



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	20-IN-55-GE-TRC-A
Title	Training Course on Smart Regulation
Timing and Duration	7–9 December 2020 (three days)
Hosting Country	Philippines
Modality	Digital Multicountry (DMC)
Implementing Organization(s)	Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and the APO Secretariat
Participating Countries	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	12
Closing Date for Nominations	5 November 2020

1. Objectives

- a. To introduce basic tools for evaluating the requirements and principles for developing, implementing, and evaluating a smart regulation; and
- b. To acquaint participants with the concepts of innovation, government digital services, and e-government systems to increase effectiveness and efficiency in meeting public needs and promote the quality of regulatory governance.

2. Background

A smart regulation delivers clearly defined, measurable policy objectives and is set through a transparent, objective, consultative process. Its emphases are twofold: outcomes (effective delivery); and real involvement of the people concerned. Studies suggest that the benefits of a smart regulation arise from the recognition that a well-crafted regulation can improve competitiveness, facilitate market openness, improve living standards, protect the environment, enhance transparency, and support the rule of law. Accordingly, a smart regulation serves clearly identified policy goals and produces benefits that justify the costs, considering the distribution of effects across to the economy, environment, and society. It also promotes innovation through market incentives and adheres to principles facilitating competition, trade, and investment. Ultimately, to earn the trust and confidence of citizens, a smart regulation must fulfill its promises through well-targeted conception, effective design, and committed implementation by the government.

The APO has focused on public-sector productivity growth in recent years. Under the APO public-sector productivity framework, various initiatives have been undertaken to help improve the motivation and skill level of public officials, strengthen management systems, and enhance performance given the changing environment and current commitment to public-service renewal in many countries including regulatory reforms. As part of continuing capacity-building initiatives for the public sector, this course will introduce the tools available for evaluating the requirements and principles for developing, implementing, and evaluating a smart regulation. It will also acquaint participants with the concepts, essentials, and importance of smart regulatory frameworks and regulatory management systems that will enhance public-sector productivity and the quality of regulatory governance in APO members.

3. Modality of Implementation

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

4. Scope and Methodology

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

Date/Time	Activity
Monday, 7 December	Opening session Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to principles, features, and practices of a smart regulation • Tools in designing and developing a smart regulation
Tuesday, 8 December	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools in reviewing and evaluating a smart regulation • Reviewing the regulatory guillotine
Wednesday, 9 December	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy innovation that promotes smart regulation • Case presentation Closing ceremony

5. Qualifications of Candidates

Present Position	Government officials from regulatory agencies, policymakers, and/or consultants on regulatory reform for the public sector from NPOs.
Work Experience	Two years of experience or more in the position described above.
Education	University degree or equivalent qualification from a recognized university or similar tertiary institution.
Computer Literacy	Familiarity and competency in connecting to virtual meetings, including independently undertaking troubleshooting in the event of poor or lost connections.
Language	Proficiency in English, both writing and speaking. 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 headphones.
- 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 course.

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 when applicable, two weeks prior to commencement of the course.

10. Dress Code

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



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