSN mandate is achieved by the following activities:

- To hold seminars, forums and workshops to conduct discussions and exchange ideas on issues of common concern relating to the development of port and port-related industries;
- To promote mutually understanding among port and port-related industries by providing information exchange and technical services through the website and the publications of the APSN;
- To strengthen the capacity building of port and port-related industries by organizing technical visits and personnel training, etc.
- To encourage trade and investment activities in the Asia-Pacific region by holding exhibitions and trade fairs on port and port-related industries;

¹ The establishment of the Advisory Board was agreed to at the third APSN Council meeting in Shanghai, September 2010. The aim is to have a industry body to advise the APSN Council on its decisions as well as to represent the views and concerns of Regular Members.

- To provide a platform for APSN Members to conduct economic and technical cooperation, exchange management expertise and experience, carry out personnel training, enhance technology transfer and promote trade and investment;
- To promote cross-sectoral cooperation among port and port-related industries;
- To improve the public awareness of the importance of port and port-related industries and services by promoting publicity and organizing meetings and relevant activities, with a view to enhancing the overall competitiveness of ports in Asia-Pacific region.

How can APSN Members benefit from the APSN?

APSN Members will find their involvement in the APSN beneficial and rewarding by:

- Participating in all meetings and training programmes organized by the APSN;
- Enjoying free access to all services provided by the APSN;
- Receiving all official publications, economic and technical information prepared by the APSN;
- Having face-to-face dialogues with competent authorities of the APEC member economies;
- Making proposals to the APSN on any subject related to the development of port and port-related industries.

If you are seeking a pivotal regional platform through which to facilitate cooperation, communication, and capacity building of port and port-related industries in dialogue with senior representatives of APEC economies, you need not look any further than the APSN.

Highlights of the APSN Activities in 2012

Activity	Date	Venue	Participants
5 th Meeting of the APSN Council	Week of November 5	Hong Kong, China	All Members
APSN Workshop on Green Shipping & Supply Chains	Back to back with 5 th Council Meeting	Hong Kong, China	All Members
APSN Port Database	Dec. 2012	APSN Website	All Members
APSN Quarterly Newsletter	Dec. 2012	Publication	All Members

2010 Report on Asia-Pacific Port Development	Dec. 2011	Publication	All Members
2011 Report on Asia-Pacific Port Development	Dec. 2012	Publication	All Members
Feasibility Study on APSN Green Port Award System	Ongoing	Publication	All Members

APSN Organizational Structure



Secretary-General of APSN (left)

Mr. FEI Weijun, Deputy Director-General, China Waterborne Transport Research Institute

President of the APSN Council (middle)

Mr. Jerry RYSANEK, Executive Director, International Marine Policy, Transport Canada;

President of the next APSN Council (right)

Mr. Tim MESINER, Director-General, Marine Policy, Transport Canada

Review of History of the APSN

18 November 2006, Hanoi, Vietnam

The initiative to establish the APEC Port Services Network proposed by Chinese President Hu Jintao at the 14th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in November 2006 was unanimously endorsed by all leaders at the meeting.

30 March 2007, Adelaide, Australia

The 5th APEC Transportation Ministerial Meeting reaffirmed the commitment for an early establishment of the APSN and instructed the APEC Transportation Working Group (TPT-WG) to assist China in establishing the APSN in a timely manner.

6-8 June 2007, Ningbo, China

The Symposium on APSN adopted an outcome report on the framework of the APSN, outlining the objectives, functions and principles of the APSN.

28 January 2008, Beijing, China

The APSN Office was set up in Beijing, China

17 April 2008, Manila, the Philippines

The APSN Constitution was unanimously adopted by the APEC TPT-WG.

18 May, 2008

The APSN Constitution entered into force.

3-5 November, 2008, Ningbo, China

The inauguration Conference of APSN and the first session of the APSN Council was successfully held. The Council elected its President and Vice President and appointed the Secretary General of APSN. The Council also adopted the APSN mission statement, Rules of Procedure for the Council, Action Plan for APSN in 2009 as well as the APSN Strategic Directions and Long-term Action Plan, which laid a good foundation for the full operation of the APSN. As decided by the Council, the APSN Office was transformed into the APSN Secretariat.

