



# SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTIVITY SUMMIT

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TOKYO, JAPAN

## The Summit

Technological change and disruptions are occurring daily in every sphere. Old industries shrink or disappear, while new ones alter the social, economic, environmental, and political landscape.

Future ideas will depend on technological advances, which in turn will impact business models and services. Emerging technologies can be game-changers for businesses, creating new products and services while shifting value among producers or from producers to consumers. Such advances can drive massive economic transformations, including those related to productivity.

Technologies are combining new ways of improving business performance and productivity, offering benefits as well as challenges to which the public and private sectors must respond. Business leaders must update organizational strategies in the face of continual evolution, ensure that their organizations always look ahead, and use technologies to improve performance. They must also plan for a range of scenarios, abandon assumptions about where competition and risk could arise, and look beyond long-established models.

All organizations should be able to act fast, make informed decisions now, and fine-tune strategies or policies as necessary. It is therefore critical for leaders to understand which technologies will alter their circumstances and prepare accordingly. The APO Sustainable Productivity Summit will orient member countries on "the next big thing" and technologies shaping the future of productivity while creating maximum benefits for their economies.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- **Policymakers** and **public-sector decision makers**
- **Businesspeople, industrialists,** and **corporate leaders**
- **Productivity experts** and **practitioners**
- **Members of the diplomatic corps** based in Japan from APO member economies and ASEAN
- **Key officials** of NPOs from APO members
- **Researchers** and **consultants** focusing on the future directions of productivity and economic growth for the Asia-Pacific region

### WHY ATTEND

- **To understand** the challenges, the opportunities and the impact of emerging technologies on industries, productivity and economies.
- **To deliberate** with the industry leaders and experts on future policy interventions needed to meet challenges of the fast-changing digital world.
- **To get** visibility of the future trends and disruptive technologies that have started to alter the way people live and work.
- **To network** with international experts and policymakers from APO member countries and share experiences in productivity improvement initiatives.

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# Summit Agenda

The one-day APO Sustainable Productivity Summit is designed to encourage dialogue among technology and business thought-leaders and practitioners as well as policymakers from the public and private sectors to create greater awareness of how technology will impact productivity in the industry, agriculture, service, and public sectors. The APO believes that such dialogue will help its member countries better shape their future and benefit from dynamic, fluid market conditions.

The summit agenda is divided into three key sessions.

## Opening Session

This session will focus on the present scenario. While it is important to look at the future, it is equally important to understand current realities, trends, and turmoil. This serves as the baseline and is critical for “as-is” analysis. The inaugural session including the opening and keynote addresses will focus on this aspect by presenting a clear view of the challenges, shifting market dynamics, and impact of disruptive technologies on existing businesses and economies.

## Plenary Session

Presentations by experts on the root causes or technologies that are driving changes in the industry, agriculture, service, and public sectors will be featured in the Plenary Session. These driving forces include technologies like artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, 3D printing, wearable devices, nanotechnology, and advanced materials or innovations in business models and other socioeconomic, environmental, and political trends with the potential to trigger innovation and change.

## Panel Discussion

The concluding session will be a free-flowing panel discussion among experts who will not simply summarize the previous sessions but deliberate on The Way Forward for Shaping the Future of Productivity. It will serve as the starting point for the necessary deliberations on how APO member countries can work together to meet future productivity needs without adversely impacting citizens and the natural environment. The panel discussion will attempt to seek solutions as experts deliberate on the way forward.

# About APO

The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is regional intergovernmental organization committed to improving productivity in the Asia-Pacific region. Established in 1961, the APO contributes to sustainable socioeconomic development of the region through productivity enhancement and is guided by three strategic directions: strengthen NPOs and promote the development of SMEs and communities; catalyze innovation-led productivity growth; and promote Green Productivity.