



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	23-RC-13-GE-RES-B
Title	Research on Premature Deindustrialization and Productivity Performance
Timing	15 June 2023–31 December 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	Not Applicable
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Online
Implementing Organization(s)	APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkiye, and Vietnam
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	31 August 2023
Remarks	The above closing date is for the nomination of national experts.

Objectives	Study the risk of premature deindustrialization among APO member economies; estimate the impact of deindustrialization on long-term productivity performance; and generate implications for industry and productivity policies.
Rationale	The phenomenon of premature deindustrialization, or the trend of rapidly declining shares of manufacturing and increasing shares of services at an earlier stage of economic development than in industrialized economies, is prevalent in emerging economies. Premature deindustrialization poses a threat to labor productivity, competitiveness, and future growth prospects.
Background	<p>APO member economies are at different stages of development. However, many are experiencing the deindustrialization trend in both employment and value-added shares of manufacturing before reaching the high-income rank (APO Productivity Outlook 2022). The risks of premature deindustrialization are not favorable for future growth. Additionally, various middle-income APO members exhibit decreasing outward FDI and low share of high-tech industries in their export composition and cannot raise their industrial complexity level in global value chains. They risk losing their competitiveness in the global market, with stagnating production network development.</p> <p>Relevant industrial and economic policies to keep these economies ahead of premature deindustrialization trends are necessary. This research will investigate the status of deindustrialization among APO members and its impacts on long-term productivity performance, thus generating policy implications.</p>
Topics	Premature deindustrialization; Economic structural change; Manufacturing and service shares; Industry employment and value-added shares; Labor productivity and TFP performance; Industrial policies; and Economic growth policies.
Outcome	Examined risk of premature deindustrialization in APO member economies; estimated impact of deindustrialization on productivity performance; and estimated implications for industry and productivity policies in APO members.
Qualifications	Analysts or academic researchers specializing in industrial economics, industry policies, and productivity studies with a track record of experience, three or more years in the position, and excellent English writing and presentation skills.

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.



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IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR APO RESEARCH PROJECTS (DIGITAL MULTICOUNTRY)

1. Methodology

- a. In-country research: Each national expert will collect and analyze data and write a preliminary report based on the research framework circulated prior to the coordination meeting. The reports will be finalized after the coordination meeting.
- b. Coordination meeting of experts: A coordination meeting to finalize the research methodology and framework will be organized. The preliminary reports detailing country-specific situations will be presented in this meeting for feedback from other experts. The virtual sessions will be around three hours each day.

2. Qualifications of Experts

Chief experts

Extensive experience in undertaking qualitative and quantitative international research projects on industrial economics, industry policies, and productivity studies, with a track record of published reports in English on those topics, and excellent English writing and presentation skills.

National experts

Policy analysts or academic researchers specializing in industrial economics, industry policies, and productivity studies, with a track record of experience in publishing reports in English on those topics and conducting qualitative and quantitative research national-level research, excellent English writing and presentation skills.

3. Tasks of Experts

Chief expert

- a. Develop the overall framework and guidelines for the research.
- b. Present the research framework, methodology, and report structure during the coordination meeting.
- c. Review the drafts and provide feedback to the national experts to ensure the quality of the work.
- d. Provide support and advice to the national experts in conducting the research.
- e. Prepare the final report and submit it to the APO Secretariat by the deadline.

National experts

- a. Collect data at national level following the methodology and framework provided.
- b. Write country reports on the analyses and findings based on the data collected.
- c. Present the preliminary reports during the coordination meeting.
- d. Revise the reports following the agreement during the coordination meeting and reflect the comments of the chief expert and APO Secretariat.
- e. Cooperate with the chief expert to ensure the quality and consistency of the final report.
- f. Submit the reports following the agreed format to the chief expert and APO Secretariat by the deadline.

4. Financial Arrangements

To be met by the APO

- a. Honoraria for the chief and national experts.
- b. All assignment and relevant research costs.

To be met by experts or participating members

All local implementation costs incurred by national experts when collecting data at the national level.

5. Actions by Participating APO Members

- a. Participating members are requested to nominate candidate national experts before the deadline.
- b. Each nomination must be accompanied by the APO biodata form and uploaded to the APO Document Management System (DMS)/Fleekdrive by the NPO.

6. Actions by the APO Secretariat

- a. Identify and invite a chief expert to lead the research until its completion.
- b. Coordinate all arrangements related to the research activities.