



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Date of Issue	13 February 2025
Project Code	24-CL-20-GE-WSP-A
Title	Workshop on Policies and Schemes on Gender Equality in Agriculture
Timing	7 April 2025–9 April 2025
Hosting Country(ies)	APO Secretariat
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Online
Implementing Organization(s)	APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	50
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	24 March 2025 NPO Pakistan Closing date: 14 March 2025
Remarks	This PN is a revised PN Reference No.: 550. The revised sections are 'Implementing Organization(s)', 'Participating Country(ies)', 'Overseas Participants' and 'Local Participants'.

Objectives	Discuss recent trends in and government policies and initiatives on gender equality in agriculture; consider the relationship between sustainability, productivity, and gender equity; and share successful models, strategies, and practices.
Rationale	Recognizing women's work in the agriculture sector and increasing their inclusion is a key objective under the broad engagement and shared prosperity elements of the APO Vision 2025. It is critical to understand gender-related challenges in agricultural work as well as to develop government policies and schemes to enhance female productivity in this sector.
Background	<p>Women are almost half of the agricultural workforce in developing countries. Based on a report by the UN World Food Program, it is estimated that 60% of people who are food insecure worldwide are women and girls. Inequality makes it harder to increase productivity and reduce poverty and hunger. It also undermines progress toward sustainable agricultural development across multiple dimensions.</p> <p>Challenges faced in reducing such inequality include a lack of access to training and capacity development, land ownership, extension services, and finance and wage systems equivalent to those of male workers. Appropriate policies and schemes on various facets of livelihood activities specifically for women could not only resolve gender-equality issues but also contribute to agricultural productivity and food security. Increasing the participation of women in the workforce has been promoted by the APO. This course is part of continued efforts focusing on the agriculture sector.</p>
Topics	Overview of sustainability, productivity, and gender equality; Importance of gender equality in agriculture: Indicators, elements, and indexes of gender equality; Benchmarks and guidelines for transformational partnerships and women's economic empowerment in agricultural value chains; and Sharing good gender equality-related government policies and initiatives.
Outcome	Understand recent trends in gender equality enhancement in agriculture and government policies related to female empowerment in the sector; and learn from successful business models, strategies, and practices for female inclusion in the agriculture sector.
Qualifications	Officials of government agencies, researchers, academics, and consultants in charge of inclusiveness and women's empowerment in agriculture.

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



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