



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	4 September 2020
<b>Project Code</b>	20-AG-06-GE-WSP-B
<b>Title</b>	Workshop on Agricultural Transformation for Food Security
<b>Timing and Duration</b>	5-7 October 2020 (three days)
<b>Hosting Country</b>	Philippines
<b>Modality</b>	Digital Multicountry (DMC)
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and the APO Secretariat
<b>Participating Countries</b>	Bangladesh, Cambodia, Republic of China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	19
<b>Local Participants</b>	12
<b>Closing Date for Nominations</b>	18 September 2020

Notes: This PN supersedes the PN issued on 3 March 2020.

## **1. Objectives**

- a. To enhance participants' understanding of the role of agricultural transformation in improving food and nutritional security;
- b. To identify drivers of agricultural transformation and possible policy options for APO member countries;
- c. To determine the role of the public and private sectors in propelling agricultural transformation; and
- d. To share successful cases of agricultural transformation resulting in reduced hunger, long-term productivity, increased income for farmers, and sustainable agricultural growth.

## **2. Background**

Developing countries' agriculture sector primarily provides employment to majority of their workforces and ensures food security. However, hunger and malnutrition still occur, affecting food security. The current widely accepted World Food Summit definition of food security recognizes its multidimensional nature, which includes food availability, access, utilization, and stability, emphasizing its underlying political and cultural implications for national productivity and development.

Food security is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, although many challenges are faced by agriculture-dependent developing countries in achieving it, such as restrictive trade policies, low level of integration of food systems in evolving economies, climate change, and poor governance. Meeting food security goals will require extensive analysis to identify efficient, sustainable plans and programs for the agriculture sector.

Agricultural transformation is technological innovation to propel growth level of agricultural productivity. Such transformation can encourage changes in food supply chains resulting in higher efficiency and value added. Agricultural transformation, therefore, is a critical component in meeting food security goals.

Current trend of agricultural transformation is contributed by modern technologies such as ICT. For example, modern farmers can artificially control crop growth environment by sensor information. In addition, modern greenhouse technologies enable farmers crop production with high productivity regardless of the location of farm. These modern agricultural technologies can meet with food security's requirement such as responses for climate change and urbanization.

This workshop on Agricultural Transformation for Food Security will examine emerging issues and opportunities for both the public and private sectors in steering agricultural transformation, benchmark against successful examples from other countries, and translate the results into policy options and approaches to revitalize the role of agriculture in transforming rural economies, ultimately contributing to overall socioeconomic development goals.

## **3. Modality of Implementation**

- a. This workshop will be conducted online using videoconference applications.
- b. The resource speakers and participants will participate the workshop virtually 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 workshop and should not be shared.

#### 4. Scope and Methodology

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

Date/Time	Activity
Monday, 5 October	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key concepts and links between food security and agricultural transformation</li><li>• Global trends, issues, and challenges in achieving food security</li></ul> Discussion
Tuesday, 6 October	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drivers of agricultural transformation</li><li>• ICT, technology, and agricultural transformation</li><li>• Climate-smart agriculture and food systems</li></ul> Group Workshop and Presentation Discussion
Wednesday, 7 October	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case studies of agricultural transformation</li></ul> Group Presentation

#### 5. Qualifications of Candidates

<b>Present Position</b>	Government officials, policymakers, executives/owners of farms/agribusinesses and related organizations, leaders of agriculture and food industry associations, and academics and consultants on food security and agriculture.
<b>Work Experience</b>	Three years of experience or more in the position described above.
<b>Education</b>	University degree or equivalent qualification from a recognized university or similar tertiary institution.
<b>Computer Literacy</b>	Familiarity and competency in connecting to virtual meetings, including independently undertaking troubleshooting in the event of poor or lost connections.
<b>Language</b>	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 headphone.
- 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 workshop.

#### 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**

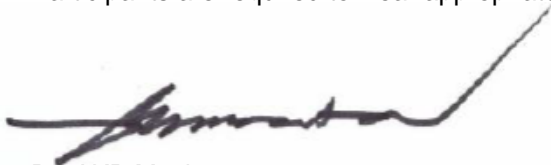
- a. Each participating country will nominate three or more candidates in order of preference.
- b. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
- c. All nominations must be endorsed by an APO Director or Alternate Director and submitted by a Liaison Officer or designated officer.
- d. Each nomination must 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 workshop.

#### **10. Dress Code**

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



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