

राष्ट्रीय उत्पादकता परिषद्

(वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अन्तर्गत)
उत्पादकता भवन, 5-6, इंस्टीट्यूशनल एरिया,
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Sub: 21-IP-11-GE-CON-A : Conference on Urban Agroecology and Food Security 9th September 2021, Digital Multicountry (DMC).
(Visit www.npcindia.gov.in/NPC/User/InternationalServices for detailed Project Notification.

Dear Sir,

We invite your kind attention to NPC <https://www.npcindia.gov.in/NPC/User/InternationalServices> with regard to above Asian Productivity Organization (APO) project. The project notification and the APO bio data form are available on the above mentioned page and the same are also attached herewith. The duly filled in **single copy** of Performa enclosed (in excel form only) of the suitable officers for participation as per the para (**Qualifications for Participants**) of the project notification may kindly be forwarded to reach us latest by **25th, August 2021**. In this regard, the following points may be noted.

- **Fees and Charges**

The Participation fees (NON-REFUNDABLE) of **Rs. 500/-** for MSME Sector, Trade Unions and NGO's and **Rs. 1000/-** for others is payable along with the nomination form for each participant.

The requisite amount can be paid through a demand draft/cheque/ECS drawn in favour of National Productivity Council, New Delhi. In the regard, the bank account of NPC details is attached herewith. Kindly e-mail the details of the ECS/RTGS/NEFT payment made, **mentioning the name of applicant in remarks**, to mayank.verma@npcindia.gov.in, isg@npcindia.gov.in, rk.rawat@npcindia.gov.in Please note, in the absence of application fee, the nomination will not be considered.

- **Nomination Procedure**

All nominations should be routed through proper channel and as per the attached APO bio data form. The nominations received after the last date will not be considered. It is the responsibility of the candidates to complete all the official formalities required by their organizations/department for participating in the program.

It is requested to send nominations by e-mail to mayank.verma@npcindia.gov.in, isg@npcindia.gov.in, rk.rawat@npcindia.gov.in (application in prescribed excel format) and one hard copy by post along with the covering letter of the competent authority on company's letter head. All information pertaining to nominations will be treated as confidential and classified. The nominated officers may be invited as a faculty in programs on the relevant subject/s, organized by NPC.

We look forward to receiving of nominations from your esteemed organization.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(K.D. Bhardwaj)
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PROJECT NOTIFICATION

Ref. No.: 21-IP-11-GE-CON-A-PN2100062-001

Date of Issue	02 August 2021
Project Code	21-IP-11-GE-CON-A
Title	Conference on Urban Agroecology and Food Security
Timing and Duration	9 September 2021 (one day)
Hosting Country(ies)	Philippines
Modality	Digital Multicountry
Implementing Organization(s)	Development Academy of the Philippines and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	100
Local Participants	30
Qualifications of Participants	Policymakers and government officials, executives of farmers'/agribusiness associations, and academics and consultants working on agriculture, agribusiness, or urban development
Nomination of Participants	All nominations must be submitted through National Productivity Organizations of member countries
Closing Date for Nominations	25 August 2021

1. Objectives

- a. Introduce the concept of urban agroecology and its multifunctional roles.
- b. Explore best practices and models of urban agroecology which can be replicated as a response to challenges in food security.
- c. Promote the concept/system of fresh fruit and vegetable production from urban agriculture.

2. Background

Agricultural activities must be in sync with the natural environment. Crops depend on photosynthesis, and farmers attempt to maintain the best environment for growth. In urban areas, creating such harmony is even more critical given the limitations of the natural environment. For this reason, the benefits of urban agriculture go beyond crop production alone and include ecological aspects, giving rise to the term “urban agroecology.”

Urban agroecology has multiple roles. It supplies fresh produce grown near consumption areas, allows urban dwellers to experience agriculture, provides open space to accommodate evacuees during times of disaster, and offers green spaces for relaxation. In Japan, urban agriculture comprises 10% of national produce sales and is recognized as an important element in food security. Japan enacted the Urban Agriculture Promotion Law in 2015.

Although urban agriculture may not provide all the solutions to economic and food security dilemmas, activities related to urban agroecology have the potential to promote fresh, nutritious food production at a reduced cost, therefore enabling greater self-sufficiency in food. These benefits have created a renewed focus on urban agroecology.

With the COVID-19 pandemic prolonging constraints on the production, transport, and access to fresh, nutritious food, more resilient systems that promote local capacities such as urban agriculture are urgently needed. This conference will discuss innovative concepts and practices of urban agroecology and opportunities to promote it in APO member countries.

3. Scope, Methodology, and Certificate of Attendance

The duration of the sessions will be around four hours. The indicative topics of the presentations are:

- Concept, trends, and roles of urban agroecology in the global context
- Opportunities and challenges in developing and promoting urban agroecology
- Best practices of urban agroecology and strategies for implementation

The detailed program and list of speakers will be provided two weeks prior to the sessions with announcement of the names of the selected participants.

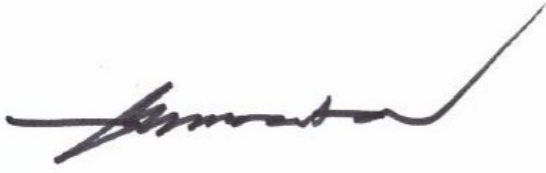
The participants are required to attend all sessions. This full participation is a prerequisite for receiving the APO certificate of attendance.

4. Financial Arrangements

- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs for overseas resource persons.
- b. The host country will meet the assignment costs of local resource persons and for a virtual site visit(s), either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.

5. Implementation Procedures

Please refer to the implementation procedures for APO digital multicountry projects circulated with this document.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mochtan', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke and a sharp upward curve at the end.

Dr. AKP Mochtan
Secretary-General