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Project Session 1, 2023

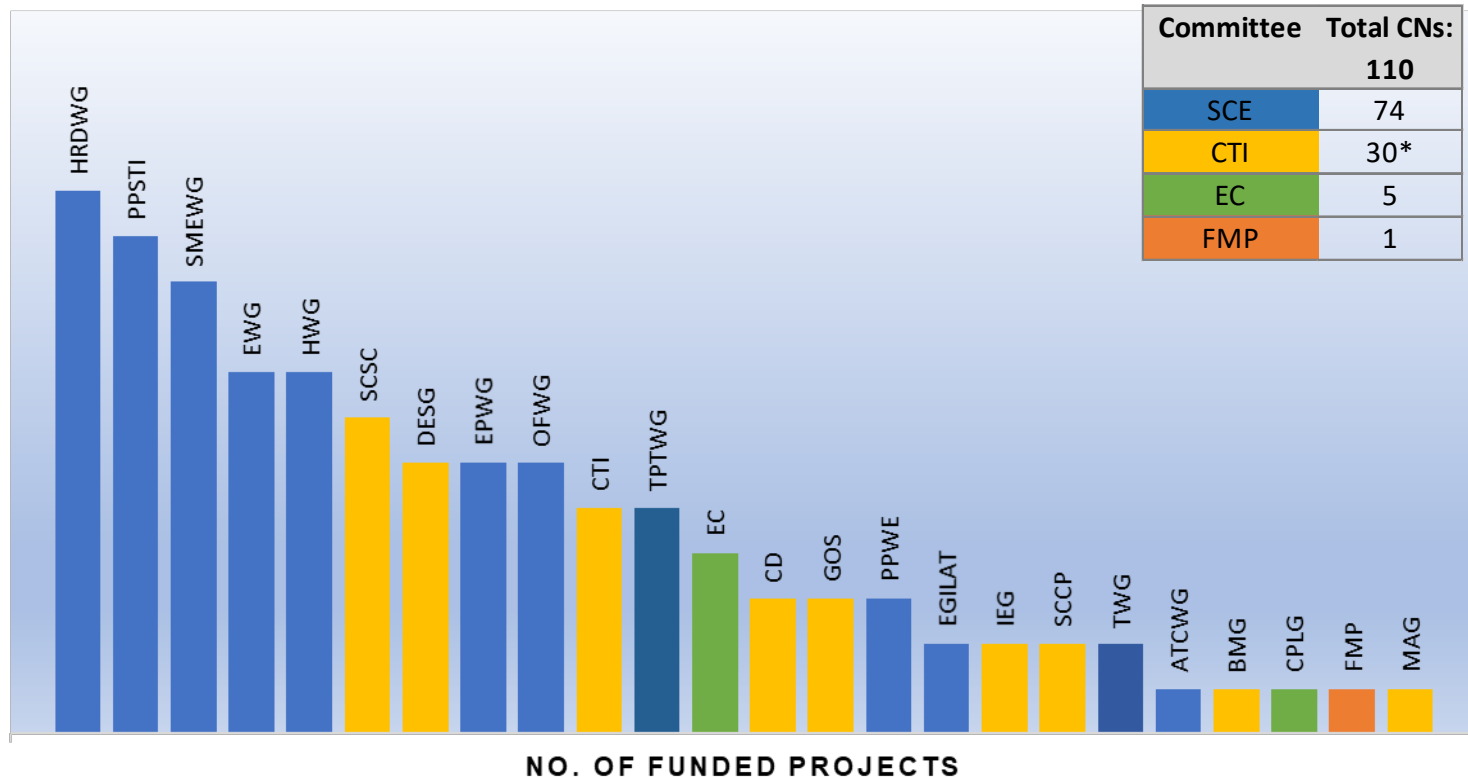
Key Dates

Submission and Approval Dates for Project Session 1, 2023		
Concept Notes		
Internal Submission Deadline	9 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submit Concept Note to Program Director (PD) by this date (some PDs may set earlier dates) ➤ Minimum co-sponsors must be confirmed ➤ Forum endorsement of Concept Note follows
Final Submission Deadline	30 March	➤ PDs submit endorsed Concept Notes to PMU by this date
	6-27 April	➤ Responsible APEC Fora assess eligibility and score Concept Notes
	8-12 May	➤ BMC gives final in-principle approval
Concept Note Selection Outcome	15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ POs receive advice of funding outcome ➤ Funded POs commence preparation of their Project Proposal
Project Proposals		
Submission Deadline	15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submit Project Proposal to Program Director by this date ➤ Forum endorsement of Project Proposal starts
	6 July	➤ PDs submit endorsed Project Proposals to PMU for quality assessment
BMC final approval	Aug-Oct	➤ BMC approval of final Project Proposal, project implementation starts

