



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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Project Code	25-SN-05-GE-CBD-C-SG01
Title	Development of the Singapore Productivity Centre as an APO Certification Body
Timing	15 August 2025–15 November 2025
Hosting Country(ies)	Singapore
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Hybrid In-country
Implementing Organization(s)	Singapore Productivity Centre and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	Not Applicable
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	Not Applicable
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Assist the Singapore National Productivity Organization Certification Body (SG NPO-CB) in extending its accreditation scope by adding APO-PS 101:2023 Requirements of Productivity Specialists; provide training and consultancy in revising the documentation and procedures required to operate two certification schemes (including APO-GPS 201:2023 Green Productivity Specialist Certification Scheme); and provide technical support for pilot assessment of APO-PS 101.
Rationale	By developing a pool of qualified Green Productivity Specialists, the Certified Green Productivity Specialist (CGPS) Program supports the Singapore Green Plan 2023 and the national target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. As the NPO shifts toward training and certification, expanding the certification portfolio will enable the SG NPO-CB to better serve professionals and seize opportunities in emerging markets across the region.
Background	<p>The Singapore Productivity Centre established the SG NPO-CB in 2023 and received accreditation from the APO Accreditation Body in 2024 to operate APO-GPS 201. This significant milestone reinforces Singapore's commitment to sustainability and regional leadership in productivity enhancement. The CGPS Program is designed to validate the professional competence of individuals who demonstrate expertise in the application of GP practices. The certification spans key domains such as consultancy, training, advocacy, and research, ensuring a holistic approach to sustainable development.</p> <p>This year, the SG NPO-CB will expand its certification scope by adding APO-PS 101. The APO will provide support to the SG-NPO CB through the Certification Body Development Program, comprising consultancy, training, and assessment, enabling it to operate APO-GPS 201 and APO-PS 101 simultaneously.</p>
Topics	APO-AB 1003:2020 General Requirements for Certification Bodies: Certification of Persons Scheme; and APO-PS 101:2023 Requirements for the Productivity Specialist Certification Scheme and Competency Standard for Productivity Specialists.
Outcome	Enhanced capability of the SG NPO-CB in Productivity Specialist and GP Specialist certification schemes; more certified productivity specialists in Singapore and member economies; and enhanced visibility of the Singapore Productivity Centre as the leading productivity organization in the country.
Qualifications	Not Applicable.

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



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