



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Title	Research on Measuring the Institutional Capacity of Key Productivity-promoting Institutions in APO Members
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Hosting Country(ies)	Not Applicable
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Online
Implementing Organization(s)	APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	30 August 2023
Remarks	The closing date is for the submission of proposals by research institutions. Please refer to the implementation procedures for information.

Objectives	Measure the capacity of key productivity-promoting institutions in APO members; identify key factors contributing to or hindering institutional capacity to achieve higher productivity performance and adopt innovative approaches; and propose policy recommendations for improving the capacity of productivity-promoting institutions to contribute to overall national growth and development.
Rationale	Institutions require capacity measurement to succeed because it enables them to recognize strengths and shortcomings and boost productivity and efficiency. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the capacities of institutions tasked with enhancing productivity in various sectors to achieve economic growth and raise living standards and well-being must be measured and reevaluated.
Background	<p>Strong institutional ecosystems are vital for productivity movements. Measuring capability and devising strategies to strengthen institutions are critical in response to evolving productivity challenges. This research will explore the ecosystems of institutions involved in the ease of doing business as an indicator of economic growth and competitiveness. Many countries are adopting e-business tools to streamline licensing processes, reduce costs, and increase transparency. Analyzing the ecosystems affecting the ease of doing business is essential for promoting long-term productivity, competitiveness, and economic growth in the APO membership.</p> <p>The research will examine the capacity of key institutions responsible for driving productivity and competitiveness, focusing on the impact of business regulations and enforcement, especially in public service delivery.</p>
Topics	Ecosystems and capacity of institutions working for productivity and competitiveness; Economic competitiveness indicators and measurements; Analysis of indicators of the ease of doing business in APO members; Promoting productivity through enhanced institutional capacity; and Innovative approaches to strengthening ecosystems and institutional capacity.
Outcome	A comprehensive assessment of the capacity of key productivity-promoting institutions in APO members focusing on the ease of doing business will be the basis for policy recommendations to respond to changing productivity challenges and increase national productivity and competitiveness.
Qualifications	Research institutions with expertise in productivity measurement and analysis including monitoring, evaluating, and measuring the performance and capacity of institutions and public policies, along with a track record of English publications and advisory services to governments.

Please refer to the implementation procedures circulated with this document for further details.



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