



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

Reference No.: 33

<b>Date of Issue</b>	26 December 2022
<b>Project Code</b>	23-SN-05-GE-CBD-C
<b>Title</b>	Certification Body Development (CBD) Program
<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>	Not Applicable
<b>Local Participants</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Closing Date</b>	31 March 2023
<b>Remarks</b>	Not Applicable

<b>Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide consultancy and training for becoming APO certification bodies (CBs) to National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) or their affiliated organizations.</li> <li>- Strengthen the management system, operational structure, and certification scheme of applicant organizations to comply with the requirements for becoming APO CBs.</li> <li>- Expand the role of NPOs in certifying productivity specialists.</li> </ul>
<b>Rationale</b>	The APO Vision 2025 aspires to capitalize on prevailing trends, maximize emerging opportunities, and overcome challenges in the years ahead. As a regional catalyst, the APO builds the capacity of NPOs and other stakeholders to improve productivity in member countries.
<b>Background</b>	<p>The CBD Program expands the role of NPOs by developing them to become CBs and enabling them to operate productivity specialists' certification schemes. The program focuses on raising the level of NPOs and their affiliated organizations to produce proficient, reputable APO-certified productivity professionals.</p> <p>The CBD Program guides NPOs or their affiliates in complying with the requirements and standards of the APO Accreditation Body (APO-AB) through consultancy and training by experienced resource persons on the scope of accreditation, certification process, competency of staff, and management structure.</p> <p>This program has enabled three NPOs to be accredited by the APO-AB, and other NPOs or their affiliated organizations are in various stages of development to become CBs. This program is continuing to enable more NPOs or their affiliates to participate during 2023.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APO-AB 1003:2020 General Requirements for Certification Bodies: Certification of Persons Scheme</li> <li>- APO-PS 101:2019 Requirements for Productivity Specialists</li> <li>- APO-GPS 201:2019 Certification Scheme and Competency Standard for Green Productivity Specialists</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome</b>	After completion of CBD projects and demonstrating compliance with the APO-AB standards, CBs will be able to produce proficient, reputable APO-certified productivity professionals to guide and advise stakeholders and clients in improving productivity.
<b>Qualifications</b>	NPOs or their affiliated organizations that apply to be APO CBs.

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



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