



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	7 August 2024
<b>Project Code</b>	24-CL-22-GE-WSP-A
<b>Title</b>	Workshop on Agribusiness Entrepreneurship for Persons with Disabilities
<b>Timing</b>	8 October 2024–10 October 2024
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	Cambodia
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Modality</b>	Online
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	National Productivity Centre of Cambodia and APO Secretariat
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	38
<b>Local Participants</b>	12
<b>Closing Date</b>	25 September 2024
<b>Remarks</b>	Not Applicable

<b>Objectives</b>	Understand the current opportunities and challenges for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in engaging in agribusiness; learn about policies, models, and innovations that encourage PWDs' participation in productive agribusinesses; and discuss strategies to disseminate and apply best practices among APO members.
<b>Rationale</b>	The APO prioritizes inclusive productivity as a key focus area in Vision 2025. Including PWDs in agriculture is crucial for APO members as agriculture is a major driver of employment and rural transformation in the region.
<b>Background</b>	<p>According to WHO (2023), approximately 16% of the global population aged 18 and older lives with some form of disability. Disabilities impact a range of socioeconomic outcomes, including labor market participation and education, often relegating PWDs to lower-skilled, lower-paid jobs or excluding them from the mainstream job market, particularly in rural areas.</p> <p>In agriculture, PWDs are employed in limited numbers in lower-skilled, lower-paid positions due to specific challenges in this sector including the physical demands of the work and harsh working environments. However, recent developments in policies, models, and innovations have created more inclusive opportunities in agribusiness, allowing PWDs to engage in and contribute to productivity enhancement.</p> <p>This workshop is a follow-up to the Multicountry Observational Study Mission on Enhancing the Participation of Persons with Disabilities held in April 2024 to further explore how PWDs could engage in and contribute to productivity enhancement, particularly in the agriculture sector.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	Overview of the employment status of PWDs; Opportunities and challenges in PWD employment in agriculture; Best practices in policy, ecosystems, and innovations that leverage the potential of PWDs in agribusiness; and Agribusiness entrepreneurship for PWDs.
<b>Outcome</b>	Enhanced knowledge of the importance of inclusivity in agriculture and learning from best practices enabling the active participation and contributions of PWDs to productive agribusinesses.
<b>Qualifications</b>	Government officials and policymakers, representatives of NGOs and private enterprises, executives of farmers'/agribusiness associations, academics, and consultants involved in PWD inclusion.

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



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