



# APO Overview

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# The APO is here to support you

## Enabling productivity growth in the region

The Asian Productivity Organization (APO) is an intergovernmental organization committed to improving productivity in Asia and the Pacific. Established in 1961, the APO contributes to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the region through policy advisory services, institutional capacity-building efforts, sharing of productivity best practices, and dissemination of productivity data and analyses.

The current APO membership comprises 20 economies: Bangladesh; Cambodia; Republic of China; Fiji; Hong Kong; India; Indonesia; Islamic Republic of Iran; Japan; Republic of Korea; Lao PDR; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Thailand; and Vietnam.

The APO Secretariat is located in Tokyo, Japan, headed by a Secretary-General.

## Key Activities

### 1 SHARING & DISSEMINATION OF PRODUCTIVITY BEST PRACTICES

The APO promotes best practices in utilizing productivity tools, techniques, and methodologies to enable firms, organizations, and government agencies to boost their productivity sustainably, covering the industry, service, agriculture, and public sectors.

### 2 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

The APO acts as an institution builder, strengthening the ability of national productivity organizations (NPOs) to provide productivity promotion, training, and consultancy services to the public and private sectors. The mechanisms include:



### 3 POLICY & ADVISORY SUPPORT

The APO serves as a regional adviser, surveys the economic and development policies and performance of each member, and assists in formulating strategies for enhanced productivity and competitiveness through the Specific National Program. Working with national experts, the APO creates productivity master plans for members aligned with their overall development agendas.

### 4 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The APO partners with international organizations, reputable universities, and nonmember governments to build synergy and complementarity, multiplying the impacts and benefits of productivity initiatives for the region.

## Emphases

### 1 CENTRALITY OF PRODUCTIVITY

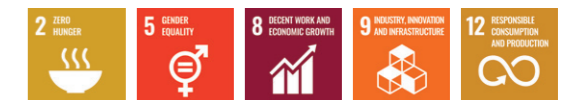
The APO's work places productivity at center stage, ensuring that higher productivity, as the main organizational objective, receives top priority in national development agendas. This means putting productivity in the driver's seat and recognizing it as the core strength propelling a country's growth.

### 2 INCLUSIVE PRODUCTIVITY

The APO encourages all sectors of the community to participate in and contribute to productivity improvement efforts, including those with differing abilities. Inclusivity in productivity ensures that no one is left behind and that the productivity movement is a broad-based effort supported by all.

### 3 LINKAGES WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

Under the platform of the UN's SDGs, the APO assists member countries in meeting their SDG targets, particularly goals 2, 5, 8, 9, and 12. Linkages with the SDGs also enable the APO to collaborate with other international organizations in addressing common global concerns.



### 4 SMART TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION-DRIVEN PRODUCTIVITY

The APO addresses emerging challenges and opportunities brought about by new-generation technology and the ongoing Industrial Revolution 4.0, tapping them as sources of innovation to boost productivity.

## Publications

The APO works with resource persons and experts from across Asia and the Pacific as well as from other economies to produce publications on a wide range of productivity-related topics. These publications are available free of charge in e-format on the APO website ([www.apo-tokyo.org](http://www.apo-tokyo.org)).

