



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

Reference No.: 29

<b>Date of Issue</b>	26 December 2022
<b>Project Code</b>	23-SN-01-GE-OSM-C
<b>Title</b>	Individual-country Observational Study Missions (IOSM)
<b>Timing</b>	1 January 2023–31 December 2023
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Modality</b>	Hybrid In-country
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) and APO Secretariat
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	Up to 15 for a virtual activity or six for a face-to-face activity
<b>Local Participants</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Closing Date</b>	Please refer to the Remarks column
<b>Remarks</b>	First Closing Date for Application: 31 March 2023 Second Closing Date for Application: 30 June 2023

<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide a platform for collaborative learning among APO members.</li> <li>- Address critical needs of members in undertaking national initiatives or implementing productivity enhancement strategies and policies through hands-on learning and exchanges of best practices.</li> <li>- Strengthen the collaborative networks among members.</li> </ul>
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>The diverse and unique strengths of each APO member offer the potential for collaboration for mutual, collective benefits. The Individual-country Observational Study Missions (IOSM) Program provides opportunities for members to tap each other's strengths to inspire and guide the development of strategies, policies, and action plans for new initiatives and/or evolving ideas that are critical for development.</p>
<b>Background</b>	<p>Strengths and advancements of each APO member in certain area of productivity improvement are potential to be deployed for boosting productivity endeavor in other members. Continuous approach in tapping up each other's strengths can sustain productivity initiative particularly through scaling up the overall multiplier effects. This can finally materialize productivity progress in all members.</p> <p>The IOSM Program provides opportunities for APO members to learn from each other and exchange best practices to address national development needs, implement productivity enhancement policies, and facilitate cooperation. The IOSM Program facilitates in-depth discussions on current productivity topics, effective private-sector strategies and policies, and key success factors in implementing new, nationwide initiatives. IOSM projects are implemented at the request of APO members, but may be offered proactively by the APO Secretariat through centralized coordination and arrangements between sending and hosting countries.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Topics required by the sending country based on national development needs.</li> <li>- Emerging productivity-related trends and issues in the industry, service, agriculture, public, and other sectors enabling members to be more productive and competitive.</li> <li>- Topics related to the strategic thrusts of APO Vision 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Innovative ideas on productivity enhancement can be exchanged and shared.</li> <li>- Enhanced capacity of sending countries in formulating productivity improvement policies.</li> <li>- Enhanced cooperation networks among sending and hosting countries through follow-up activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<p>Senior government officials and policymakers; executives of businesses, labor unions, chambers of commerce and industry, and SMEs; women entrepreneurs; and those working with people with different abilities.</p>

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



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