



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	20-AG-19-GE-TRC-B
Title	Training of Trainers on Building Sustainable Supply Chains for Agriculture
Timing and Duration	14–16 December 2020 (three days)
Hosting Country	Indonesia
Modality	Digital Multicountry (DMC)
Implementing Organization(s)	International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia, and the APO Secretariat
Participating Countries	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	12
Closing Date for Nominations	4 December 2020 The closing date is for the replacement of selected candidates, when applicable. Participants were selected before the project was rescheduled and changed into a virtual session. This new selection allows changes in the participants' list if necessary.

Notes: This PN supersedes the PN issued on 12 November 2019 and PNR issued on 7 January 2020.

1. Objectives

- a. To enhance participants' understanding of the changing environment surrounding agrifood supply chains;
- b. To share different sustainable agrifood supply chain models; and
- c. To familiarize participants with applications of innovative strategies and advanced technologies for building sustainable agrifood supply chains.

2. Background

The environment surrounding supply chains for agriculture continues to change rapidly. With increasing incomes, consumers look for better-quality food in terms of safety and freshness. To maintain freshness, efficient transport from producers to consumers is important. Rapid changes in food logistics technology such as advanced ICT-based monitoring systems enable higher-quality food to be delivered to consumers faster. Preserving food in a safe environment is also important. Maintaining the quality of perishables through cold chain technologies can meet the demand for timely delivery, allowing consumers to enjoy a variety of high-quality, safe food.

However, changes in consumption patterns have resulted in huge amounts of food and packaging waste. For instance, the food industry is reliant on various forms of plastic. When discarded, they pollute oceans and rivers, harming the natural environment and damaging ecosystems. This has now become a global issue. Therefore, ensuring sustainability in food supply chains is vital and requires harmonization with evolving social and environmental trends. As an example, paper drinking straws are being widely reintroduced to minimize microplastic ocean pollution.

Food supply chains focusing on logistics and safety improvement methods have been a core area of APO engagement. This training course will equip participants with updated knowledge, tools, and techniques for creating sustainable food supply chains in light of the changing demand from consumers and society for quality food, which includes environmental considerations.

3. Modality of Implementation

- a. This training course will be conducted online by using videoconference applications.
- b. The resource speakers and participants will participate in the course virtually by using their own devices, applications, and Internet connections.
- c. The duration of each day's session will be up to three hours.
- d. The APO Secretariat will inform the resource speakers and participants of the applicable videoconference application and link to the virtual sessions.
- e. The videoconference link will be provided exclusively to resource speakers and participants in this training course and should not be shared.

4. Scope and Methodology

The training course will consist of interactive lectures, case studies, and discussions. The tentative program is given below:

Day/Date	Activity
Monday, 14 December 2020	Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and Challenges in Food Supply Chains Group Workshop
Tuesday, 15 December 2020	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative Supply Chains for Agriculture • Changes in Consumers' Food Demand Group Workshop
Wednesday, 16 December 2020	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Supply Chains in Indonesia • Efforts to Shorten Supply Chains Group Presentations

5. Qualifications of Candidates

Present Position	Government officials, policymakers, executives of farmers'/agribusiness associations, academics, and consultants on agrifood supply chains.
Work Experience	Two years of experience or more in the position described above.
Education	University degree or equivalent qualification from a recognized university or similar tertiary institution.
Computer Literacy	Familiarity and competency in connecting to virtual meetings, including independently undertaking troubleshooting in the event of poor or lost connections.
Language	Proficiency in English, both written and spoken. Participants will be required to make presentations and engage in discussions.

6. Requirements

- a. Have necessary devices comprising a computer, web camera, microphone, and speaker or headphones.
- b. Access to Internet connections suitable for videoconferencing. Stable, wired LAN connections are preferred.
- c. Follow the instructions of the moderators/presenters in asking questions, joining discussions, and answering questions.
- d. Participate in the entire course.

7. Financial Arrangements

- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs for international resource persons.
- b. The host country will meet the assignment costs of local resource persons and for a virtual site visit(s), either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.

8. Actions by Member Countries

- a. Each participating country will nominate three or more candidates in order of preference.
- b. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

- c. All nominations must be endorsed by an APO Director or Alternate Director and submitted by a Liaison Officer or designated officer.
- d. Each nomination must be accompanied by the APO biodata form and uploaded to the APO Document Management System (DMS)/Fleekdrive by the NPO. The biodata form is available on the APO website.
- e. Late nominations will not be accepted. When a nomination requires the approval of higher authorities and requires a longer time, the member country concerned should send the name(s) of the nominee(s) before or by the deadline, indicating that approval will follow.
- f. If a selected participant becomes unable to participate, the NPO concerned should inform the APO Secretariat and the host country promptly.

9. 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 three weeks prior to the start of the project.
- 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, platform, and link of the virtual meeting, as well as the schedule for technical coordination where applicable, two weeks prior to commencement of the course.

10. Dress Code

Participants are required to wear appropriate business attire during the course.



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