

Program calendar

December

Sri Lanka

Coordination meeting for the research on Productivity Improvement in the Informal Sector, 1–3 December.

► Objective: To perform comparative analysis of the nature, functions, and contributions of the informal sector, as well as informal sector-related policy frameworks in the targeted economies.

► National experts: Government officials, National Statistics Office statisticians, and academics in research institutions or universities involved in the informal sector.

Thailand

Workshop on the One Village, One Product Model for Sustainable Rural Development, 15–19 December.

► Objective: To assess the present status of the One Village, One Product (OVOP) movement in member countries; enhance the understanding of the essential elements of OVOP success and sustainability; and formulate strategies for enhancing the OVOP/One Tambon, One Product (OTOP) movements.

► Participants: National and local governmental officials and administrators responsible for OVOP/OTOP programs, and officials and extension personnel of academic and training institutions involved in rural community development.

e-Learning Course

Social Accountability Management Systems: SA 8000 (based on the Global Development Learning Network of the World Bank platform).

Phase 1: 23–25 September for Fiji, Lao PDR, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam;

Phase 2: 14–16 October for Bangladesh, Indonesia, IR Iran, Malaysia, and Pakistan; and

Phase 3: 2–4 December for Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

► Objectives: To train in the SA 8000 standards, requirements, and application to enhance corporate social responsibility and productivity.

► Participants: Personnel involved in social accounting audits, potential auditors of SA 8000, NPO consultants, or those interested in SA 8000.

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