2022 Project Data

Distribution of Projects across APEC Fora

BY COMMITTEE AND BY FORUM

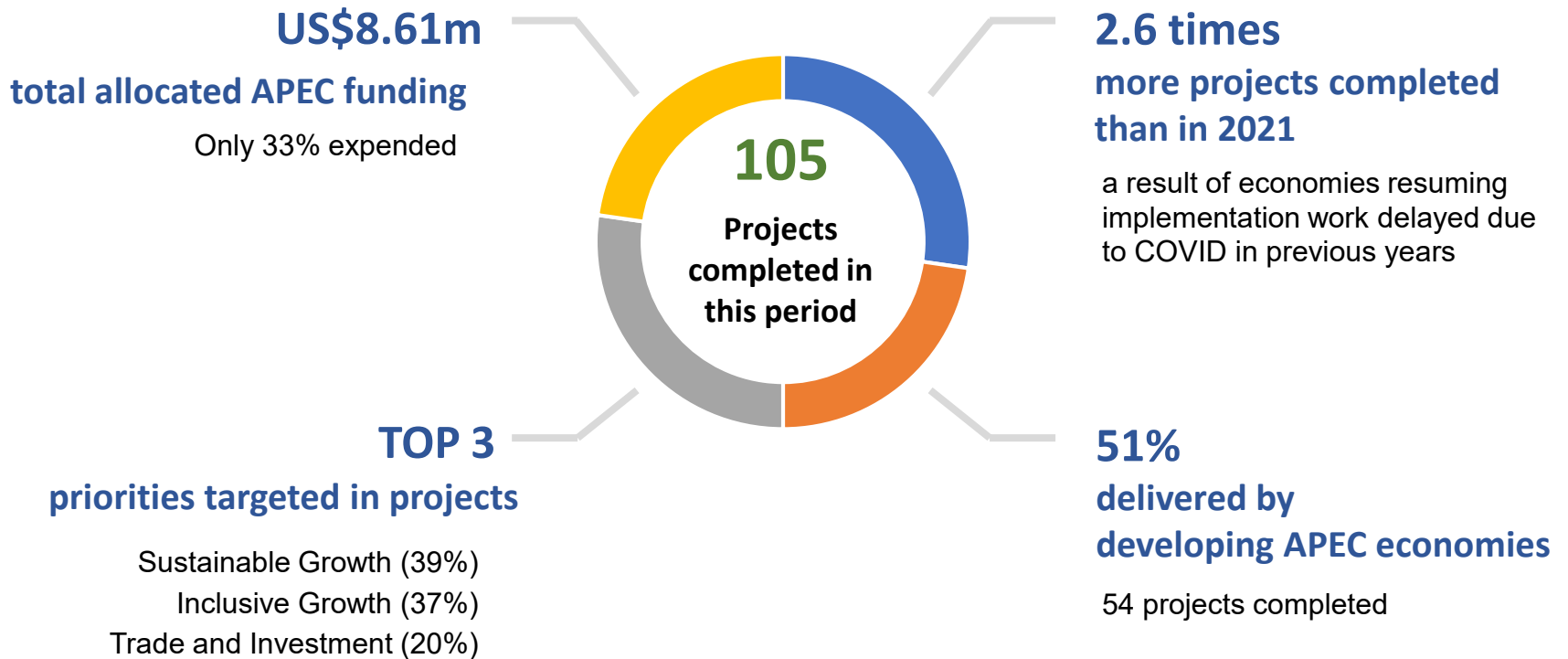


Forum	No. of Funded Projects
HRDWG	12
PPSTI	11
SMEWG	10
EWG	8
HWG	8
SCSC	7
DESG*	6
EPWG	6
OFWG	6
CTI	5
TPTWG	5
EC	4
CD	3
GOS	3
PPWE	3
EGILAT	2
IEG	2
SCCP	2
TWG	2
ATCWG	1
BMG	1
CPLG	1
FMP	1
MAG	1

