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Productivity concepts, tools, techniques, and practices are referred to using a variety of terms, abbreviations, and acronyms. The

APO p-Glossary, available on our Web site (www.apo-tokyo.org), is an ongoing attempt to ensure a general consensus on the meaning of commonly used productivity-related vocabulary among practitioners in member countries. Since the scope of productivity is constantly expanding with changes in technology and socioeconomic circumstances, the p-Glossary is frequently updated. Recently, 19 entries have been added, many prompted by the current turmoil in global financial markets, such as "recession" and "depression" (and the difference between them), and others prompted by changes in how businesses and financial institutions view environmental and community stewardship, such as "eco-financing" and the "Social Accountability (SA) 8000" system. It is hoped that the continuous addition of new p-Glossary entries is useful to the productivity-minded in APO member countries and beyond.