



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	22-CP-26-GE-TRC-A
Title	Training Course on Green Productivity
Timing and Duration	23–27 May 2022 (five days)
Hosting Country(ies)	Pakistan
Modality	Digital Multicountry
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Organization, Pakistan, and APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	38
Local Participants	12
Qualifications of Participants	Professionals of National Productivity Organizations, associated consultants and trainers, technocrats from government agencies and ministries, academics, and senior technical executives of enterprises working on sustainability, climate change mitigation, resource management and conservation, and green growth
Nomination of Participants	All nominations must be submitted through National Productivity Organizations of member countries
Closing Date for Nominations	6 May 2022

1. Objectives

- a. Introduce the concept of Green Productivity (GP) including its methodology, tools, and techniques.
- b. Learn about practical approaches to implementing the GP framework at enterprise level to enhance productivity, quality, and environmental performance.
- c. Impart knowledge on emerging technological trends and new concepts, contributing to sustainable business growth and mitigating climate change.
- d. Prepare participants to become certified GP specialists.

2. Background

The Glasgow Climate Pact, which was the outcome of the UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP 26) held in November 2021, aimed to limit the rise in global temperature to 1.5°C by focusing on mitigation, adaptation, financing, and collaboration. More than 150 countries that contribute over 90% of world GDP have made net-zero commitments and set new 2030 emission targets. Moreover, emerging capacity-building gaps and the need to catalyze climate action are recognized.

The Asia-Pacific region mainly consists of developing and least developed countries that need to explore pathways and adopt methods to achieve their emission reduction targets as soon as possible. They must also encourage industrial growth while simultaneously reducing dependency on finite natural resources to sustain economic progress. The APO introduced the GP concept in 1994 to combine productivity and quality enhancement with better environmental performance. In the current scenario of globalization, business volatility, and constraints related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of GP methodology can help enterprises improve their competitiveness and maintain profitability, leading to overall greener growth.

In the APO Vision 2025 of Inclusive, Innovation-led Productivity Growth, the promotion and adoption of GP is one of the strategic thrusts. Since 2001, various projects have been conducted to build a critical mass of GP specialists who can act as consultants, trainers, and promoters to assist industry in decoupling business growth from environmental degradation. The introduction of the Accreditation Program in 2018 elevated the role of the APO as an accreditation body to develop and accredit NPOs to become certification bodies (CBs) of GP specialists. The related productivity specialist and public-sector productivity specialist schemes were also introduced. The APO-GPS 201:2019: Certification Scheme and Competency Standards for GP Specialists details the requirements, and this five-day course is a prerequisite for APO certification, after which participants will undergo evaluation and assessment by the accredited certification bodies.

3. Scope, Methodology, and Certificate of Attendance

The duration of each day's sessions will be around three hours comprising presentations by experts, group discussions, and other relevant learning methods. The indicative topics of the presentations are:

Day 1:

- The GP framework and Center of Excellence on GP
- Achieving emission reductions and net-zero commitments in APO members
- Evolving sustainability concepts to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation

Day 2:

- A paradigm shift to greener growth through adoption of the GP framework
- GP guiding principles and driving forces
- Defining GP tools and techniques

Day 3:

- Overview of GP methodology following the Plan-Do-Check-Act cycle
- Management systems related to quality, the environment, energy, and occupational health and safety at organizational level

Day 4:

- Case study introduction
- Case study group work supervised by resource persons

Day 5:

- Group presentations of solutions to the case study
- Briefing on certification process including guidelines on implementing a GP assignment to become APO-certified GP Specialists under APO-GPS 201:2019
- Mentoring on preparation of action plans and certification as GP specialists

The detailed program and list of speakers will be provided two weeks prior to the sessions with announcement of the names of the selected participants.

The participants are required to attend all sessions. This full participation is a prerequisite for receiving the APO certificate of attendance.

4. Financial Arrangements

- a. The APO will meet the assignment costs for overseas resource persons.
- b. The host country will meet the assignment costs of local resource persons and for a virtual site visit(s), either broadcast live or recorded as applicable.

5. Implementation Procedures

Please refer to the implementation procedures for APO digital multicountry projects circulated with this document.



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