



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	19-RP-08-GE-DON-C
Title	Strengthening the Programs of the Center of Excellence on Public-sector Productivity (Philippines)
Timing	One year
Venue	APO Secretariat
Implementing Organization(s)	This project will be implemented by the APO Secretariat in close collaboration with participating APO member countries.

1. Objectives

To support undertakings in member countries through the promotion and scaling up of activities on the subjects covered by the Center of Excellence (COE) on Public-sector Productivity (PSP).

2. Background

The 57th session of the APO Governing Body in Bangkok, Thailand, in April 2015 approved the establishment of the APO COE on PSP under the auspices of the Development Academy of the Philippines. The COE on PSP through its four component pillars of acting as a knowledge center, capacity development program, innovation laboratory, and research program has disseminated knowledge, expertise, and other resources on PSP and innovation in the Philippines throughout the region. The COE on PSP has undertaken activities to help APO member countries enhance their competencies and knowledge in performance and public-sector productivity in general. Assistance to strengthen PSP initiatives through existing and new modalities in APO member countries and the COE on PSP will be continued in 2020.

3. Scope and Methodology

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- a. Convening training, workshops, forums, international conferences, and expert meetings focusing on enhancing capability of the public sector in innovative and creative thinking;
- b. Assigning overseas resource persons and APO Secretariat staff to attend the events listed in item a. above and;
- c. Conducting relevant research that will analyze and provide recommendations for enhancing the performance and productivity of the public sector.

Methodology

The first activity in 2020 to enhance capacity of the COE on PSP on the topic of innovative and creative thinking is given below.

Venue and Timing	Activity
Online, 8–12 June 2020 (5 days)	<p>Online training: Design and Facilitate Innovative and Creative Thinking Workshop in the Public-sector</p> <p>Session 1: Introduction to innovation methods, innovation mindsets, and team challenge</p> <p>Session 2: Designing and facilitating innovation journeys – Essential design skills</p> <p>Session 3: Innovation journey to tackle team challenge: Problem understanding and ideation (in teams)</p> <p>Session 4: Designing and facilitating innovation journeys – Facilitation skills and conclusion</p>

Project Implementation Plans will be issued for other activities to be undertaken within this year in consultation with the COE on PSP and NPOs in member countries.


4. Financial Arrangements

To be met by the APO

- a. All assignment costs of APO overseas resource persons; and
- b. Honoraria for experts undertaking research activities.

To be met by the host country

- a. Local implementation costs as necessary and all other costs not covered above; and
- b. Project management fees and personnel costs of the implementing organization, personnel service fees for implementing activities, and honoraria for local resource persons if applicable.

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