

# Program calendar

August

## *Indonesia*

### **Study meeting on Financing of SMEs, 5–8 August.**

► Objectives: To analyze the results of the research on Financing for SMEs conducted in 2007; and identify best practices and formulate practical, innovative recommendations for strengthening SME financing in member countries.

► Participants: Senior government officials responsible for SME policy formulation, senior managers, NPO heads, senior researchers, and academics with professional knowledge of or direct involvement in the area of SME financing.

## *Pakistan*

### **Regional workshop on Biomass Utilization for Industrial Boilers, 18–23 August.**

► Objectives: To build the capacity of industries, especially SMEs, to collect, store, process, and use biomass as fuel in industrial boilers; and create a pool of professionals in the target countries (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka).

► Participants: Industry (especially SME) managers, energy professionals, biomass specialists, boiler users or manufacturers, and energy consultants.

## *Sri Lanka*

### **Seminar on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for Improving the Productivity of Irrigation Systems, 25–30 August.**

► Objectives: To review the present status of PPPs in irrigation system management in member countries; enhance the understanding of participants of the issues, challenges, and opportunities in PPPs for irrigation management; and share the best examples of PPPs and identify lessons for their adaptation to country-specific situations.

► Participants: Senior officials or researchers in the public or private sector, senior managers of water companies, and senior representatives of water users' associations with experience in participatory irrigation management.

## *e-Learning course*

**Toyota Production System** (based on the Global Development Learning Network of the World Bank platform).

Phase 1: 18–20 June for Indonesia, I.R. Iran, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand;

Phase 2: 4–6 August for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, and Vietnam; and Phase 3: 11–13 August for Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

► Objectives: To understand the methodology of the Toyota Production System, its application, and critical success factors to enable participants to use the knowledge in setting up flexible production systems for small-quantity production in their own processes.

► Participants: Quality personnel, trainers/consultants, and senior/mid-level managerial and technical personnel from industry involved in manufacturing, production systems, and automation.

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