

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR APO RESEARCH PROJECT ON POLICIES SUPPORTING THE SHIFT TO A KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY (DIGITAL MULTICOUNTRY)

1. Methodology

- a. Submission of research proposals: The APO Secretariat will identify partner research institutions, invite research proposals, and form a research team. Interested research institutions should submit their proposals to the APO Secretariat by the deadline.
- b. Multistakeholder consultative meeting: To finalize the plan for the research, a meeting will be held virtually, tentatively in August 2024. The indicative agenda items are:
 - Research overview
 - Proposals for the study by research institutions
 - Discussion on implementation of the study
 - Finalization of the research plan.
- c. Joint study implementation: The research team will collect, process, and analyze data for the report. The final report with findings will be submitted to the APO Secretariat by the end of December 2024.

2. Tasks of the Selected Research Institution

- a. Assisting and working with the APO Secretariat in developing the research framework.
- b. Finalizing the methodology and outline of the report structure with the APO Secretariat.
- c. Collecting data for the research (including communicating with the original data owners) and analyzing them based on the agreed framework and methodology.
- d. Preparing the final report and submitting it to the APO Secretariat by the deadline.
- e. Supporting the APO Secretariat during the process of confirming the research findings with APO member economies.
- f. Providing support for dissemination of the research findings after report completion.

3. Qualifications of the Research Institution

The APO Secretariat will select an appropriate research institution with the following qualifications:

- a. Extensive, specialized knowledge of economic policy analysis, innovation ecosystems, and adoption of advanced technology like AI, with a track record of publishing on interdisciplinary research in English, strong analytical skills, and experience in policy formulation for knowledge-based economies.
- b. Experience in providing advisory services to governments.
- c. Excellent English writing skills.
- d. Strong commitment to undertaking and completing the research project within the given time frame.

4. Financial Arrangements

To be met by the APO

Honorarium for the research institution to be paid upon completion of the final report.

To be met by the research institution

All implementation costs incurred by the research institution when conducting the study.