



## PROJECT NOTIFICATION

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<b>Date of Issue</b>	13 March 2024
<b>Project Code</b>	24-CL-16-GE-DLN-A
<b>Title</b>	APO e-Course on New Participatory Governance Mechanisms for the Public Sector
<b>Timing</b>	30 September 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>	Learn about the fundamentals and changing nature of the relationship between civil society and government in different contexts, understand the principles of participatory, deliberative governance, and examine emerging methods of engaging the wider public in governance and their practical implementation to enhance inclusivity and improve policy development.
<b>Rationale</b>	The APO Vision 2025 calls for broad-based engagement in the productivity movement among all groups, with a focus on participatory practices to improve policymaking and public service delivery. This course will provide a comprehensive overview of new participatory governance mechanisms to enhance public-sector responsiveness and the incorporation of collaborative network forms of governance structures.
<b>Background</b>	<p>Conventional forms of public participation in policymaking and public affairs, such as elections, polling, or referenda, are not always efficient and may exclude many. More public-sector organizations are exploring novel participatory practices designed according to the principles of deliberative governance to address these issues.</p> <p>Participatory governance mechanisms empower individuals and organizations outside government to engage in public decision-making while enabling public- and private-sector collaboration. They include citizens' assemblies, participatory budgeting, citizen report cards, deliberative polling, and e-participation platforms. Digital technologies provide enhanced opportunities for participatory governance. These public engagement mechanisms increase transparency and government responsiveness while improving public service delivery and productivity. These areas will be highlighted in this course to make participatory governance more effective.</p>
<b>Topics</b>	Principles of participatory, deliberative governance; New methods of citizens' engagement in participatory governance; Digital deliberation and e-participation platforms in governance; Barriers to and challenges in inclusive participation; and Impact of participatory mechanisms and practices on governance, well-being, and growth.
<b>Outcome</b>	Better understanding of participatory governance mechanisms in decision-making processes while improving the accountability and transparency of public institutions and the quality of public service provision.
<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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