

APEC Biopharmaceutical Working Group on Ethics

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“The Nanjing Declaration on Promoting Ethical Business Environments in the Medical Device and Biopharmaceutical Sectors through 2020”¹ 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.

¹ “Nanjing Declaration on Promoting Ethical Business Environments in the Medical Device and Biopharmaceutical Sectors through 2020”:
<http://www.mcprinciples.org/view.asp?ccid=461>