



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	8 February 2024
<b>Project Code</b>	24-CP-44-GE-DLN-A
<b>Title</b>	APO e-Course on Circular Economy Implementation and Strategies for the Public Sector
<b>Timing</b>	30 November 2024
<b>Hosting Country(ies)</b>	APO Secretariat
<b>Venue City(ies)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Modality</b>	Digital Learning
<b>Implementing Organization(s)</b>	APO Secretariat
<b>Participating Country(ies)</b>	Open
<b>Overseas Participants</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Local Participants</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Closing Date</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Remarks</b>	Timing is the launch date of the e-course.

<b>Objectives</b>	Present the core principles and concepts of the circular economy (CE); show how to formulate effective CE strategies tailored to unique sectoral challenges and opportunities; and offer practical insights on integrating CE practices into existing public-sector policies, strategies, and practices.
<b>Rationale</b>	Implementing CE policies and strategies is crucial for boosting productivity through enhancing resource efficiency, product and process innovations, and sustainable practices. These strategies drive competitiveness, create new jobs, and enhance public image, fostering a resilient, socially responsible governance framework in line with APO efforts to promote Green Productivity.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Transforming public-sector operations to embrace CE principles is crucial to unlocking environmental and socioeconomic benefits. As both a policymaker and major player in the economy, the public sector has the potential to spearhead the shift toward a green economy through CE applications. According to the 2022 APO report Green Productivity and Circular Economy: Complementary Approaches to Sustainable Development, the CE takes a targeted approach to sustainability, addressing all economic facets, including green production. However, the public sector has yet to harness the CE as a productivity tool for enhancing efficiency, equity, and sustainability.</p> <p>This course will address the gap by enhancing the capacity of the public sector to utilize the transformative power of CE. Participants will gain insights into the potential of CE, learn to implement circular strategies for economic innovation, and promote environmental stewardship and economic resilience through CE initiatives.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	Introduction to CE principles and concepts; Analysis of challenges and opportunities in integrating CE practices in the public sector; Enabling strategic planning for CE in the public sector; Enabling public procurement for circular supply chains; and Practical insights on integrating CE practices into public-sector operations.
<b>Outcome</b>	Participants understand CE concepts and principles, including formulating tailored public-sector strategies and practical insights on its integration into operations; and enhanced ability to institutionalize CE in the public sector.
<b>Qualifications</b>	Open to all participants in APO members and nonmembers.

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



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