



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	25-CP-07-GE-WSP-A
Title	Workshop on Standardization of the Certified Productivity Specialists Assessment Framework
Timing	21 April 2026–24 April 2026
Hosting Country(ies)	Mongolia
Venue City(ies)	Ulaanbaatar
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	Mongolian Productivity Organization
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	6
Closing Date	16 February 2026
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Review and discuss the process of APO certification schemes including preparatory courses, examinations, and assessments; develop a unified Productivity Specialists Assessment Framework; and identify future needs to ensure consistent, high-quality implementation across all APO accredited certification bodies (CBs).
Rationale	Since 2021, 12 CBs have been accredited to operate the APO Certification Schemes for Productivity Specialists and/or Green Productivity Specialists. However, variations exist in implementing preparatory courses, examinations, and assessment among CBs which may affect the comparability of certification and undermine the credibility and overall reputation of the APO certification system.
Background	<p>The APO Accreditation Program strengthens the competency and credibility of productivity practitioners, reinforcing the APO's role as the leading regional authority on productivity. As the number of CBs and certified productivity specialists grows, it is important to ensure that certification processes are implemented consistently in all member economies. Periodic meetings and discussions among CBs are therefore necessary to review practices, identify gaps, and clarify expectations of the assessment process, competency evaluation, and quality assurance.</p> <p>This workshop will provide an opportunity for CBs to review and discuss the overall certification process, from preparatory courses to examinations and assessments. It will facilitate the development of a unified Productivity Specialists Assessment Framework aligned with international standards, potential revision of current certification schemes, and identification of emerging needs and future directions of the APO Accreditation Program in line with Vision 2030.</p>
Topics	Updates by CBs; Review and discussion of the certification process for APO Productivity Specialists and Green Productivity Specialists; Application process and assessment forms; Implementation of preparatory courses; Qualifications of assessors; Examination guidelines; and Recertification processes.
Outcome	The Productivity Specialists Assessment Framework will have common evaluation and examination criteria, ensuring high-quality certification practices and practical solutions; certification processes of all CBs are harmonized and standardized; and APO certification schemes are updated.
Qualifications	Heads of APO accredited CBs or representatives appointed to administer the certification process and manage CB operation.

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



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