

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

19 TO 23 OCTOBER 2015

Jointly organised by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

and the

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

to be conducted by the

**CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION
NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, SINGAPORE**

Singapore Cooperation Programme

Singapore has provided technical assistance to other developing countries since the 1960s. As a country whose only resource is its people, Singapore believes that human resource development is vital for economic and social progress. Singapore itself has benefited from training provided by other countries and international organisations.

In 1992, the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) was established to bring together under one framework the various technical assistance programmes offered by Singapore. Through the SCP, the range and number of training programmes were increased to share Singapore's development experience with other developing countries. To date, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 90,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

The UN General Assembly adopted the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction in December 1999 and established UNISDR. UNISDR is the focal point in the UN system for the coordination of disaster risk reduction and the implementation of the international frameworks for disaster risk. Its core areas of work includes ensuring disaster risk reduction (DRR) is applied to climate change adaptation, increasing investments for DRR, building disaster-resilient cities, schools and hospitals, and strengthening the international system for DRR.

The UNISDR's Global Education and Training Institute (GETI), which was established in 2010, has a mandate to develop a new cadre of professionals in DRR and climate change adaptation for disaster resilient societies. To deliver on this mandate, it has focused primarily on national and city leaders and municipal disaster risk managers. Over the years UNISDR has trained over 1,800 government officials on various aspects of disaster risk reduction, from 73 countries.

Centre for Continuing Education - Nanyang Technological University

Young and research-intensive, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is the fastest-rising university from Singapore in the world's Top 50 and ranked 39th globally. NTU is also placed 1st amongst the world's best young universities.

NTU provides a high-quality global education to about 33,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students. Hailing from 80 countries, the university's 4,300-strong faculty and research staff bring dynamic international perspectives and years of solid industry experience.

The Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) of NTU was set up in July 1991. It acts as a link between NTU and the community by providing continuing education for professionals who are keen to advance their knowledge and learn practical skills.

CCE has trained tens of thousands of leaders and professionals and continues to strengthen its position as a leading professional development training provider in Singapore and the region.

Course Objectives

This course shares Singapore's experiences in disaster risk reduction and the government approach in formulating adaptation measures and building resilience in the community. The focus would not be just on theory but also on institutional development and capacity building to implement plans. The course would also cover Singapore's policies and implementation systems in sustainable urban planning and development. It will also discuss the principles, strategies and policies in the latest masterplan 2014 and the government's commitment, plans, targets and projects in the newly-released "Sustainable Singapore Blueprint 2015" and the government efforts in strengthening governance and building capacity.

Participants will also learn about the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 and possible applications to their State's existing plans. UNISDR will provide globally accepted tools and help the participants become familiar with the tools, use them and develop draft action plans for integrating DRR and CCA into development policies. UNISDR will bring global best practices and encourage sharing of experiences amongst the participants as well.

Synopsis and Methodology

The topics to be covered include:

- Vulnerability assessment through economic risk analysis, catastrophe assessment and finance management.
- Setting up early warning systems to avoid or reduce risks.
- Building public health resilience through pandemic preparedness
- Formulating emergency management plans, evacuation planning & training and implementation.
- Essential and emergency operations.
- Working with public and private stakeholders and strengthening policy and decision-making processes.
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.
- Sustainable urban planning and development.
- Strengthening governance and building capacity.
- Integration of DRR and climate change adaptation to development policy. Key sectors covered will include infrastructure, housing, land use planning, environmental protection, gender issues, psychosocial issues, health, livelihoods, to name a few.

Duration

The course will be held from **19 to 23 October 2015**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid to senior level government officials and professionals who are involved in disaster risk reduction policy making and/or national emergency planning and management, and can include officials from planning and finance/budget office.
- Nominated by their respective Governments
- Proficient in spoken and written English
- In good health and medically fit to attend the course.

Country Report

As part of the course, participants are to prepare a country report related to disaster risk reduction plans in their respective country and possible application of the UNISDR Post-2015 Framework

to their State's existing plans. In addition, participants should bring with them a risk and hazard profile / assessment of their country or city. They should also bring with them any other documents that may help inform the development of DRR action plans. Participants will be given the country report template and will be required to send the completed report to NTU's Assoc Prof Robert Tiong (email: clktiong@ntu.edu.sg) by 25 September 2015. There will be a 10-minute presentation of the report on the first day of the course.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme and the UNISDR.

Under this joint programme arrangement, the following expenses for the successful applicants, thereafter, known as participants during their training in Singapore, will be covered by the Singapore Cooperation Programme, which include:

- A daily training allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars (S\$120) from first day to last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from first day to one day after the course.
- Transportation to course venue and site visits;
- Medical insurance for participants to cover accident and hospitalisation during their stay in Singapore in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company; and
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course.

Note:

- (i) The nominating government will be responsible for their participants' round-trip airfares
- (ii) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance
- (iii) Any expenses for outpatient medical/dental treatment will be borne by the participants themselves

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- (a) Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions;
- (b) Not bring any member of their family and/or aide for the duration of the course;
- (c) Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Government

or the Government of Singapore with respect to the course;

- (d) Refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Singapore;
- (e) Discontinue the course, in the event they fall seriously ill and are considered unable to continue the training or have committed an improper act; and
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing Date for Nomination: **7 September 2015**)

The Government of Singapore and the UNISDR are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate **one (1)** suitable applicant.

Where there are more applicants than training places, the selection of applicants will be based on merit. The Government of Singapore and UNISDR seek the understanding of the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event their nominee is not selected.

All nominations are to be carried out by the respective Government Institutions, using the official application form. The application forms are to be submitted and should reach the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** through the National Focal Point and the Singapore Embassy in the nominating country not later than **Monday, 7 September 2015**.

Please address the forms to:

**Director-General
Technical Cooperation Directorate
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
Tanglin
Singapore 248163**

**Attn: Mr Pek Kiap How
Tel: (+65) 6379 8472
Fax: (+65) 6479 3357
E-mail: pek_kiap_how@mfa.gov.sg**

- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail or faxed to the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** at Fax **(+65) 6479 3357**. The original application forms can be mailed through diplomatic or normal channels.

- All application forms should be completed in full and must bear the endorsement of the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point responsible for technical assistance.
- Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be accepted.
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone, fax and email inquiries on the status of their applications.
- The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. Their National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through our diplomatic representations in the nominating country.
- Flight arrangements are only to be made upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

Information on Singapore

For more information about Singapore, you may wish to visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at www.yoursingapore.com

