

Sri Lanka to host 51st GBM

The 51st Session of the Governing Body Meeting (GBM) will be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 20–22 April 2009. Sri Lanka has hosted five Workshop Meetings of Heads of NPOs since it joined the APO in 1966, but this will be the first GBM to be convened in that country. The National Productivity Secretariat (NPS) will host approximately 70 delegates comprising APO directors and their advisers from 19 member countries, observers from various national agencies and international organizations, and APO Secretariat staff.

The Governing Body, the supreme organ of the APO, meets annually to elect the new APO chair and vice chairs; receive the Secretary-General's report and the auditor's financial report; set directions for the ensuing fiscal year's program; and approve the budget and financial guidelines. This meeting will also act as a venue for exchanging information and views on critical issues facing the productivity movement through country presentations. This year's theme of the presentations is "Productivity and the Global Financial Crisis," which will provide guidelines for repositioning the productivity movement to help member countries to address the current global turmoil.