

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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Title	Development of the National Productivity Organisation, Bangladesh, as an APO Certification Body
Timing	1 May 2023–31 October 2023
Hosting Country(ies)	Bangladesh
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Hybrid In-country
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Organisation, Bangladesh and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	Bangladesh
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	Not Applicable
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Assist the National Productivity Organisation (NPO), Bangladesh, to fulfill requirements as a certification body (CB) under the APO certification scheme; and provide training and consultancy services to the NPO to establish the structure, documentation, and procedures required as a CB.
Rationale	The NPO plays an important role in promoting productivity in Bangladesh and works closely with stakeholders to drive productivity and competitiveness in the country. Development as a CB will raise the NPO's credibility as the sole productivity organization dedicated to productivity enhancement in the country and build a pool of certified productivity specialists for productivity promotion.
	NPOs in APO members are involved in strategizing national campaigns for enhancing productivity. The APO CB Development Program aims to develop CBs of NPOs or their affiliated organizations so that they can operate the APO's Certification of Persons Schemes for Productivity Specialists after complying with the APO-Accreditation Body (APO-AB) standards.
Background	The major objectives of the NPO Bangladesh are to conduct research and studies to identify productivity-related issues and challenges, develop and implement training and capacity-building activities, provide consultancy and advisory services, disseminate best practices, and promote the adoption of international productivity and quality standards. After certification as an APO CB, it is expected that the role of the NPO
	in spearheading the national productivity agenda will be strengthened.
Topics	APO-AB 1003:2020 General Requirements for Certification Bodies: Certification of Persons Scheme; and APO-PS 101:2019 Requirements for Productivity Specialists.
Outcome	As an APO-accredited CB, the NPO will establish a certification management system, rules, procedures, and processes and comply with the requirements for acting as a CB of productivity specialists in the region.
Qualifications	Not Applicable

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

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