



Blue Economy in APEC



- **Background**

Blue Economy/Blue Economy areas in China

- **APEC Blue Economy**

Some Activities implemented by APEC members before May, 2014:

1st and 2nd Blue Economy Forum

Blue Economy Model Program (Phase I)

Blue Economy Dialogue/2013 Mainstreaming ocean-related issues



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- The Blue Economy was listed in the Rank 1 of Funding Criteria for all APEC-Funded Projects in 2014.



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2013/SOM/008
Agenda Item: 4

**Funding Criteria for All APEC-Funded Projects in
2014**

Purpose: Consideration.
Submitted by: China.



Informal Senior Officials' Meeting,
Beijing, China,
10 December 2013.

- **The 4th APEC Ocean-related Ministerial Meeting (AOMM4)**
 1. Xiamen, 28 August 2014
 2. Theme: Towards New Partnership through Ocean Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region
 3. Priorities: Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Conservation and Disaster Resilience; The Role of Oceans on Food Security and Food-Related Trade; Marine Science and Technology and Innovation; Blue Economy.
 4. Preparatory Meeting (18 March)



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- **What Happened in May of 2014**

3rd OFWG Annual Meeting at the margin of SOM2 in Qingdao
the OFWG View of Blue Economy:

The United States suggested an edit to the table contained in the 2014 Work Plan to revert the language “Note to the APEC Blue Economy Model Program” to “Implement Phase I of the Blue Economy Initiative.” Japan noted that during discussions using the term Blue Economy, there was acknowledgement that the term Blue Economy needs a common understanding within the OFWG. As such, China, Japan and U.S. suggested a common understanding. There was discussion throughout the meeting on the general concept of Blue Economy



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The following phrase was endorsed: “For the purposes of APEC, the APEC Ocean and Fisheries Working Group views Blue Economy as an approach to advance sustainable management and conservation of ocean and coastal resources and ecosystems and sustainable development, in order to foster economic growth.” This is not considered a definition, but rather a shared view of the term’s meaning within the OFWG. This language could lay the foundation for future discussions and elaboration in the OFWG. In addition, such language could be elevated through Ministerial and Leaders’ Statements.



- Why APEC/Value Added
 1. Core agenda
 2. APEC spirit
 3. Incubator



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- **Outcomes of Xiamen Declaration**

9+47, including 13 Blue Economy

key words: position/platform/EBM/technology/Private Sector/Model Program/Report/Forums/cross-cutting/Mainstreaming

Roadmap: Model-Network



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- What's the value of Blue Economy

"Blue Economy" is essential to start with changing the way we see the resources and their availability for future generations.

-quoted from a Chile colleague's email



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