



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	24-CP-48-GE-WSP-A
Title	Workshop on Sustainable Food Systems
Timing	20 January 2025–23 January 2025
Hosting Country(ies)	Bangladesh
Venue City(ies)	Dhaka
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Organisation, Bangladesh
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	6
Closing Date	1 July 2024
Remarks	This PN supersedes the one issued on 1 May 2024 (Ref. No. 388) due to the change in timing from 26–29 August 2024 to 20–23 January 2025. (participants were selected before the project was rescheduled)

Objectives	Understand sustainable food systems (SFS) including elements, approaches, and evolving paradigms; share best practices of SFS; and explore strategies to support APO members in preventing and mitigating risks from food system changes and overall food system transformation.
Rationale	Existing food production and consumption models have resulted in widespread environmental degradation, climate impacts, and diet-related diseases. SFS can address those issues since they involve the development of sustainable, productive agriculture, processing, and supply, while reducing food loss and waste. In line with the APO Vision 2025 of expanding smart transformation and Green Productivity to the agriculture sector, this workshop is one effort to contribute to agricultural transformation and food security in APO member economies.
Background	<p>According to the UN FAO, SFS deliver food security and nutrition for all while ensuring that the economic, social, and environmental bases for future generations are not compromised. An SFS lies at the heart of the SDGs, which call for major transformations in agriculture and food systems to end hunger, achieve food security, and improve nutrition by 2030. To meet the SDGs, the global food system must be reshaped to be more productive, inclusive of poor and marginalized populations, environmentally sustainable and resilient, and able to deliver healthy, nutritious diets to all.</p> <p>Many Asian countries face difficulties in promoting environment-friendly, sustainable farming due to a lack of information and skills, resources, infrastructure, and policy and support systems. They also face challenges in establishing sustainable supply chains and reducing waste. This workshop is an effort to address such difficulties through SFS.</p>
Topics	Concept of SFS: Sustainable and productive farming systems; Building sustainable food chains and ensuring food security by reducing food losses and waste; SFS supply chain models: Sustainable green agriculture policies and programs in Asia; and Successful cases and best practices of SFS.
Outcome	Enhanced understanding of critical success factors to develop SFS, ability to guide others in implementing SFS, and SFS adoption in participants' economies.
Qualifications	Government and NPO officials, researchers, and agricultural professionals working on sustainability in food systems (socioeconomic and environmental), food security, nutrition, and sustainable farming and supply chains.

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



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