

PUBLIC SERVICE: 2030 AND BEYOND

9 APRIL TO 13 APRIL 2018

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

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**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME TRAINING AWARD/
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TECHNICAL COOPERATION
PROGRAMME**

to be conducted by the

**UNDP GLOBAL CENTRE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE
(GCPSE)**

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 115,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

UNDP Global Centre for Public Service Excellence (GCPSE)

The UNDP Global Centre for Public Service Excellence (GCPSE) is a joint initiative of the Government of Singapore and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). It promotes the strengthening of public institutions and good governance.

GCPSE acts as a catalyst for new thinking, strategy and action to improve public service. It does this by promoting innovation, evidence, and international collaboration. It focuses on four themes that influence the development of an effective public service:

i) the political/administrative interface; ii) the intrinsic motivation of officials; iii) foresight; and iv) innovation.

The Centre draws on Singapore's strengths in public service excellence to provide inspiration for others seeking to build a professional public service with integrity, diversity and a focus on clients and results.

Course Objectives

This programme will facilitate meaningful dialogue on the future landscape of public service in the year 2030, and how governments should equip themselves to be future-ready. It will also provide opportunity for leaders to articulate in greater detail on the actualisation of the 2030 Agenda, including implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the national level.

Synopsis

The training programme will cover themes on public service excellence related to:

- Outlook and Possibilities for Year 2030
- Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): implementation, management and measurement
- Being Future-Ready: Introduction to Complexity and Foresight
- Disruptive Technologies and Public Service
- Building and Maintaining Trust and Legitimacy
- Institutional Change

Methodology

Participants will be challenged to question assumptions where the evidence suggests there is a case for re-examining current practice. The programme is meant to catalyse new thinking and follow-up action, potentially with a peer-to-peer learning arrangement after the completion of the training.

The training applies interactive, participatory and experiential lessons, covering policy aspects, infrastructure investment planning and programming. It employs small group working sessions with experts and relevant site visits.

Duration

The course will be held from **9 April to 13 April 2018**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid – to senior level government officials involved in strategic policy-making, strategic planning,

driving public sector reform, translating and implementing the SDGs to achieve the 2030 Agenda;

- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in written and spoken English; and
- In good health.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award and the Small Island Developing States Technical Cooperation Programme.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore will bear the following expenses for the successful applicants (thereafter known as participants) during their training in Singapore. These expenses include:

- A daily training allowance from first day to last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses. [Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the 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 out-patient 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.
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **26 February 2018**)

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

Selection of applicants will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Singapore seeks the understanding of the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted 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 **26 February 2018**.

Please address the forms to:

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

Attn: Ms Khui Joo Ying
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E-mail: Khui_joo_ying@mfa.gov.sg

- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail to the **email address stated above**. 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 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.

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