



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	17 June 2024
<b>Project Code</b>	24-RC-20-GE-RES-A
<b>Title</b>	Research on Productivity Readiness
<b>Timing</b>	17 June 2024–31 December 2024
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Modality</b>	Online
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	APO Secretariat
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	All Member Economies
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Local Participants</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Closing Date</b>	12 July 2024
<b>Remarks</b>	The closing date is the submission of proposals by research institutions. For more details, please refer to the attached Implementation Procedures.

<b>Objectives</b>	Assess APO members' readiness to sustain productivity growth over the long term, develop an APO Productivity Readiness Index (PRI) to analyze requirements for strengthening the productivity performance of priority economic sectors, and provide recommendations to support and strengthen the productivity readiness endeavors of APO member governments.
<b>Rationale</b>	As a think tank and regional advisor, the APO conducts research to assist member governments in identifying focus areas to enhance productivity readiness and related ecosystems. It aims to sustain productivity growth and strengthen key sectors through the development of the PRI.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Productivity growth drives economic development and improvements in living standards. However, the unpredictable nature of productivity growth, occurring unexpectedly at various times, emphasizes the importance of readiness to effectively address or adapt to such changes.</p> <p>Continuing from Productivity Readiness 2020, this research will examine changes in productivity readiness, analyze underlying drivers, and link them to key economic factors. It will identify new focus issues to increase productivity and highlight the strengths and weaknesses of each member's performance in the PRI.</p> <p>By describing overarching productivity themes and identifying productivity determinants affected by government decisions, this research aims to contribute to a better understanding of the fundamental factors in national productivity readiness by all stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	PRI levels in APO members; Productivity trends in APO members; Sectoral/industry contributions to productivity; Diagnostic indicators in assessing productivity readiness and country briefs; and Examples, analyses, and policy proposals.
<b>Outcome</b>	Analyses of productivity readiness levels in APO members, enhanced policymaking for productivity growth, strengthening of the APO's role as a think tank and regional adviser on productivity, and expanded partnerships with research institutions and think tanks on productivity issues.
<b>Qualifications</b>	Research institutions with specialized knowledge of productivity-related topics, proficiency in quantitative and qualitative economic analyses at aggregate and sectoral levels, a track record of publications in English, and experience in providing advisory services to governments.

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



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