4-6 May 2009, Vancouver, Canada

The first extraordinary session of the APSN Council was held from 4-6 May 2009, in Vancouver, Canada. The APSN Council reviewed the development of the APEC Port Database and approved the port development conference, to be held back-to-back with the following Council meeting and the training program on port facility security.

21-25 September 2009, Tianjin, China

The APSN Training Workshop on Port Facility Security was held from 21-25 September 2009, in Tianjin, China, as agreed by the APSN Council and endorsed by the APEC TPT-WG Maritime Security Expert Sub-Group.

2-3 November, 2009, Shenzhen, China

The APSN Conference on Port Development was held on November 2-3, 2009 in Shenzhen, China. The Conference was focused on the development of ports against the background of the global economic situation and adopted the Conference Declaration. While the focus of the conference was on the current economic situation, it ended on a positive note with many presentations on initiatives undertaken by the industry and competent authorities.

4-6 November, 2009, Shenzhen, China

The Second Meeting of the APSN Council was held in Shenzhen, China. The Council elected its President and Vice President and appointed its new Secretary-General and reviewed the Progress Report by the Secretariat as well as achievements attained by the APSN Workshop on Port Facility Security and the APSN Conference on Port Development. The Council also heard about the reports by Focus Groups by the economies in attendance and adopted the APSN Action Plan 2010.

15 September, 2010, Shanghai, China

The APSN Workshop on Free Trade Zones was held in Shenzhen, China. The Workshop was chaired by Mr. Ren Weimin, Deputy Director-General of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Transport of China. Experts from Canada, China, Republic of Korea and the United States of America made presentations on developments and trends of free/foreign trade zones in their respective economy.

16-17 September, 2010, Shanghai, China

The Third Meeting of the APSN Council was successfully held on September 16-17, 2010 in Shanghai, China. The Council noted with satisfaction the work undertaken by the APSN Secretariat and also provided direction on four other projects, specifically the APEC Port Database, and the 2009 and 2010 Report on Asia-Pacific Port Development, Dialogue and Networking amongst Ports and Cooperation with APEC and with other Organizations and Report of the Correspondence Group on the Outcome of Focus Groups.

19 September, 2011, San Francisco, USA

The APSN Workshop on Green Ports was successfully held on September 19, 2011 in San Francisco, California, USA. The fruitful outcome of the workshop has been shared with all workshop panelists and been posted on APSN Website for access by APSN members as well as general public, and will also be submitted for information

to the next meeting of APEC-TPT 35 and its Maritime Experts Group. The APSN Workshop on Green Ports provided an invaluable forum for port authorities, port and shipping industries and relevant organizations for information exchange and best practice sharing.

20-21, September, 2011, San Francisco, USA

The 4th Meeting of the APEC Port Services Network (APSN) Council was successfully held on 20-21, September, 2011, in San Francisco, USA. Council members from Canada; China; Hong Kong, China; Japan; Malaysia; Papua New Guinea; the Philippines; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; the United States of America and Vietnam were in attendance. The representative of the APEC Secretariat and 10 Regular members and observers also attended the meeting. The representative from Brunei Darussalam also attended the meeting as an Observer. The Council held extensive debates on such key agenda items as Advisory Board Membership, Proposal on Membership Dues Collection, and Amendments to APSN Constitution and made relevant decisions to guide the Secretariat to move forward in 2012.

What is the Relationship between the APSN and APEC?

APEC is the parent body of the APSN. The initiative to establish the APSN was endorsed by the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting, and the APSN Constitution was adopted by the APEC TPT-WG. The APSN is responsible to the APEC TPT-WG to whom it reports on its work annually or more frequently if required.

How to become an APSN Regular Member?

Any organization including public administrations, private sectors, institutions, associations and individuals engaged in port, shipping, logistics, trade, finance and other port-related industries are welcome to join the APSN.

The application procedure is as follows:

- STEP 1 Fill in the application form
- STEP 2 Submit the application to the Secretariat
- STEP 3 Preliminary review by the Secretary-General
- STEP 4 Approved by the Council
- STEP 5 Regular Membership Certificate Issuance

Note: Application forms can be obtained at the APSN website:
www.apecpsn.org

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