



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	23-RC-25-GE-COE-C
Title	Development and Strengthening the Programs of the Centers of Excellence (COE)
Timing	1 January 2023–31 December 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Venue City(ies)	All Member Countries
Modality	Hybrid In-country
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	31 March 2023
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish Centers of Excellence (COE) in APO members through identification of outstanding competencies in productivity enhancement - Monitor, review, and support scaling up of the performance of existing COE - Facilitate networking, cooperation, and sharing of best practices among member countries in the focus area
Rationale	<p>Sharing best practices has been a key methodology in improving productivity in APO members. Emulating the best practices of one member by others while adapting them to suit local contexts is efficient in spreading know-how. The achievements of COE can thus be recreated, enhanced, and duplicated.</p>
Background	<p>The APO COE were introduced to showcase excellence in specific productivity fields to promote mutual learning and best practices. Disseminating productivity know-how, tools, and techniques can be leveraged through establishment of knowledge hub showcasing excellences of member countries in certain focus area. Sustainability of and multiplier effects to the overall productivity movement are among the benefits that can be obtained from such approach.</p> <p>The COE model has recently been revised to sustain the productivity movement in APO Members through the focus on excellences. Sharing the expertise in technical skills, best practices, and other types of support is now delivered in a new 1-3-1 COE development model introduced in the APO COE guidelines. It reflects the COE life cycle through three stages of development: designation; delivery; and replication. In 2023, COE focuses to scale up activities for the existing COEs through the evaluation and continuous supports while identifying new areas of excellence.</p>
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharing know-how and technical skills related to a specific focus area through training, workshops, pilot projects, and study missions - Publication of manuals and case studies - Conducting research on the focus area - Participating in international missions and conferences
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competencies and expertise in APO members can be spread for maximum benefit to other members. - Technical skills and best practices can be disseminated to increase overall productivity in the region. - Knowledge hubs and sharing platforms can be created through long-term collaboration.
Qualifications	<p>Organizations/institutions that have demonstrated outstanding competence and acted as catalysts in promoting best practices in COE focus areas as well as those appointed by the Governing Body to be APO COE</p>

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.



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