



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Date of Issue	25 January 2024
Project Code	24-SN-05-GE-CBD-C
Title	Certification Body Development Program
Timing	1 January 2024–31 December 2024
Hosting Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Venue City(ies)	All Member Countries
Modality	Hybrid
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Organizations and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	31 March 2024
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Provide consultancy and training for becoming APO certification bodies (CBs) to National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) or their affiliated organizations; strengthen the management system, operational structure, and certification scheme of applicant organizations to comply with the requirements for becoming APO CBs; and expand the role of NPOs in certifying productivity specialists.
Rationale	As a regional catalyst for productivity improvement, the APO builds the capacity of NPOs and other stakeholders in member countries. The Certification Body Development (CBD) Program was initiated in 2019 to expand the role of NPOs by developing them to become APO-accredited CBs and operate productivity specialists' certification schemes.
Background	<p>The CBD Program expands the role of NPOs by developing them to become APO CBs and operate productivity specialists' certification schemes. The 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>The program focuses on raising the level of NPOs and their affiliated organizations to produce proficient, reputable, APO-certified productivity professionals. It ensures that recipient NPOs and their affiliates are able to meet the requirements and are fully prepared before assessment by the APO-AB.</p> <p>Seven NPOs have been 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 2024.</p>
Topics	APO-AB 1003:2020 General Requirements for Certification Bodies: Certification of Persons Scheme; APO-PS 101:2023 Requirements for Productivity Specialists; and APO-GPS 201:2023 Requirements for Green Productivity Specialists.
Outcome	After completion of CBD projects and demonstrating compliance with the APO-AB standards, CBs will recognize proficient, reputable APO-certified productivity professionals to guide and advise stakeholders and clients in improving productivity.
Qualifications	Staff of NPOs and 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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