



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	21-IP-55-GE-WSP-A
Title	Workshop on Evaluating Regulatory Quality and Performance to Improve Public-sector Productivity
Timing and Duration	10–12 November 2021 (three days)
Hosting Country(ies)	Philippines
Modality	Digital Multicountry
Implementing Organization(s)	Development Academy of the Philippines and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	12
Qualifications of Participants	Policymakers and government officials, representatives of government enterprises, staff of public organizations and regulatory agencies, and NPO staff working on regulatory issues and reform
Nomination of Participants	All nominations must be submitted through National Productivity Organizations of member countries
Closing Date for Nominations	15 October 2021

1. Objectives

- a. Outline key elements of regulatory performance and the different tools and frameworks for evaluating regulatory quality.
- b. Explore approaches to develop effective, context-sensitive regulatory management systems.
- c. Discuss the latest advances in tools for evaluating regulatory quality for novel areas such as new digital technologies.

2. Background

Regulation plays a crucial role in society. The World Bank noted in a 2019 report that government regulation is a major determinant of prosperity and a principal instrument that makes a difference in the lives of citizens. Effective regulation alleviates societal risks and corrects market failures, leading to better productivity and growth. However, poorly designed, feebly implemented, or outdated regulations are burdens on citizens and businesses. They are particularly burdensome for small companies, which must devote considerable resources to comply with regulations. Governments must therefore ensure that regulations enhance, not undermine, societal well-being and economic development. To do this, the public sector requires good tools, techniques, and frameworks for evaluating regulatory quality and performance.

Ensuring regulatory quality and performance requires countries to manage both existing and new regulations. This process involves tools such as regulatory impact assessments, enhanced consultation processes, developing regulatory management indicators, and establishing regulatory oversight bodies. Mastering these tools is essential for policymakers, especially considering the challenges arising from the lightning pace of technological change. Innovations in digital finance, health, and Industry 4.0, among others, compel governments to develop new, timely regulatory approaches. Sharing knowledge and experience regarding these tools will also be important to promote greater cross-border regulatory collaboration in the region.

This workshop will explore frameworks and tools for evaluating regulatory quality and performance to enhance public-sector productivity and capability in driving innovation and the public good. It will showcase a range of tools to analyze and evaluate the impact of regulations. This is in line with the APO Vision 2025 goal of robust innovation and regulatory ecosystem.

3. Scope, Methodology, and Certificate of Attendance

The duration of each day's sessions will be around three hours comprising presentations by experts, group discussions, and other relevant learning methods. The indicative topics of the presentations are:

Day 1:

- Foundations of regulatory quality and performance evaluation
- Regulatory impact assessment and regulatory management systems

Day 2:

- Data-based approaches to evaluating regulatory performance

Day 3:

- Regulating in times of uncertainty: New technology and approaches

The detailed program and list of speakers will be provided two weeks prior to the sessions with announcement of the names of the selected participants.

The participants are required to attend all sessions. This full participation is a prerequisite for receiving the APO certificate of attendance.

4. Financial Arrangements

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

5. Implementation Procedures

Please refer to the implementation procedures for APO digital multicountry projects circulated with this document.

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