



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

13 March 2018

1. **Project Code** 18-RP-01-GE-RES-C
2. **Project Title** Program Development Fund
3. **Duration** Between one week and several months, depending on the type of project or activity
4. **Venue** APO Secretariat
5. **Implementing Organizations** The Program Development Fund will be administered by the APO Secretariat in consultation with member countries.
6. **Objectives**
  - a. To help member countries achieve the APO Vision 2020 by meeting their needs and expectations through projects under the Program Development Fund budget and ensuring that they are future ready; and
  - b. To enhance the process of APO strategy development, program planning, and policy advisory formulation including key inputs for the two-year plan and strategy to help develop the institutional capacity of NPOs.
7. **Background**

The Program Development Fund was created to support activities not covered by other projects in the annual program plan aimed at meeting the needs and expectations of member countries. For 2018, the Program Development Fund was increased to meet the budget requirements for the APO–Accenture Business Model Transformation Consultancy Project as well the Shaping Tomorrow Strategic Foresight platform.

Accenture Digital was engaged to review the current approach to achieving the goals of the APO Vision 2020 and to recommend a new business model to improve and maximize the impact of programs and projects. Some of the research tasks to be undertaken by Accenture include interviewing NPO stakeholders and Secretariat staff to identify key areas for future engagement and building the capacity for strategic foresight planning and future-thinking in member countries and NPOs. To offer future-oriented expertise to NPOs, the APO has also subscribed to the top foresight-driven platform Shaping Tomorrow to identify emerging trends, understand their driving forces, and develop appropriate scenarios with suggested strategies to address the challenges ahead.

Projects will be conducted under the Program Development Fund to respond to specific requests from individual member countries, as discussed and agreed upon at the Strategic Planning Workshop, Workshop Meeting of Heads of NPOs, and Governing Body Meeting.

## **8. Scope**

- a. Assigning resource persons and/or Secretariat staff to participate in missions, seminars, workshops, and forums to receive updates on the latest trends and developments in innovative productivity concepts and practices;
- b. Collaborating with reputable consultancy firms on reassessing the APO's business model and defining outputs useful to and supportive of the APO's and NPOs' needs and expectations; and
- c. Working with individual NPOs to devise projects that will meet and address their unique needs.

## **9. Implementation Procedures**

The Research and Planning Department will administer the Program Development Fund. It will prepare specific Project Implementation Plans (PIPs) for initiatives to be undertaken in coordination and close consultation with member countries and their NPOs. The PIPs will contain detailed descriptions of and budgets for the activities to be undertaken.

## **10. Financial Arrangements**

The details of the financial arrangements for the activities will be provided in each PIP.



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