



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Project Code	25-SN-05-GE-CBD-C
Title	Certification Body Development Program
Timing	1 January 2025–31 December 2025
Hosting Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Venue City(ies)	All Member Countries
Modality	Hybrid
Implementing Organization(s)	Not Applicable
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	31 March 2025
Remarks	Not Applicable

Objectives	Provide consultancy and training for becoming APO certification bodies (CBs) to National Productivity Organizations (NPOs) or their affiliated organizations; strengthen the management system, operational structure, and certification scheme of applicant organizations to comply with APO accreditation requirements; and expand the role of NPOs in certifying productivity specialists.
Rationale	As a regional catalyst, the APO builds the capacity of NPOs and stakeholders to improve productivity in its members. CB development (CBD) assists NPOs in overcoming productivity-related challenges through the development of productivity specialists in APO members.
Background	<p>The CBD Program expands the role of NPOs by developing them to become CBs and operate productivity specialists' certification schemes. The program focuses on raising the level of NPOs and affiliated organizations to produce proficient, reputable, APO-certified productivity professionals.</p> <p>The CBD Program guides NPOs or affiliates in complying with the requirements and standards of the APO Accreditation Body (APO-AB) through consultancy and training by experienced resource persons on the scope of accreditation, certification process, competency of staff, and management structure.</p> <p>Nine NPOs have been accredited by the APO-AB, and other NPOs or their affiliated organizations are in various stages of development to become CBs. This program is continuing to enable more NPOs or their affiliates to participate during 2025.</p>
Topics	APO-AB 1003:2020 General Requirements for Certification Bodies: Certification of Persons Scheme; APO-PS 101:2023 Requirements for Productivity Specialists; and APO-GPS 201:2023 Requirements for Green Productivity Specialists.
Outcome	After completion of CBD projects and demonstrating compliance with APO-AB standards, CBs will recognize proficient, reputable APO-certified productivity professionals to guide and advise stakeholders and clients in improving productivity.
Qualifications	NPOs and affiliated organizations that apply to be APO CBs.

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



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