



**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION**

Date of Issue	25 August 2026
Activity Code	26-SPP-PK-F2-01
Title	Workshop on Unlocking the Value of Indigenous Gemstones
Timing	5–8 October 2026
SPP Member(s)	Pakistan
Venue City(ies)	Islamabad
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	National Productivity Organization, Pakistan & Pakistan Gems and Jewellery Development Company (PGJDC)
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Economies
Overseas Participants	19
Local Participants	20
Closing Date	4 September 2026
Remarks	Not Applicable

Focus Area	2: Smart Industrial and Public Service Productivity AI-enabled lean manufacturing, technology standardization, workforce upskilling, and stakeholder capacity development have been advanced, and a national productivity movement has been launched.
Primary Key Results	2026: Industrial processes have been optimized, international standards have been promoted, a skilled workforce has been developed, and public- and service-sector efficiency has been strengthened through capacity building, digitalization, and e-governance.
Indicator	Number of participants able to identify value addition opportunities identified.
Description	Pakistan possesses vast reserves of high-value indigenous gemstones, including emeralds, rubies, peridot, and topaz. However, much of the sector remains constrained by traditional mining techniques, limited processing capabilities, and informal trade channels, resulting in significant loss of economic value for both Pakistan and the broader region. To unlock the full economic potential of this sector, transitioning from informal raw-stone trading to formal, high-value-added export models aligns directly with the SPP Primer on technology standardization, workforce upskilling, and industrial productivity. Organized in collaboration with the National Productivity Organization Pakistan, Ministry of Industries and Production, and Pakistan Gems and Jewellery Development Company (PGJDC), alongside technical expertise from regional hubs, this timely workshop provides a strategic platform to bridge technical gaps, enhance capacity in value chain development, and foster formal B2B market integration across APO member economies.
Topics	Global gemstone market trends, standardization, and formal trade compliance; Gemstone value addition; Government and industry network-building public–private partnerships; and Practical business creation and field immersion.
Qualifications	Gemstone traders, jewellers, designers, buyers, lapidary owners, and entrepreneurs across the gemstone value chain; and senior officials, policymakers, and NPO officers driving mineral resource management, trade facilitation, SME promotion, or regional tourism and economic development.