*Including DESG projects as related to e-commerce and digital trade

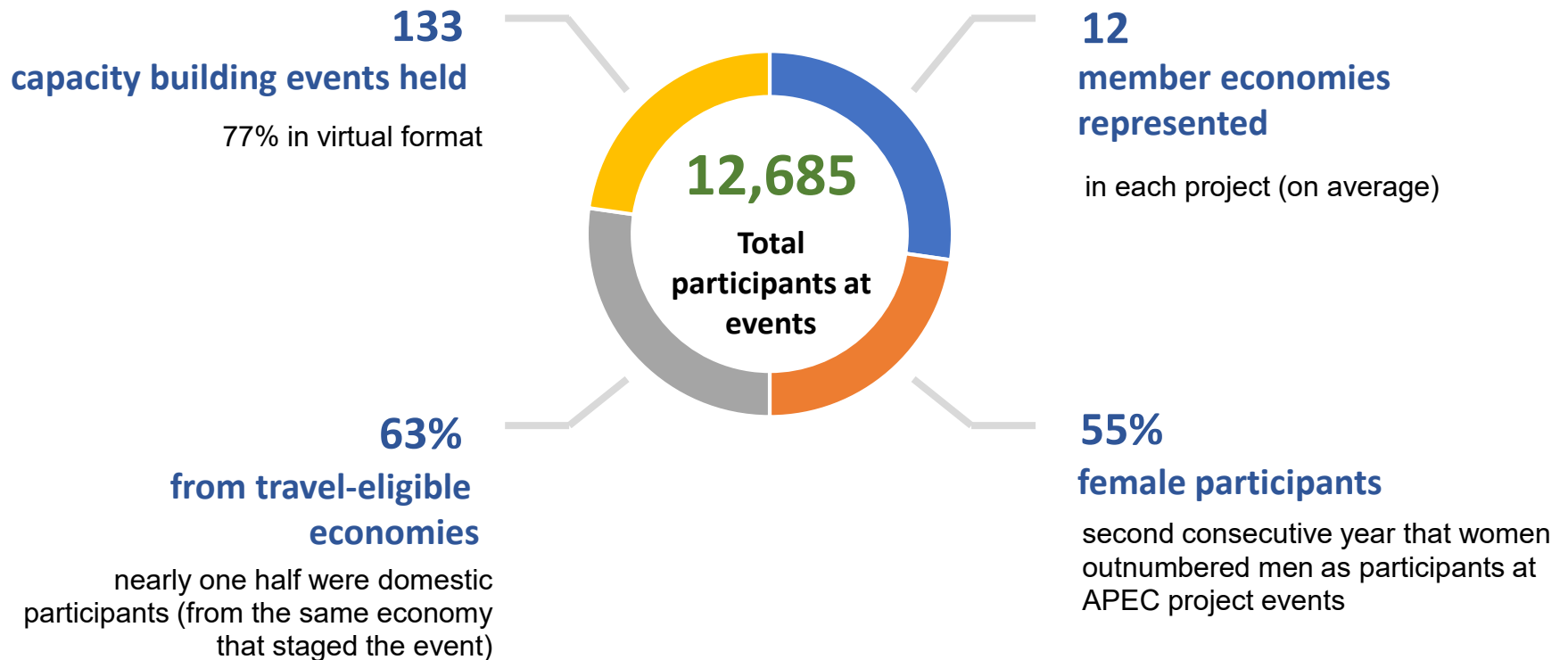
2022 Project Completion Data

September 2021-October 2022



