



PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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Title	APO Productivity Outlook
Timing	2 May 2025–31 December 2025
Hosting Country(ies)	Not Applicable
Venue City(ies)	Not Applicable
Modality	Hybrid
Implementing Organization(s)	APO Secretariat
Participating Country(ies)	All Member Countries
Overseas Participants	Not Applicable
Local Participants	Not Applicable
Closing Date	2 June 2025 NPO Closing date: 26 May 2025
Remarks	The closing date is for the submission of proposals by research institutions. Please refer to the implementation procedures for information.

Objectives	Analyze the impact of energy efficiency on productivity and the environment; examine sector-based, evidence-based assessment of energy efficiency indicators; and propose policy strategies using a composite set of quantitative indicators with the publication of the APO Productivity Outlook 2026.
Rationale	As part of its mission, the APO publishes the annual Productivity Outlook to examine emerging trends affecting productivity in member economies. It conducts comparative analyses of key sectoral productivity trends, factors, and levels to promote evidence-based productivity policymaking.
Background	<p>The APO conducts annual research to generate knowledge on productivity dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region. The Productivity Outlook series examines sectoral dynamics and emerging challenges affecting long-term productivity growth and provides comparative perspectives to inform strategic policymaking. The recent tremendous economic growth of many APO members has also led to significant energy consumption, resulting in challenges including reconciling economic growth with environmental impact.</p> <p>The APO Productivity Outlook 2026 will focus on energy efficiency, energy security, cost pressures, and climate concerns. Improving the efficiency of energy use in key sectors can lead to significant productivity gains while supporting green transformation goals. Assessing current levels of energy efficiency and relationships to productivity is essential to identify opportunities for improvement and support sustainable economic growth.</p>
Topics	Energy efficiency, productivity, and environmental impact; Sectoral productivity impact of energy use; Cross-sectoral trends in energy use and efficiency; Strategic policy approaches for energy-efficient growth; Development of energy efficiency indicators/index; and Frameworks for measuring and benchmarking energy efficiency.
Outcome	A report analyzing the relationships among energy efficiency, productivity, and environmental impact, with policy recommendations and a composite energy efficiency index to enhance energy-efficient productivity and support sustainable productivity growth in APO economies.
Qualifications	Research institutions with extensive expertise in energy and productivity analysis, with a track record of publications in English on productivity statistics, thematic topics in productivity analysis, and experience in providing advisory services to governments.

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



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IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES FOR APO RESEARCH PROJECT ON THE APO PRODUCTIVITY OUTLOOK (HYBRID MULTICOUNTRY)

1. Methodology

- a. Submission of research proposals: The APO Secretariat will identify partner research institutions and invite research proposals. Interested research institutions should submit their proposals to the APO Secretariat by the deadline.
- b. Multistakeholder consultative meeting: To finalize the plan for the research, a meeting will be held virtually, tentatively in July–August 2025. The indicative agenda items are:
 - Research overview
 - Proposals for the study by research institutions
 - Discussion on implementation of the study
 - Finalization of the research plan.
- c. Joint study implementation: The research team will collect, process, and analyze data for the report. The final report with findings will be submitted to the APO Secretariat by the end of December 2025, with an interim report by mid-October 2025.
- d. Policy dialogue: The findings of the policy study may be presented to relevant stakeholders in member countries. The one-day session will be held in October 2025.
- e. Dissemination activities of final research output in APO members: To increase the visibility of the final research output, create more public engagement, and impact public policymaking, effective dissemination activities in participating APO members will be carried out either in the face-to-face or online modality, when necessary, as part of project implementation.

2. Tasks of the Selected Research Institution(s)

- a. Assist and work with the APO Secretariat in developing the research framework and analytical approach related to energy efficiency, environmental impact, and productivity.
- b. Finalize the methodology and outline of the policy study report structure with the APO Secretariat.
- c. Collect and analyze relevant data on energy efficiency, productivity, and environmental impact in line with the agreed framework and methodology.
- d. Prepare and submit an interim report and a final report to the APO Secretariat within the agreed time frame.
- e. Assist the APO Secretariat in validating research findings with APO member economies.
- f. Provide support in the dissemination of the research findings to APO members, either in the face-to-face or online mode, upon completion of the report.

3. Qualifications of Research Institution(s)

The APO Secretariat will select an appropriate research institution(s) with the following qualifications:

- a. Extensive, specialized expertise in energy efficiency, sectoral productivity, sustainability policy, and productivity enhancement as demonstrated through publications and international research.
- b. Proven capacity to collect and analyze sectoral data related to energy use and productivity across multiple APO member economies, including conducting cross-country comparisons and contextualizing findings within global best practices.
- c. Experience in providing policy advisory services to governments or international organizations on energy efficiency, green growth, energy strategies, and productivity-related issues.

- d. Excellent English writing skills.
- e. Strong commitment to undertaking and completing the research project within the given time frame.

4. Actions by Participating APO Members

- a. Promote the research project among relevant local institutions/think tanks interested in undertaking the study, as disseminated in the Request for Proposals section on the APO website.
- b. Make the necessary arrangements and assist in undertaking local dissemination activities, in either the face-to-face or online modality, of the final research output within APO members, including inviting local stakeholders as participants in the program.

5. Financial Arrangements

To be met by the APO

- a. Honorarium for the research institution(s) to be paid upon completion and acceptance by the APO of the final report.
- b. Costs relating to the face-to-face or online dissemination activities of the final research output which include but are not limited to the expenses of the expert(s) and APO Secretariat staff, as well as a portion of the local implementation costs such as logistics and meeting room package in APO members.

To be met by research institutions

- a. All implementation costs incurred by research institutions when conducting the study.