



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	23-CP-26-GE-WSP-A
Title	Workshop on Future Skill Requirements in the Manufacturing Sector
Timing	12 December 2023–14 December 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	India
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Online
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Council, India and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	38
Local Participants	12
Closing Date	6 December 2023
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Examine trends in the manufacturing sector in the context of digital transformation; discuss policies and strategies addressing emerging skill and competency requirements in manufacturing; and share good practices of capability-building schemes for the manufacturing sector.
Rationale	The APO Vision 2025 aims to contribute to more inclusive, innovation-led productivity growth in the Asia-Pacific, focusing on the quality of the workforce and smart transformation. Anticipating rapid changes in economic activities and society driven by digital technologies, this project aims to assist APO members in training and reskilling the manufacturing workforce.
Background	<p>The Fourth Industrial Revolution is transforming manufacturing with digital technologies resulting in new processes, business models, and forms of work. It brings opportunities for talent familiar with advanced technologies but also challenges to the majority of the manufacturing workforce accustomed to conventional production and management methods.</p> <p>It is essential to cultivate individuals who can leverage digital technologies while supporting the existing workforce in upskilling and reskilling to harness the benefits of digital transformation.</p>
Topics	Digitalization of manufacturing: Trends and core technologies; Evolving nature of jobs and critical skills for the future; Strategies and policy programs for reskilling and upskilling in the manufacturing sector; Addressing manufacturing skill gaps: Strategies and experiences from India; Ecosystem for a future-ready workforce; and Needs and good practices in industry.
Outcome	Target areas and suitable strategies to develop the manufacturing workforce are identified, references for future-ready education and workforce development are available, and collaboration among stakeholders in the digital transformation ecosystem is facilitated.
Qualifications	Government officials working on industrial policy, workforce development for manufacturing, and SME development and productivity improvement strategies; representatives of industrial associations; manufacturing SME executives; and productivity practitioners with experience in digital upgrading.

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



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