



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Date of Issue	23 October 2025
Project Code	25-SN-03-GE-BCN-C
Title	Bilateral Cooperation between NPOs (BCN)
Timing	1 January 2025–30 June 2026
Hosting Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Venue City(ies)	All Member Countries
Modality	Hybrid
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Organizations and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	Up to 10 for a virtual activity or four for a face-to-face activity
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	30 June 2025
Remarks	This PN supersedes the one issued on 27 January 2025 (Reference No. 520) to update the program timing. The extension is necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the ongoing projects under the 25-SN-03-GE-BCN-C.

Objectives	Facilitate bilateral meetings between APO members to increase the capacity for formulating strategies and strengthen the development of National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) through the transfer of knowledge and know-how; showcase best practices; and encourage long-term collaborations among NPOs through follow-up activities including joint/support programs.
Rationale	NPOs are the key productivity-promoting institutions in APO members. They must develop and strengthen the capacity to pursue their roles effectively and efficiently. The Bilateral Cooperation between NPOs (BCN) Program functions as a collaborative sharing and learning platform to leverage strengths and build partnerships for mutual benefit among members.
Background	By learning from others, different views, perspectives, and experiences can provide innovative, creative insights and ideas on productivity practices and related issues to address current needs and requirements. The BCN Program provides opportunities for APO members to learn from each other by facilitating exchanges of high-level officials of NPOs and policymakers for mutual learning and sharing of experiences and best practices in areas related to productivity. It functions as a collaborative platform to leverage strengths and build partnerships for mutual benefit. It is expected to stimulate innovative, creative ideas to address current productivity needs and requirements and trigger follow-up collaborations, strengthening the spirit of cooperation among members. BCN projects may also be proposed proactively by the APO Secretariat to enable broader collaboration and cooperation through centralized coordination and arrangements between sending and hosting NPOs.
Topics	The BCN Program covers a broad range of topics to cater to the evolving, diverse needs of APO members related to the productivity movement and innovation. The topics may be customized to suit the specific needs and interests of sending NPOs.
Outcome	Enhanced institutional capacity to formulate and/or implement productivity improvement efforts through collaboration among NPOs; and development of learning and collaboration platforms by NPOs.
Qualifications	High-level government officials/policymakers and NPO officials.

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



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