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APEC Forum on Women and Youth Empowerment

Enhancing Digital Competitiveness and Inclusive Economic Growth through Innovative Enterprise Education

To promote education collaboration and talent development across the Asia-Pacific region, APEC IIED hosted the **2025 APEC Forum on Women and Youth Empowerment: Enhancing Digital Competitiveness and Inclusive Economic Growth through Innovative Enterprise Education** from November 5 to 7 in Taipei. This forum invites around 70 participants, including representatives from 19 APEC member economies, to engage in diverse exchanges. This forum focuses on education and innovation issues for women and youth in the digital era, aiming to cultivate inclusive and creative talent by fostering cross-economy collaborations, in line with APEC's sustainable development goals.

Through a mix of keynote speeches, policy discussions, industry sharing, and cross-economy exchanges, covering topics such as women's leadership in STEM, FinTech and 5G innovations, and social-innovation education, the forum aims to cultivate creative, inclusive, globally minded talent to meet the challenges of the digital era.



2025 Fruitful Results



2025 APEC Youth Engagement Workshop: Connectivity, Partnership, and Opportunities

July 3-4 [▶ Recap Video](#)

This workshop brought together 60 youths from 15 APEC economies to learn about APEC's structure and priorities, develop communication skills for multilateral settings, and participate in a Model APEC simulation that provided hands-on experience presenting policy proposals in an official regional forum.

2025 APEC Industry-Academia Collaboration Workshop

August 27-28 [▶ Recap Video](#)

The event convened 36 delegates from 10 APEC economies and 70 local representatives to explore how industry-academia collaboration supports digital-era talent development, with keynote sharing, best-practice case studies, and an on-site visit showcasing semiconductor, smart manufacturing, and 5G innovations.



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November 5-7 [▶ Recap Video](#)

The event gathered approximately 70 delegates from 19 APEC economies for cross-economy dialogue on digital-era education and innovation, with keynote and policy sessions addressing topics such as women's STEM leadership, FinTech and 5G trends, and social-innovation education to cultivate inclusive and globally minded talent.

