



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Date of Issue	08 January 2021
Project Code	20-AG-14-GE-CON-A
Title	Conference on Climate-resilient Agriculture
Timing and Duration	9 March 2021 (one day)
Hosting Country(ies)	Indonesia
Modality	Digital Multicountry (DMC)
Implementing Organization(s)	International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	100
Local Participants	30
Closing Date for Nominations	8 February 2021

Notes: This PN supersedes the PN issued on 6 January 2020 and PNR issued on 12 May 2020 due to a change in implementation modality from face-to-face to digital sessions.

1. Objectives

- a. Disseminate knowledge of innovative climate-resilient technologies and management methods by reviewing advances and innovations in the agriculture sector; and
- b. Discuss the scope and opportunities for promoting successful models and best practices of climate-resilient farming in member countries.

2. Background

Agriculture is the most climate-vulnerable sector of the economy. Climate change, in the form of higher temperatures, erratic precipitation, uncertain seasons, and increased intensity and frequency of extreme weather events, is expected to exacerbate food insecurity. Persistent global warming trends and extreme weather have clear impacts on agriculture such as decreasing crop yields, increasing insect diseases and weed infestations, and declining soil properties and microbial compositions in farming systems. The ADB (2013) has warned of significant economic costs due to climate change in agrarian and related sectors in East Asia, and the IMF (2018) has estimated that Southeast Asia could suffer bigger losses than most other regions.

Threats to livelihoods, food security, and productivity by climate change are vital issues for APO members. The APO continues to disseminate information on innovative technologies, practices, and policies and share best practices and practical ideas from the region to enable productivity enhancement under adverse situations like climate change. It is also part of the package of APO capacity-development programs to cope with climate change and meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 13: action to combat climate change and its impacts.

This conference will provide a platform for leaders from the public and private sectors to share the latest scientific knowledge and technological advances in achieving climate change resilience in agriculture with APO members. It will develop recommendations for policymakers and practitioners on R&D investment and introduce adaptive technologies to create linkages among different stakeholders. It is hoped that the holistic coverage of the conference will contribute to improved agricultural productivity and resilience as well as more secure livelihoods in member countries as they address the major issue of climate.

3. Modality of Implementation

- a. The sessions will be conducted virtually.
- b. The duration of the sessions will be around three hours.
- c. The APO Secretariat will inform the resource persons and participants of the link to the virtual sessions.
- d. The link will be exclusive to resource persons and participants and should not be shared.

4. Scope and Methodology

The sessions will consist of the following:

Day/Date	Activity
Tuesday, 9 March 2020	<p data-bbox="620 172 794 197">Presentations:</p> <ul data-bbox="678 230 1390 504" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="678 230 1390 293">• Implications of climate change on agricultural productivity and sustainability <li data-bbox="678 327 1390 389">• Policies and institutional settings for promoting climate-resilient agriculture <li data-bbox="678 423 1390 450">• Integrating climate actions and disaster risk reduction <li data-bbox="678 483 1390 510">• Climate-resilient farming systems <p data-bbox="620 544 831 568">Panel discussion:</p> <ul data-bbox="678 602 1390 665" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="678 602 1390 665">• Shaping the future of agriculture during an era of climate change

5. Qualifications of Candidates

Participants must be competent in connecting to virtual meetings, including independently undertaking troubleshooting in the event of poor or lost connections. They must also be proficient in English, both written and spoken. Specific requirements are as follows:

- a. Senior government officers, consultants, researchers, and academics in charge of planning, developing, and managing agriculture in the context of climate change.
- b. Two years of experience or more in the position described above.

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 all sessions.

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 five 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 two weeks prior to the start of the sessions.
- 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 and link of the virtual sessions one week prior to commencement.

10. Dress Code

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. AKP Mochtan', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Dr. AKP Mochtan
Secretary-General