



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	22-IP-12-GE-CON-A
Title	Conference on Public-sector Productivity: Creating an Agile and Productive Public Sector in the New Era of Governance
Timing and Duration	18 November 2022 (one day)
Hosting Country(ies)	Philippines
Modality	Digital Multicountry
Implementing Organization(s)	Development Academy of the Philippines and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	100
Local Participants	30
Qualifications of Participants	Policymakers and government officials, representatives of government enterprises, staff of public-sector organizations and research institutions, and consultants for the public sector working on digital government programs, public administration and good governance, national innovation systems, and national and local development
Nomination of Participants	All nominations must be submitted through National Productivity Organizations of member countries
Closing Date for Nominations	7 November 2022

1. Objectives

- a. Present emerging technologies, innovations, and tools that could enhance public service delivery under the new normal.
- b. Examine new areas that will shape the future of the public sector and its productivity while addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- c. Share different public-sector organizations' experiences in designing and implementing productivity improvement initiatives.

2. Background

Governments around the world remain in crisis management mode as they respond to the socioeconomic consequences of COVID-19 and prepare for the transition to a postpandemic world. The effects of the pandemic include slowdowns in economic growth, loss of productive capacity, widespread unemployment, sharp contractions in international trade, slowing flows of external development resources, and an almost complete halt in travel and tourism, especially in the Asia-Pacific region (UNESCAP, 2021, COVID-19 Pandemic and the Asia-Pacific LDCs).

The concept of “doing more with less” is familiar to the public sector, but COVID-19 has pushed this notion to a new extreme. With reduced tax revenues, emergency spending, the need to cut costs, and increasingly higher demand for services, public-sector entities must think fundamentally differently about how services are delivered and how to ensure that public-sector financing is resilient going forward. Postpandemic priorities that open pathways to sustainable recovery and policy directions that address systemic issues such as climate change, poverty, inequality, etc. must be identified and evaluated.

This conference will examine advances in technologies and innovations to enhance public service delivery and the productivity of the public sector post-COVID-19 while addressing pressures to deliver more and better-quality services amid many new and continuing challenges.

3. Scope, Methodology, and Certificate of Attendance

The duration of the sessions will be around four hours. The indicative topics of the presentations are:

- Challenges and opportunities facing the public sector in the new normal
- Flexible work arrangements, innovations, and emerging technologies for public-sector productivity
- Emerging skills required in the new normal to increase productivity performance in the public sector

The detailed program and list of resource persons will be provided one week prior to the sessions.

The participants are required to attend all sessions. This full participation is a prerequisite for receiving the APO certificate of attendance.

4. Financial Arrangements

- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs of international resource persons and honorarium for up to two local resource persons.
- b. The host country will meet the costs for a virtual site visit(s), either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.

5. Implementation Procedures

Please refer to the implementation procedures for APO digital multicountry projects circulated with this document.



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