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Sub: 23-CP-46-GE-WSP-A: Workshop on True Value and Cost Accounting in Organic Agriculture from 10-12 October 2023, Online. (Visit www.npcindia.gov.in/NPC/User/InternationalServices for detailed Project Notification)

Dear Sir,

We invite your kind attention to NPC 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 September, 2023**. In this regard, the following points may be noted.

- **Fees and Charges** An Application 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 subjects organized by NPC.

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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PROJECT NOTIFICATION

Reference No.: 199

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| Date of Issue | 30 August 2023 |
| Project Code | 23-CP-46-GE-WSP-A |
| Title | Workshop on True Value and Cost Accounting in Organic Agriculture |
| Timing | 10 October 2023–12 October 2023 |
| Hosting Country(ies) | Mongolia |
| Venue City(ies) | Not Applicable |
| Modality | Online |
| Implementing Organization(s) | Mongolian Productivity Organization and APO Secretariat |
| Participating Country(ies) | All Member Countries |
| Overseas Participants | 38 |
| Local Participants | 12 |
| Closing Date | 28 September 2023 |
| Remarks | Not Applicable |

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| Objectives | Understand the concept and current status of true value and cost accounting in organic agriculture, learn about the full cost accounting approach and practical applications to transform agrifood systems, share good practices, and discuss true cost accounting (TCA) and ecosystem service models in APO members. |
| Rationale | TCA in agriculture assesses the benefits of production systems. It is often argued that organic agriculture yields are lower than those of conventional agriculture, but the advantages from the environmental, social, and economic viewpoints are ignored. Understanding the true value and cost accounting of organic agriculture is aligned with the APO's Green Productivity concept and APO Vision 2025 goals. |
| Background | <p>The pandemic caused abrupt changes in people's lives, healthy food has never been more important, and consumers have increasingly sought out organic labels (Organic Trade Association US, 2021).</p> <p>However, some stakeholders remain narrowly focused on crop productivity and short-term profits, overlooking significant damage to the environment, soil, climate, biodiversity, rural communities, and public health. Social, environmental, and economic benefits should be calculated using a common framework to allow for comparisons.</p> <p>This workshop will cover methodologies for true value and cost accounting, benefits, and examples in organic agriculture and show how they can be compared with the performance of other production systems in APO members.</p> |
| Topics | Overview of the current status of organic agriculture and future trends; True value and cost accounting and ecosystem service components; Measurement and theory of full cost accounting; and Impact of TCA on organic agriculture. |
| Outcome | Enhanced knowledge and understanding of true value and cost accounting in organic agriculture, cost-benefit analysis of organic farming, and promotion of organic agriculture movements in APO members. |
| Qualifications | Agricultural professionals and agribusiness managers, officials of agribusiness/food industry associations, and academics developing and promoting organic agriculture and safe food products. |

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



Dr. Indra Pradana Singawinata
Secretary-General

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR APO ONLINE MULTICOUNTRY PROJECTS (CONFERENCES/OBSERVATIONAL STUDY MISSIONS/TRAINING COURSES/WORKSHOPS)

1. Modality of Implementation

- a. The sessions will be conducted online.
- b. The duration of each day's sessions will be around three hours for observational study missions, training courses, and workshops.
- c. The duration of sessions will be around four hours for conferences.
- d. The APO Secretariat will inform resource persons and participants of the link to the virtual sessions.
- e. The link will be exclusive to resource persons and participants and should not be shared.

2. Financial Arrangements

- 2-1 For projects where the local costs will be covered by the host NPO/implementing organization
- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs for international resource persons.
 - b. The host NPO/implementing organization will meet the assignment costs of local resource persons and for a virtual site visit(s), either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.
- 2-2 For projects where the local costs will be covered by the APO
- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs of international resource persons and honorarium for up to two local resource persons.
 - b. The host NPO/implementing organization will meet the costs for a virtual site visit(s), either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.
- 2-3 For observational study missions where the local costs will be covered by the APO
- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs for international resource persons, honoraria for up to two local resource persons, and video production costs for a virtual site visit(s) of up to USD2,000.00, either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.
- 2-4 For projects hosted by the APO Secretariat
- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs for international and local resource persons and for a virtual site visit(s), either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.

3. Requirements of Participants

- a. Participants are required to attend all sessions. This full participation is a prerequisite for receiving the APO certificate of attendance.
- b. Competent in connecting to online meetings, including independently undertaking troubleshooting in the event of poor or lost connections.
- c. Proficient in English, both written and spoken.
- d. Have necessary devices comprising a computer, web camera, microphone, and speaker or headphones.
- e. Access to internet connections suitable for videoconferencing. Stable, wired LAN connections are preferred.
- f. Follow the instructions of moderators/presenters in asking questions, joining discussions, and answering questions.

- g. Wear appropriate business attire during the sessions.

4. Actions by APO members

- a. Each NPO should nominate three or more candidates in order of preference for observational study missions, training courses, and workshops, and five or more candidates for conferences.
- b. All nominations must be endorsed by an APO Director or Alternate Director and submitted by a Liaison Officer (LO) or designated officer. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- c. Nominations should reach the Secretariat before the deadline.
- d. Each nomination must be accompanied by the APO biodata form and uploaded to the APO Document Management System/Fleekdrive by NPOs. LOs are requested to notify the Secretariat once biodata forms have been uploaded. The biodata form is available on the APO website.
- e. If a selected participant becomes unable to participate, the NPO concerned should inform the APO Secretariat and host country promptly.

5. Actions by the APO Secretariat

- a. Selection of candidates will be at the discretion of the Participant Selection Committee of the APO Secretariat.
- b. Selection of candidates will be completed and announced at least one week prior to the start of the sessions.
- c. Slots that become available due to withdrawal of a selected candidate(s) or lack of nominations by a member country may be filled by alternates to be selected on a merit basis.
- d. The APO Secretariat will inform NPOs of the final program and link to the online sessions at least one week prior to commencement.

6. Participating Country Expenses (PCEs)

- a. PCEs apply to selected participants from large, profit-making organizations in training courses and observational study missions.
- b. The PCE rate is fixed at USD150.00 per participant.
- c. The APO Secretariat will notify NPOs concerned before issuing Letters of Acceptance to participants.
- d. Invoices will be sent to NPOs concerned at the end of the year.