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## **SMART NATION INITIATIVES**

**22 TO 26 APRIL 2019**

Jointly sponsored by the

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

and the

**FO.AR / ARGENTINE FUND FOR SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR  
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under the

**SINGAPORE – ARGENTINA THIRD COUNTRY  
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to be conducted by the

**E-GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP CENTRE  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**

In conjunction with the

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### **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 110,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Argentine Fund for South-South and Triangular Cooperation - FO.AR

The Argentine Republic created the Argentine Fund for International Cooperation (FO.AR) in 1992, which over 25 years has established and developed partnerships for development. Through FO.AR, South-South Cooperation has become a state policy. Its purpose is to build capacity through the exchange of knowledge, technologies and best practices, as well as create instruments that enable more dynamic development processes by means of technical assistance provided in the context of international cooperation projects.

To date, more than 9,500 Argentine foreign professionals and experts have been mobilized in the framework of 6,500 cooperation actions and projects in more than 70 countries from Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. The FO.AR is managed by the General Directorate of International Cooperation of the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship.

## e-Government Leadership Centre (eGL), National University of Singapore

eGL aims to leverage Singapore's rich experience and accomplishments to share and build capabilities in governments desiring to transform, enhance governance and public service delivery to their citizens and enterprises through the use of InfoComm Technologies (ICT). We conduct workshops and capacity building programs to help leaders and officers in public service in developing a shared digital government Vision for their department, ministry, and country that lead to fulfilment of quality of life, economic or social growth.

We carefully architect a comprehensive learning journey aggregating global and Singapore's domain expertise in digital government transformation and public service excellence, as Singapore aspires to be the world's first smart nation.

## Course Objectives

This course will present participants with Singapore's and Argentina's experience in Smart Nation development and the driving forces behind the initiative. It will also provide participants with good insights into how to facilitate effective collaboration among governmental organisations, experts, and private sector actors, to implement holistic and integrated solutions.

## Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Developing citizen-centric digital services;
- Challenges in establishing a Smart Nation framework;
- Designing institutions, policies and governance for sustainable and smart cities;
- Facilitating innovation and entrepreneurship;
- Managing human capital and social impact; and
- Leveraging on emerging technologies.

## Methodology

A variety of teaching methodologies will be used throughout the course to ensure interactive learning and participation including lectures, group discussions, sharing and case studies. Relevant site visits will also be included to enhance the learning experience of the participants.

## Duration

The course will be held from **22 to 26 April 2019.**

## Invited Countries

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay.

## Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level officials from Central and Latin American countries involved in policy-making related to driving smart nation initiatives to enhance the quality of life, using technology to solve problems and create opportunities, or innovation facilitation;
- Nominated by their respective Governments;
- Proficient in spoken and written English; and
- In good health.

## Terms of Award

This course is sponsored by the Governments of Singapore and Argentina under the Singapore – Argentina Third Country Training Programme. Under this arrangement, the Governments of Singapore and Argentina will bear the following expenses for successful applicants, thereafter known as “participants” during the course in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

These expenses include:

- An economy class round-trip air ticket between the respective international airports;
- A daily training allowance from the first day to the last day of the course. A proportionate reduction in the daily training allowance will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the course. You may wish to bring additional funds to cover your expenses in Argentina;
- Transportation from hotel to course venue, and site visits;
- Training fees, including lecture fees, administrative fees, and teaching materials;
- Medical insurance for participants to cover accident and hospitalisation during their stay in Argentina in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company; and
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course.

### Note:

- (i) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance; and
- (ii) 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 Governments of Singapore or Argentina with respect to the course;
- (d) Refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Argentina;
- (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;
- (g) To check whether you need to obtain a visa to visit Argentina, and meet its requirements; and
- (h) The course will be conducted in Spanish language.

## Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **25 March 2019**)

The Government of Argentina is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate **two (2)** suitable applicants. Selection of candidates will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Argentina 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 and Worship of the Argentine Republic**, through the National Focal Point and the Argentine Embassy in the nominating country not later than Monday, 25 March 2019.

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

**[cursos-internacionales-dgcin@mrecic.gov.ar](mailto:cursos-internacionales-dgcin@mrecic.gov.ar)**

All nominations are also to be submitted **through online application forms available at <https://start.wizvision.com/startpublic/>**.

Information submitted online must be endorsed by the National Focal Point by **Monday, 25 March 2019**.

Please do not hesitate to contact [start-support@wizvision.com](mailto:start-support@wizvision.com) if you encounter technical issues during application.

- All application forms should be completed in full and submitted online. They must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance;
- Draft application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered;
- Applicants should refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of their applications;
- The system is hosted by a third party service provider. Please avoid providing input with sensitive or confidential information that should not be disclosed or made available online;
- **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Argentine Republic** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. The National Focal Point for Technical Assistance will also be informed directly or through Argentina's diplomatic representations in the nominating country; and
- Flight arrangements are to be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

### Information on Argentina

For more information about Argentina, you may wish to visit the Argentine tourism website at [www.turismo.gov.ar](http://www.turismo.gov.ar)  
[www.welcomeargentina.com](http://www.welcomeargentina.com)  
[www.argentina.gob.ar](http://www.argentina.gob.ar)

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