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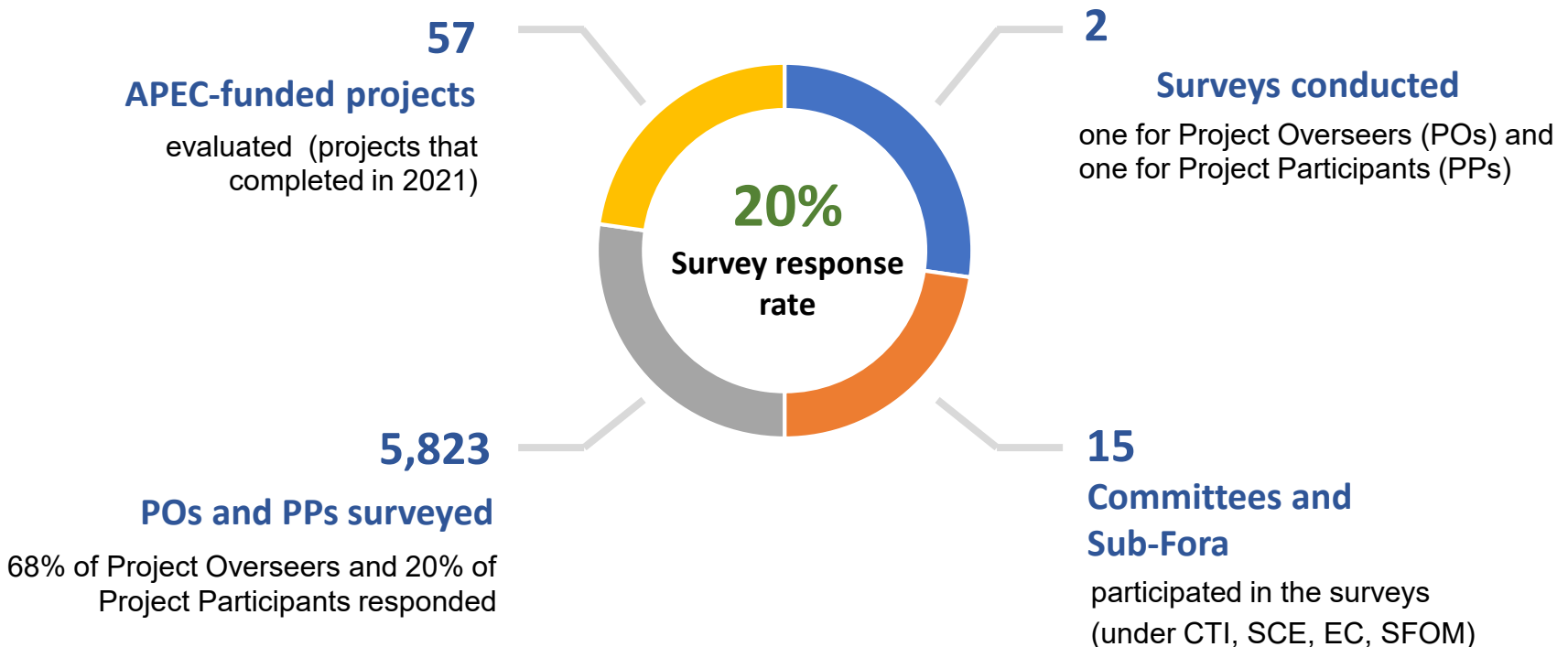
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2022 Longer-Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP)

