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Background

- In 2004, at TPT-WG 23 MEG discussed Nine Common Principles to Shipping Policy. MEG adopted these principles at TPT-WG 25 as a means to achieving Bogor Goals in the Maritime Transport Sector.
- Shipping Policy Principle #2 proposes that:
“APEC member economies develop a set of guidelines relating to liner shipping”



Project History

TPT-WG-23 (Beijing), April, 2004

- MEG discussed Nine Common Principles to Shipping Policy.

TPT-WG-24 (Bangkok), August, 2004

- Canada submitted discussion paper on Policy Principle #2.

TPT-WG-25 (Washington), June 2005

- Canada submitted Terms of Reference (ToR) for MEG discussion.

TPT-WG-26 (Vladivostok), September 2005

- ToR re-introduced, but project held over to TPT-WG-27.

TPT-WG-27 (Ha Noi), May 2006

- ToR approved in principle; Canada to develop a formal APEC project proposal.

TPT-WG-28 (Vancouver), Sept 2006

- MEG approved formal APEC project proposal with amendments.
- Co-sponsors include China, Japan, Philippines, and New Zealand.



Recent Project Developments

Since TPT-WG-28 (Vancouver), Sept 2006

- In November 2006, Ministers approved the project for inclusion in the 2007 APEC Operational Account with a budget of US\$ 129,500 at the APEC Ministerial Meeting (Ha Noi).
- Steering Committee of Project Sponsor and Co-Sponsors initiated and completed bidding process with support of APEC Secretariat, including assessment of two consultant proposals.
- Secretariat awarded contract to consultant – Meyrick and Associates in late June 2007.



Project Objective

To evaluate non-ratemaking agreements among liner shipping companies and develop guidelines as to how such agreements should be suitably regulated in the APEC region.

The project achieves this objective through a consultant study that will:

- Gather information on non rate-making agreements that currently exist in APEC trade routes and categorize the agreements;
- Assess the significance of each category of agreement to APEC trade and the pros and cons of each type of agreement from both the carriers' and shippers' viewpoints; and
- Develop general guidelines on the extent if any of desirable regulatory control of such activities.



Consultant



Experience

- Over 16 years of experience working on maritime policy issues in the Asia-Pacific region
- Completed two studies for the TPT-WG – on non-tariff barriers in trade of transport services (2003) and the facilitation of international shipping project (2001).



Consultant (cont'd)



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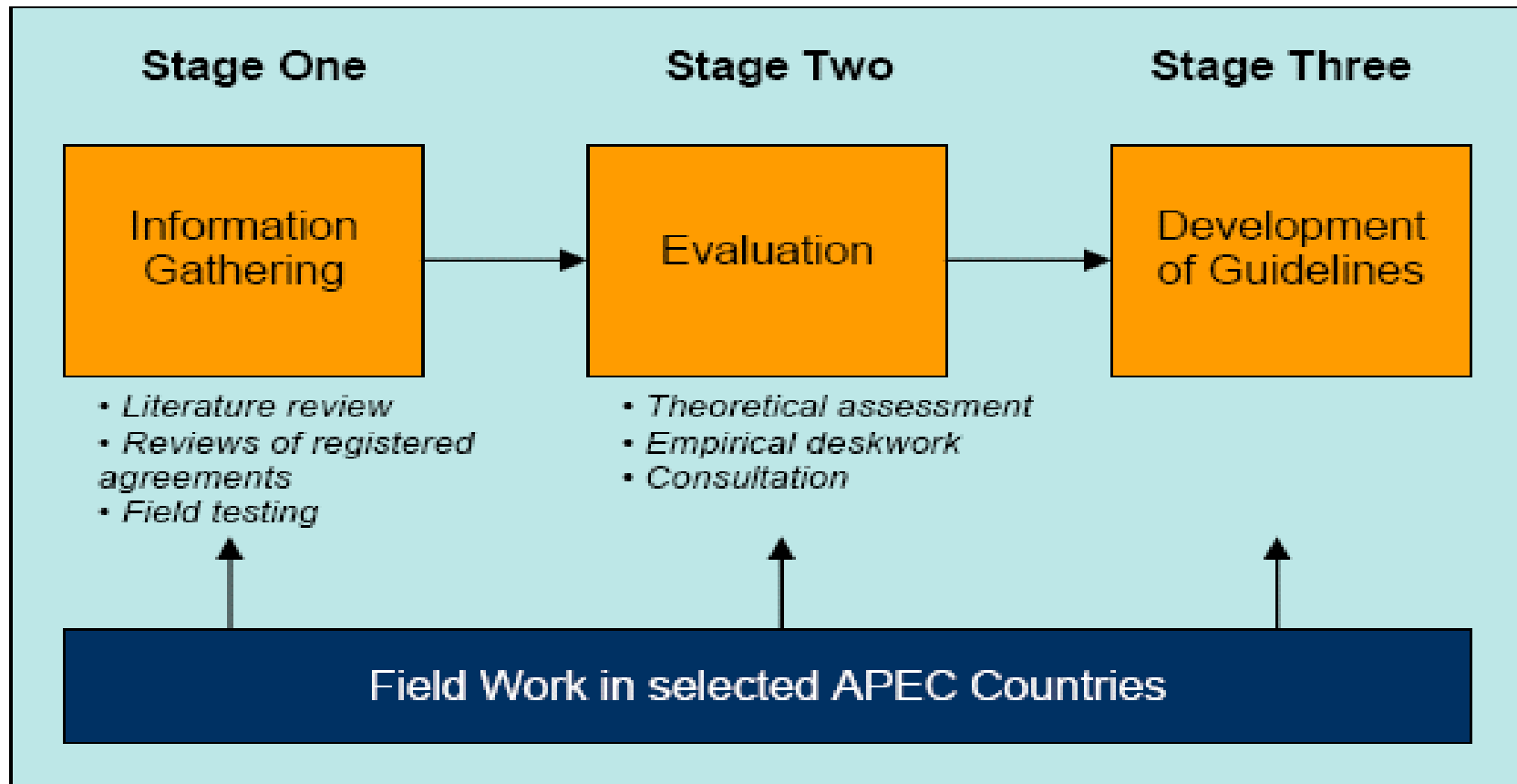
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Meyrick's Work Plan



Revised Timelines

Contract start date and payment of 1st installment	June 2007
TPT-WG-29 (July 2007)	
Deliverable #1 – Progress Report (end of Stage 1) (For approval by MEG at TPT-WG-30)	Prior to TPT-WG-30
TPT-WG-30 (March 2008)	
Deliverable # 2 – Final Draft Report (end of Stage 3) (For approval by MEG at TPT-WG-31)	Prior to TPT-WG-31
TPT-WG-31 (August 2008)	
Printing of Final Report	Fall 2008



Next Steps

- Consultant to complete Stage 1 – Information Gathering, including field visits
- Certain member economies (China, Japan & Korea) to complete survey and to receive field visit
- Consultant to provide end of Stage 1 Progress Report to Project Overseer in Fall 2007



Thank You

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