



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	9 June 2023
<b>Project Code</b>	23-IP-25-GE-WSP-A
<b>Title</b>	Workshop on Food Innovation
<b>Timing</b>	25 July 2023–27 July 2023
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	Thailand
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Modality</b>	Online
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	Thailand Productivity Institute and APO Secretariat
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	38
<b>Local Participants</b>	12
<b>Closing Date</b>	11 July 2023
<b>Remarks</b>	Not Applicable

<b>Objectives</b>	Understand the current status of food innovation; learn about policies, frameworks, and ecosystems to promote food innovation; share good practices; and discuss food innovation opportunities, challenges, and solutions in APO members.
<b>Rationale</b>	Innovations in food are necessary to feed growing populations and provide nutritious, safe food for all. Contributing to this challenge through innovation is aligned with the Smart Transformation goal in APO Vision 2025.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Progress in processing technology, biotechnology, genetics, and nutritional science is driving food innovation, enabling the food sector to become more productive in today's challenging environment.</p> <p>Those innovations are impacting the entire food industry. New forms of food have been developed such as meat analogues, algae, and insects as new protein sources as well as functional food with specific nutrients. To plan strategies for long-term sustainable food supplies in the Asia-Pacific, current developments and future trends must be considered by consolidating innovations from various perspectives. Developing countries, however, face difficulties in achieving innovation-based transformation due to a lack of information and skills, low investment, insufficient infrastructure, and weak business systems.</p> <p>This workshop will examine case studies of recent and future food innovations and analyze opportunities to support and accelerate them in APO members.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	Overview of current innovations and future trends; Long-term productive, sustainable food systems; and Case studies of opportunities and challenges for food innovations and case studies.
<b>Outcome</b>	Participants will learn about current and future innovations in food, measures to promote food innovation, and opportunities, challenges, and solutions in APO members.
<b>Qualifications</b>	Government officials, policymakers, food industry executives, and academics and consultants involved in developing and introducing food innovations.

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



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