

DON Committee formed

Since 2007, the APO's DON Program has had two levels: DON Strategy and DON Implementation. DON Strategy, administered by the Secretariat's Research and Planning Department, initiated the NPO Need Assessment Survey to identify areas in which 15 APO member countries required assistance. To translate DON Strategy findings into DON Implementation, the Secretariat formed the DON Committee on 4 April 2008 to analyze the survey results. The DON Committee comprises representatives from each Secretariat department and includes all departmental directors. The committee's second meeting, on 8 May, discussed five items: the scope of the DON Committee; summaries of country survey reports; recommendations on member country needs; a review of the 2009 and 2010 Program vis-à-vis DON Strategy; and setting up centers of excellence as discussed at the GBM in Tehran. The committee will provide overall guidance for the institutional capacity development of NPOs and attempt to determine the needs of advanced NPOs.