Annual survey of project quality

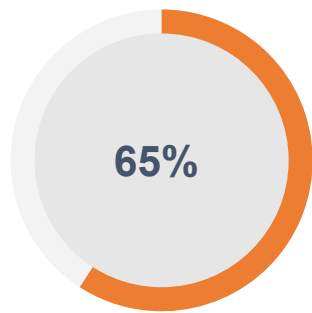
Evaluates the relevance, effectiveness, sustainability and efficiency of APEC projects the year after their completion



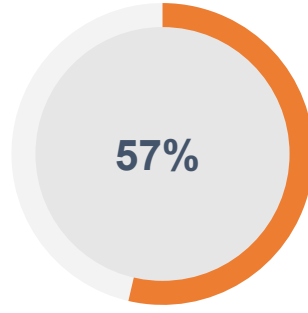
2022 Longer-Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP)

Key results – Positive trends

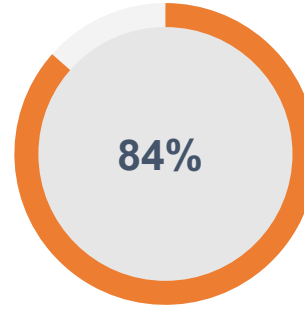
Project Participants:



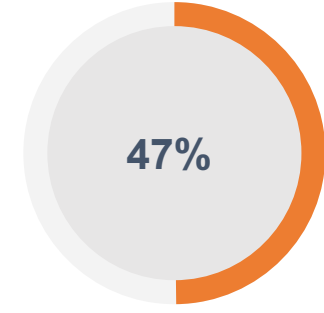
rated project theme or issue as a **'top' or 'important' priority** for their organisation or economy



applied learning and resources from the project in their workplace



shared the lessons, information and resources from the project with their colleagues



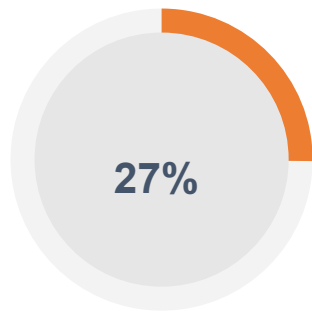
reported that **changes in policies or practices had occurred** in their economies as a result of project participation



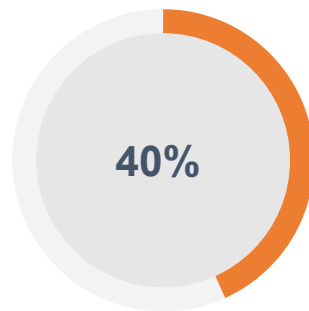
2022 Longer-Term Evaluation of APEC Projects (LTEAP)

Key results – For improvement

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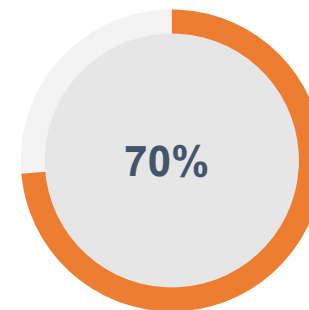


rated the project theme or issue as being of **little or no relevance to their work**



reported that **no changes in policies or practices had occurred** as a result of their participation in the project

Project Overseers:



delivered 'one-off intervention' projects rather than building on previous project work.

(Projects that are delivered as a series or leverage previous work are more likely to have sustained impact)



THE **LAUNCH** OF

APEC PROJECT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM (APAS)

an online platform for the submission and assessment of APEC projects



MODERNIZATION

- The conventional way of applying for APEC funding via email is modernized through automated online processes and centralization of data



EFFICIENCY

- Data is stored and copied across forms
- Electronic notifications of next tasks are automatically received, saving user time and resources



DATA ACCESS

- Easier and faster access to project data means more timely support from the Secretariat
- More efficient extraction of data improves evaluation and analysis and supports continuous improvement of project processes



