



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Title	Research on Assessing the Needs of APO Member Countries
Timing	14 June 2024–31 December 2024
Hosting Country(ies)	APO Secretariat
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Not Applicable
Implementing Organization(s)	APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	12 July 2024
Remarks	<p>The closing date is the deadline for submission of proposals by research institutions and nominations of national experts from member economies. Please refer to the implementation procedures for information.</p> <p>The research will be conducted in three phases: Phase 1: Preparation by the selected research institution. Phase 2: Implementation of the research by national experts. Phase 3: Finalization of the research by the research institution.</p>

Objectives	Research on national development priorities and strategies of member economies, emphasizing sectoral approaches; identify necessary support, tools, and techniques for productivity improvement and utilize the findings for capacity-building initiatives; and provide references for medium-term programs addressing common development needs and productivity enhancement for APO members.
Rationale	It is crucial for the APO to understand and analyze the emerging needs of its members as different economies have different needs based on national goals. Therefore, research on need assessment is vital for the APO's roles as a think tank and regional catalyst for productivity improvement.
Background	<p>As economies strive for sustainable development and growth, understanding and improving productivity become increasingly crucial. Productivity growth impacts competitiveness, job creation, and overall prosperity, yet levels vary due to differences in policies, infrastructure, technology adoption, and institutional frameworks. Identifying common challenges and needs across members and sectors is essential for formulating capacity-building efforts.</p> <p>This research aims to contribute to APO Post-2025 Vision development by aligning productivity enhancement efforts with national development priorities, particularly in strategic sectors. This involves leveraging the collective expertise and resources of the APO and strengthening NPO programs to align with national productivity plans. This initiative seeks to foster productivity growth across the region for socioeconomic development post-2025 while adhering to the APO's mission.</p>
Topics	National development policy and program priorities in the industry, agriculture, public, and service sectors; National productivity strategies and master plans; Identification of mid-term national productivity targets; NPO' strategies and priorities; and Assessment of project needs for productivity improvement.
Outcome	Emerging needs identified and appropriate actions recommended based on evidence-based outcomes of the research on productivity enhancement.
Qualifications	<p>Research institutions with experience in need assesment at national/ regional level and English publication track record.</p> <p>National experts with a Master's or PhD in economics, public policy, or related fields, proficiency in qualitative and quantitative methods, and knowledge of APO and NPO programs and activities and member countries' socioeconomic contexts.</p>

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



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