



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

Reference No.: 36

<b>Date of Issue</b>	27 December 2022
<b>Project Code</b>	23-SN-03-GE-BCN-C
<b>Title</b>	Bilateral Cooperation between NPOs (BCN)
<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 10 for a virtual activity or four 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>- Facilitate bilateral meetings between APO members to increase the capacity for formulating strategies and strengthen the development of National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) through the transfer of knowledge and know-how.</li> <li>- Showcase best practices to assist industries/sectors in adopting and/or benchmarking against them.</li> <li>- Encourage long-term collaborations among NPOs through follow-up activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>NPOs are the key productivity-promoting institutions in APO members. They must develop and strengthen the capacity to pursue their roles effectively and efficiently. The Bilateral Cooperation between NPOs (BCN) Program functions as a collaborative sharing and learning platform to leverage each other's strengths and build partnerships for mutual benefit among members.</p>
<b>Background</b>	<p>By learning from others, different views, perspectives, and experiences can provide innovative, creative insights and ideas on productivity practices and related issues to address current needs and requirements.</p> <p>The BCN Program provides opportunities for APO members to learn from each other by facilitating exchanges of high-level officials of NPOs and policymakers for mutual learning and sharing of experiences and best practices in areas related to productivity. It functions as a collaborative platform to leverage strengths and build partnerships for mutual benefit. It is expected to stimulate innovative, creative ideas to address current productivity needs and requirements and trigger follow-up collaborations, strengthening the spirit of cooperation among members.</p> <p>BCN projects may also be proposed proactively by the APO Secretariat with the aim of enabling broader collaboration and cooperation and implemented through centralized coordination and arrangements between sending and hosting NPOs.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	<p>The BCN Program covers a broad range of topics to cater to the diverse needs of APO members related to the productivity movement and innovation. The topics may be customized to suit specific needs and interests of the sending NPO for further collaboration among NPOs.</p>
<b>Outcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity for formulating strategies of sending NPOs can be increased</li> <li>- Development of sending NPOs can be supported</li> <li>- Transfer best practices and know-how among NPOs to assist local industries/sectors</li> <li>- Long-term collaborations among NPOs</li> <li>- Learning and sharing platforms among NPOs can be developed</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<p>High-level officials/policymakers and NPO officials.</p>

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



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