



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	8 October 2024
<b>Project Code</b>	24-IP-05-GE-CON-A
<b>Title</b>	Conference on Organic Agriculture for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development
<b>Timing</b>	9 December 2024–10 December 2024
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	Sri Lanka
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	Colombo
<b>Modality</b>	Face-to-face
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	National Productivity Secretariat, Sri Lanka
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	100
<b>Local Participants</b>	30
<b>Closing Date</b>	20 September 2024
<b>Remarks</b>	This PN supersedes the one issued on 8 July 2024 (Ref. No. 369) due to the change of the timing from 12–13 November 2024 to 9–10 December 2024.

<b>Objectives</b>	Understand the linkages among organic agriculture, biodiversity, and sustainability; learn about policies, regulations, and ecosystems to support and enhance biodiversity and sustainability through organic agriculture; and share best practices to explore practical solutions and strategies in APO members.
<b>Rationale</b>	Organic agriculture is one solution to contribute to biodiversity and sustainable development, and crop productivity is a critical success factor to ensure farmers' economic benefits as well as contributions to biodiversity and sustainability. This conference will enhance awareness of climate change and intensify the promotion of Green Productivity in the agriculture sector.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Organic agriculture is a holistic production management system that promotes and enhances agro-ecosystem health, including biodiversity, biological cycles, and soil health. This is achieved using agronomic, biological, and mechanical methods, as opposed to synthetic materials, to meet specific needs within the system.</p> <p>To address global challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and food security, the ways food is produced, processed, and consumed must be reviewed. Organic agriculture is one approach to address this by eliminating the use of synthetic inputs to reduce environmental impacts, improve sustainability, and promote site-specific management practices based on local resources. However, to promote organic agriculture on a wider scale, policies, ecosystems, and technologies are needed. This conference will examine how organic agriculture could contribute to biodiversity and sustainability and discuss practical solutions and strategies for APO members.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	Contribution of organic agriculture to biodiversity and sustainable development: Local and global perspectives; Opportunities and challenges in organic agriculture; Technologies and practices to support productive organic farming; Policies and regulations for organic agriculture; and Coexistence with nonorganic approaches.
<b>Outcome</b>	Enhanced understanding of the importance of biodiversity conservation, environmental impact, and sustainable development and how organic agriculture could address these issues. Practical solutions through best practices are explored to develop recommendations for future action plans in APO members.
<b>Qualifications</b>	Senior policymakers, government officials in agricultural agencies, agricultural professionals, and researchers working on organic farming, natural resource management, and biodiversity.

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



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