

Asian Productivity Organization

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The 68th Session of the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Governing Body is being hosted by the Government of India in New Delhi.

About Asian Productivity Organization

- It is an **intergovernmental organization** which was established in 1961.
- The APO is committed to enhancing **productivity for sustainable socioeconomic development** through mutual cooperation and knowledge sharing.
- APO membership is open to countries in Asia and the Pacific that are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP).
- **Members:** It comprises **21 member economies** from the **Asia-Pacific region**.
 - Bangladesh, Cambodia, Republic of China, Fiji, Hong Kong, **India, Indonesia**, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Türkiye, and Vietnam.

- India is a **founding member of APO**.
- These countries/economies support each other in their productivity drives in a spirit of mutual cooperation and coordinate with the APO through the designated **national productivity organizations (NPOs)**.
 - **National Productivity Council (NPC)** under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is the **designated NPO for India**.
- **Headquarters:** Tokyo, Japan
- **Organisational Structure**
 - APO is composed of the **governing body**, the NPOs, and the secretariat, which is headed by a secretary-general.
 - The **Governing Body** is the APO's **highest decision-making authority** and **meets annually** to set the organisation's strategic direction, approve major proposals, and review Secretariat performance.

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