“The Nanjing Declaration on Promoting Ethical Business Environments in the Medical Device and Biopharmaceutical Sectors through 2020” calls on the Project Overseer (PO) of the Business Ethics for APEC SMEs Initiative to formalize the “APEC Biopharmaceutical Working Group on Ethics” with a mandate to assist the PO to:

- Identify priority training areas for industry, governments, healthcare professionals and other stakeholders;
- Implement training, including capacity building for industry associations with and without codes;
- Formalize/Manage the biopharmaceutical sector’s trainer network and online resources; and
- Monitor progress, submitting an annual report to the Business Ethics for APEC SMEs initiative for transmission to the APEC SME Working Group and other relevant APEC fora.

Below are the Terms of Reference for the APEC Biopharmaceutical Working Group on Ethics:

1. The APEC Biopharmaceutical Working Group serves on an ad hoc basis under the direction of the PO and shall consist of four co-chairs as follows:
   - Biopharmaceutical Industry Co-Chair
   - Government Co-Chair
   - Health Care Professional Co-Chair
   - Patient Co-Chair

2. At the discretion of the PO, the co-chairs may be joined by up to 9 additional representatives for a maximum of 13 working group members, including immediate past co-chairs.

3. The PO maintains full discretion over the selection of working group co-chairs and additional representatives as well as the length of service for each member.

4. The co-chairs shall convene the working group on a regular basis to advance the mandate indicated in the Nanjing Declaration.

5. While the working group is charged with formalizing/managing the biopharmaceutical sector trainer (mentor) network and priority training areas, the trainer (mentor) network may convene independently and on a regular basis to advance capacity building efforts so long as activities are reported back to the working group.

6. A representative of the secretariat of the Business Ethics for APEC SMEs initiative selected by the Project Overseer shall be included in discussions and written communications of the working group.

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