

# APEC Higher Education Diploma Supplement (APEC HEDS)

Margaret Pearce PSM

Minister Counsellor (Education & Employment)

Australian Embassy, Paris

2<sup>nd</sup> ASEM University-Business Forum

Destination Employment

**Bonn, 10-11 November 2011** 

**International Cooperation Branch** 

#### Overview – APEC HEDS

- Background
- Methodology
- Key issues
- Key findings
- Recommendations
- Follow-up project



#### Background

- Diploma supplements
  - Enhanced information
- Europe and the Bologna Process
- Australian Higher
   Education Graduation
   Statement
- APEC





#### Methodology – APEC HEDS

- Survey (16 APEC member economies responded)
  - July-August 2010
- Conference on Higher Education Diploma Supplements
  - 18-19 October 2010, Canberra, Australia

#### Key Issues

- 1. What is the <u>extent</u> of diploma supplement (DS) developments?
- 2. What interest is there in the potential for DS?
- 3. What are the <u>issues</u> facing member economies, including associated capacity building needs?

### Key Findings

- Australia, New Zealand and Russia each have specified model for DS
- Policies for DS being considered in Japan and Indonesia
- Institution-specific approaches among universities in the US, China and Hong Kong.
- Conference: Delegates indicated significant interests in DS, strongly supported development of voluntary, non-binding APEC HEDS model



#### Recommendations

- 1. Follow-up project  $\Rightarrow$  APEC HEDS model
- 2. APEC to address capacity building needs of APEC member economies to support domestic adaptation & adoption of HEDS model



#### Model APEC HEDS (follow-up project)

- Support qualifications recognition
- Increase openness & transparency
- Promote mobility
- Promote regional education harmonisation
- Build capacity

Discussion Paper Model APEC HEDS

Capacity Building Workshops

Final Report

Nov 2011

Feb 2012

May 2012

Aug 2012

Nov 2012

## Thank you Any questions?

The final report on the first project (survey & conference) is located at: http://hrd.apec.org/index.php/Higher\_Education\_Diploma\_Supplement

Contact details for the both projects: Michael Francis, Project Manager michael.francis@deewr.gov.au

