



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

Reference No.: 842

Date of Issue	22 June 2026
Project Code	23-IN-10-GE-INT-UAS
Title	Establishment of a Fund for Nonmember Participation and Assistance
Timing	1 January 2024–31 December 2026
Hosting Country(ies)	APO Secretariat
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	Non-APO member countries and territories in the ESCAP region
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	Not Applicable
Remarks	This PN supersedes the version issued on 29 February 2024 (Reference No. 301) to update the timing, objectives, and background following the endorsement of the Governing Body at the 68th GBM to continue the activities under the remaining fund.

Objectives	The establishment of a fund for nonmember participation and assistance is proposed to broaden understanding of the benefits of APO activities and explore membership expansion in consultation with the Governing Body.
Rationale	The fund aims to enhance engagement with the APO among nonmembers through collaborative initiatives and networking. It seeks to attract new membership interest and amplify the productivity movement's importance, thereby broadening the APO's impact and outreach.
Background	<p>The Fund for Nonmember Participation and Assistance (FNMPA) was established in 2024 following approval by the Governing Body (GB) in January 2024. It builds on the former Fund for Nonmember Participation (1975–97) and Fund for Nonmember Assistance (1983–2002), which supported the establishment of national productivity organizations (NPOs) in several APO nonmembers that subsequently joined the organization, namely, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Fiji, Mongolia, Vietnam, Lao PDR, and Cambodia.</p> <p>The FNMPA aims to promote productivity awareness among APO nonmembers and strengthen their engagement with the organization. Initial outreach targeted central Asian nonmembers and was later expanded to the Pacific Island states. To support these efforts, the 68th GBM approved the Secretariat's proposal to continue FNMPA activities by using the remaining fund until the end of 2026.</p>
Topics	Deputation of APO Directors/NPO Heads/Secretariat staff as resource persons in establishing NPOs in nonmembers; Invitations to nonmembers to participate in selected APO projects; and Follow-up activities by the Secretariat on interest in APO participation by nonmembers.
Outcome	Increased visibility of the APO in nonmember economies; greater interest in international cooperation with APO projects/programs; enhanced recognition of the APO and its projects/programs; expansion of networking through collaborative projects/activities; and new members.
Qualifications	Not Applicable

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



Dr. Indra Pradana Singawinata
Secretary-General