



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	21 February 2025
<b>Project Code</b>	24-CL-21-GE-WSP-A
<b>Title</b>	Workshop on Social Resilience for Sustainable Societies
<b>Timing</b>	31 March 2025–2 April 2025
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	APO Secretariat
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Modality</b>	Online
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	APO Secretariat
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	All Member Countries
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	50
<b>Local Participants</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Closing Date</b>	17 March 2025
<b>Remarks</b>	Not Applicable

<b>Objectives</b>	Deepen conceptual understanding of social resilience; learn about practical approaches and tools to enhance community resilience; and examine successful cases of fostering resilience in rural areas.
<b>Rationale</b>	Communities worldwide increasingly confront complex, interlinked challenges, including climate change, natural disasters, pandemics, and economic shocks. These disturbances can cause profound disruptions to livelihoods, economic stability, and public health. Strengthening their resilience ensures sustainability and productivity. This project aligns with the APO's efforts to nurture resilience among member economies in the post-COVID-19 pandemic era.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Social resilience is the ability of human communities to withstand external shocks, such as environmental variability or social, economic, or political upheaval, and to recover effectively from such disruptions (Adger, W. N., 2000). These upheavals affect all communities but in different ways. Extreme weather events and long-run climate change disproportionately affect the incomes of rural people living in poverty, women, and older populations. For example, with each day of extreme heat, poor rural households lose 2.4% of their on-farm incomes, 1.1% of the value of the crops they produce, and 1.5 % of their off-farm income (FAO, 2024). In addition, rural areas face population decline, aging demographics, and disadvantaged access to cities, with GDP per capita 13% lower, labor productivity 16% lower, and employment rates 8% lower than in cities (OECD, 2020). These challenges underscore the need for strengthened community resilience to protect the well-being of rural communities.</p> <p>This workshop aims to equip participants with enhanced knowledge and practical skills to build more resilient rural communities.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	Concepts of social resilience; Methods for community building; Skills for community engagement; Community-level disaster management; and Successful case studies.
<b>Outcome</b>	Wider adoption of community resilience-building initiatives through an improved understanding of social resilience and community engagement.
<b>Qualifications</b>	Government officials, community leaders, academics, and representatives of NPOs involved in community resilience and rural development.

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



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