PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	24-IP-04-GE-TRC-A
Title	Training Course on Building Social Innovation Systems
Timing	1 July 2024–5 July 2024
Hosting Country(ies)	Vietnam
Venue City(ies)	Da Lat
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	Directorate for Standards, Metrology and Quality, Vietnam
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	6
Closing Date	13 May 2024
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Introduce practical knowledge and know-how on the design of social innovation ecosystems, enhance the capability to provide guidance in implementing social innovation systems, and exchange best practices on developing social innovation systems.
Rationale	The APO promotes sustainable socioeconomic development in the Asia-Pacific region through enhancing productivity. To achieve inclusive, innovation-led productivity growth, social innovation systems that integrate enabling policy frameworks and socially innovative solutions can enhance productivity.
Background	Social innovation systems refer to interconnections in the development, diffusion, and utilization of new methods for addressing social issues and challenges. Stronger social innovation ecosystems facilitate better diffusion of ideas to tackle issues, resulting in improved citizens' welfare. This in turn contributes to productivity growth. A strong innovation ecosystem fosters entrepreneurship, business creation, and expanded employment opportunities. When new ideas are transformed into business creation, challenges can be overcome through innovation and entrepreneurship. Social innovation systems involve actors and elements from different sectors supported by legal and cultural norms, infrastructure, and other elements related to developing, diffusing, and utilizing innovation to address social issues. Based on the above, this training course will provide a comprehensive understanding of how to build structured, effective social innovation systems.
Topics	Social innovation in different sectors; Mapping social ecosystems; Design thinking for social and environmental problem solving; Social innovation and resilience; and Policy instruments and frameworks for sustainable social innovation and scaling.
Outcome	Understanding of social innovation and social ecosystem mapping enhanced, design thinking principles applied, collaboration and communication improved, sustainable implementation strategies applied, best practices exchanged, social innovation plans created, and regional and cross-cultural collaboration developed.
Qualifications	Government officials and policymakers, leaders of private businesses including SMEs, NPO staff, and productivity practitioners or consultants from the public and private sectors.

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

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