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APO-ADBI to collaborate on climate change mitigation

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka—Minister of Agriculture Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena will inaugurate the Workshop on Developing Farming Systems for Climate Change Mitigation, 26–30 August 2013. The workshop is organized by the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Sri Lanka Ministry of Agriculture, and National Productivity Secretariat.

Approximately 50 delegates from 22 countries from Asia and the Pacific region including APO nonmember countries such as Afghanistan, Armenia, Myanmar, People's Republic of China, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, and 11 experts from Austria, the USA, and various Asian countries are expected to attend. Most participants represent ministries of agriculture and environment or academia.

While agriculture is the sector most vulnerable to climate change, it is also a source of greenhouse gas emissions. This joint APO-ADBI workshop seeks to develop and promote the adoption of smart farming systems that could increase productivity and sustainability while enhancing the contribution of agriculture to climate change mitigation.

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About the APO

The APO was established in 1961 as a regional intergovernmental organization with the mission of contributing to the socioeconomic development of the Asia-Pacific region through productivity promotion. The current membership comprises 20 economies. The APO supports its member countries through capacity-building efforts such as training courses, workshops, seminars, and other activities to enhance productivity.