MANAGING INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT TREATY COMMITMENTS

23 TO 26 AUGUST 2021

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

under the

SCP TRAINING AWARD (E-LEARNING)

to be conducted by

**SINGAPORE JUDICIAL COLLEGE**

**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, over 132,000 officials from more than 180 countries and territories have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

**Singapore Judicial College**

Established under the auspices of the Supreme Court of Singapore, the Singapore Judicial College (SJC) serves the learning and development needs of judges and judicial officers. In addition to serving the Singapore Bench, SJC also shares its experiences internationally through consultancy and technical assistance services, as well as bespoke training programmes in areas of expertise associated with the Singapore Judiciary. Under the framework of the Singapore Cooperation Programme (including the Initiative for ASEAN Integration) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, SJC conducts a suite of flagship programmes in areas such as case management, court governance and administration, court technology, as well as dispute resolution.

**Course Objectives**

This online course is conducted under the auspices of the SCP Training Awards.

This course will provide government officials, particularly non-lawyers and non-specialists, with an overview of how international investment treaty commitments apply to governments.

**Synopsis**

Topics to be covered include:

* Overview of the investment treaty regime
* Overview of investor-state dispute settlement
* Implications of investment treaty commitments on governance
* Dispute prevention and management strategies
* Formal investor-state disputes: What to expect for non-specialists

**Methodology**

This course will be delivered for up to **25 participants** through ***synchronous*** e-Learning (‘live’ webinar sessions). There will be Q&A sessions and facilitated group discussions during the ‘live’ sessions.

**Regulations**

Participants are required to comply with the following:

* Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions; and
* Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Authority or Government and the Government of Singapore and its appointed trainer, with respect to the course.

**Duration**

The course will be held over 4 days from 23 to 26 August 2021, **1000H to 1645H (Singapore time; UTC/GMT+08:00 hours)** each day.

There will be four hours of ‘Live’ e-learning sessions and a two-hour long rest break in between sessions each day. Actual timings of the synchronous e-learning sessions will be confirmed closer to the course dates.

Attendance will be taken for “live” sessions and participants will need to attain 66% attendance in order to get a certificate.

Prior to course commencement, the training coordinator will brief participants on the rules of engagement (break time, attendance, punctuality, recording, Q&A).

**Application Information**

Applicants should be:

* Mid-to senior-level government officials (especially non-lawyers and non-specialists) involved in the regulation of foreign investment or interacting with foreign investors;
* Able to attend all synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with a functioning webcam, microphone and audio;
* Nominated by their respective Governments; and
* Proficient in written and spoken English.

**Terms of Award**

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Awards.

**Application Procedure**

(Closing date for nomination: **19 July 2021)**

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **one (1)** suitable applicant. Selection of candidates will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Singapore seeks the understanding of the respective NFP in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online **at https://go.gov.sg/miitc21** by Monday, 19 July 2021. NFPs are also required to endorse nominees via email links. Instructions and FAQs for Applicants and NFPs can be found at the links below:

* Applicants: <https://go.gov.sg/start-guide>
* NFPs: <https://go.gov.sg/start-nfp>

**Note:**

* Participants who complete all course assignments and attend at least 66% of ‘live’ e-learning sessions, will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP.
* 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. The NFP will also be informed directly.

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