



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	23-CP-35-GE-CON-A
Title	Conference on Green Productivity and the Circular Economy
Timing	26 September 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	Vietnam
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Online
Implementing Organization(s)	Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality, Vietnam and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	100
Local Participants	30
Closing Date	11 September 2023
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Highlight the urgent need to adopt Green Productivity (GP) and the circular economy (CE) in industry; showcase the impact of technological interventions enabling sustainability across value chains; and deliberate on approaches to transition to sustainable development practices.
Rationale	Meeting the UN SDGs in the short term and net-zero emission targets in long term for a cleaner, greener future requires a paradigm shift. The circular economy and GP, a sustainability concept developed by the APO, provide a structured framework to mitigate the adverse environmental impacts of industrial activity with simultaneous improvement of productivity and resilience.
Background	<p>Most regions have yet to reap the benefits of economic growth resulting from industrialization. However, the negative implications of the existing industrial “linear” model, which does not consider environmental aspects in the product design stage, are clear.</p> <p>To negate the adverse impacts and keep the increase in the average global temperature within 1.5°C, the 2022 Glasgow Climate Pact and 2015 Paris Agreement led to the UN SDGs and net-zero emission targets. Meeting the SDGs requires adoption of GP and CE tools and techniques by industry and end-users.</p> <p>In 2022, the APO publication Green Productivity and Circular Economy: Complementary Approaches to Sustainable Development cited the SDGs for countries and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) frameworks for corporations as two of the most recognized environmental initiatives, with workforce training and technology adoption as crucial needs. This conference aims to build capacity in APO members in implementing GP and CE concepts.</p>
Topics	Examples of technology fostering sustainability in industry; GP initiatives in APO members and their implications; Recent developments in sustainability efforts; and Panel discussion.
Outcome	Enhanced knowledge of methods to mitigate climate change and pollution, increased adoption of technology facilitating sustainability efforts at enterprise level, and greater awareness of challenges to green growth and sustainable development.
Qualifications	Government officials and policymakers, senior representatives of industrial associations, and consultants and trainers working on sustainable development, climate change mitigation, standardization, and resource conservation.

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



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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.