

50th WSM to convene in Manila

The 50th Workshop Meeting (WSM) of Heads of National Productivity Organizations (NPOs), the annual program planning meeting of the APO, will take place in Manila, the capital of the Philippines, 20–22 October 2009. The Philippines, one of the eight founding members of the APO, was where the APO Convention was ratified in 1961, followed by the establishment of the organization. The Development Academy of the Philippines, the NPO of the Philippines, will be the host organization.

The WSM brings all NPO Heads and Agriculture delegates together to evaluate the previous year's projects, finalize projects for next year, and undertake strategic planning for the subsequent biennium. With the new biennial budgeting system, the WSM has an important role in reviewing the two-year program plan and presenting it to the GBM for the Directors' decision on total membership contributions. The coming meeting, following the 2007 WSM held in Hanoi, will discuss program plans for 2011 and 2012 and identify priorities. Other major items on the agenda include a statement by the Secretary-General, finalization of the program plan for 2010, and country presentations to share the views and recent experiences of NPOs and Agriculture delegates.