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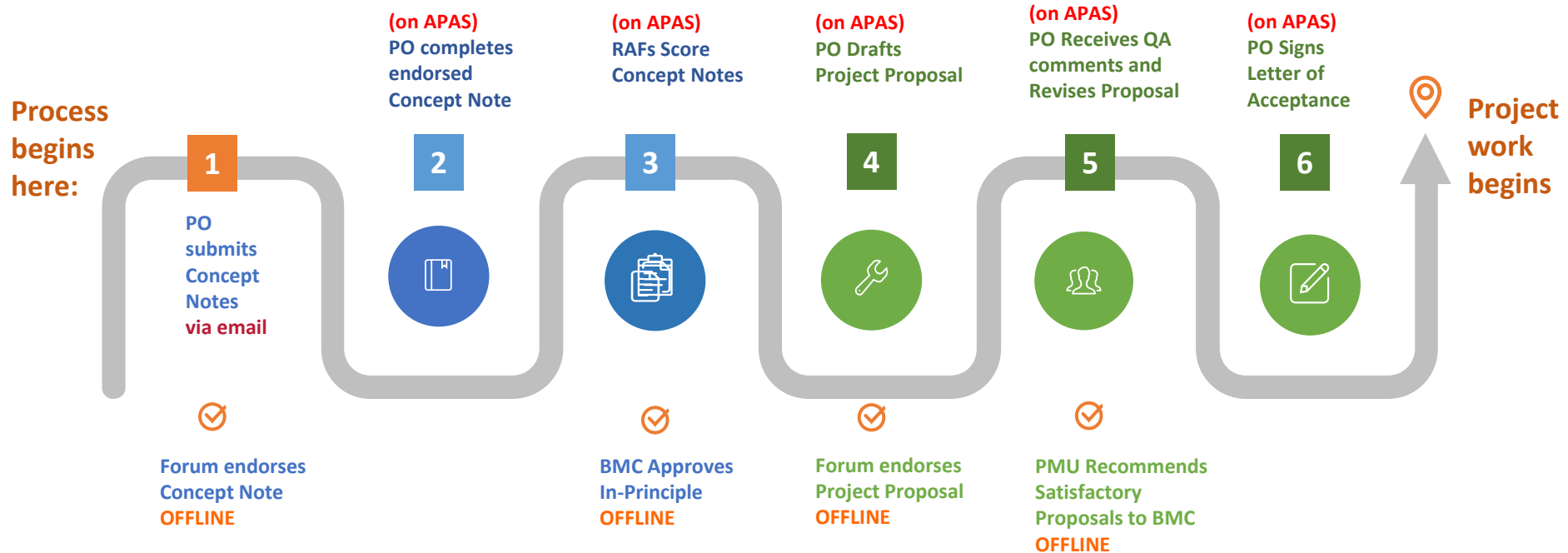
Project Session 2, 2023

Submission and Approval Dates		
Concept Notes		
Internal Submission Deadline	19 June	➤ Submit Concept Note to Program Director (PD) via email by this date (some PDs may set earlier dates)
	14 July	➤ Project Overseers upload endorsed CN onto APAS by this date
Final Submission Deadline	18 July	➤ PDs submit endorsed Concept Notes to PMU via APAS by this date
Project Proposals		
Submission Deadline	20 September	➤ Project Overseers submit Project Proposal to Program Director via APAS by this date ➤ Forum endorsement of Project Proposal via email follows
	13 October	➤ Project Overseers submit <u>endorsed</u> Project Proposal to Program Director via APAS by this date
BMC final approval	October - December	➤ Project Overseers notified via APAS

APEC PROJECT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM (APAS)

Online Application Process

At a Glance



OFFLINE: Processes not conducted on APAS



Project Resources

Visit the updated **PO Toolkit** page on the APEC website:

<https://www.apec.org/Projects/Forms-and-Resources>

Visit the updated **Project Quality – Training and Guidance** page:

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Download all forms and templates from the website. Ensure you use the current version of the Concept Note for 2023.

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