



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	24 April 2024
<b>Project Code</b>	24-IP-22-GE-WSP-A
<b>Title</b>	Workshop on Development of Rural Economies through Smart Villages
<b>Timing</b>	27 August 2024–30 August 2024
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	Indonesia
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	Jakarta
<b>Modality</b>	Face-to-face
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	Ministry of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Region, and Transmigration of the Republic of Indonesia and Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	19
<b>Local Participants</b>	6
<b>Closing Date</b>	5 July 2024
<b>Remarks</b>	Not Applicable

<b>Objectives</b>	Understand the smart village concept that contributes to the sustainable development of rural communities; learn about policies and frameworks that support smart villages; understand critical success factors from case studies and site visits; and discuss how to promote the concept among APO members through a demonstration project.
<b>Rationale</b>	The APO Vision 2025 identified “Smart Transformation” as a key productivity driver for productivity growth in APO members. Digital technologies and innovations have potential to improve the productivity, efficiency, and quality of agriculture, business, education, and health and welfare in rural communities.
<b>Background</b>	<p>The smart village concept is a transformative approach that leverages digital infrastructure and innovations to enhance the quality of life and economic opportunities in rural communities. It contributes to addressing urgent needs such as enhancing economic opportunities and preventing urban migration by providing sustainable, innovative solutions for agriculture, energy, healthcare, and education.</p> <p>The adoption of smart villages is crucial for Asia-Pacific countries due to the significant portion of their populations residing in rural areas, often facing challenges such as geographic isolation, inadequate infrastructure, and limited access to services. However, challenges to adoption include a lack of policies, affordable connectivity, digital literacy, and sustainable models for service delivery.</p> <p>This workshop will explore the smart village concept, showcase best practices from successful smart village implementation, and discuss a possible demonstration project in APO members.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	Concept of smart villages; Policies and strategies for developing sustainable smart villages; Fostering community-led innovation and stakeholder collaboration; Contributions to the SDGs; Case studies of successful smart villages; and Roadmap for smart village development.
<b>Outcome</b>	Enhanced understanding of approaches to vitalizing rural economies through smart villages, introduction of smart village concepts, and a smart village demonstration project initiated.
<b>Qualifications</b>	Government officials, community leaders, academics involved in rural economic development, and senior SME representatives involved in digitalization of communities.

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



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