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**Sri Lanka to receive leaders of the Asian-Pacific productivity movement**

COLOMBO—The 55th Workshop Meeting of Heads of NPOs (WSM) will convene in Sri Lanka from 21–24 October 2014. Approximately 36 heads of national productivity organizations (NPOs) and agriculture delegates, and 18 advisers representing APO members, will attend the meeting alongside observers from the World Bank and Pan African Productivity Association.

The guest of honor is HE Dr. Sarath Amunugama, Senior Minister of International Monetary Co-operation and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning. He will be accompanied by HE Basheer Segudawood, Minister of Productivity Promotion.

The main agenda items of the WSM are to deliberate on the APO Program Plan for the 2015–2016 Biennium, discuss the Roadmap to Achieve the APO Vision 2020, and present the impact evaluation of 2012–2013 projects. Each NPO will present its country’s latest economic goals in key sectors. Delegates will also visit the Ape Gama and Laksala cultural center, Zam Gem Shop, Gold City, and one of Sri Lanka’s famous historical landmarks, the Independence Arcade.

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**About the APO**

The APO was established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization with the mission of contributing to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific region through productivity promotion. The current membership comprises 20 economies. The APO supports its member countries through capacity-building efforts such as training courses, workshops, seminars, and other activities to enhance productivity.