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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Economic Affairs  
(BPC&T Section)

North Block, New Delhi,  
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### **TRAINING CIRCULAR**

Subject:-Online Singapore Cooperation Programme on "**Environmental Leadership Programme for Sustainable Infrastructure**" from 6th to 10th June, 2022.

The Republic of Singapore has invited nominations for online course on "**Environmental Leadership Programme for Sustainable Infrastructure**" from 6th to 10th June, 2022 under the Technical Assistance Programme with India. The programme is intended for upper working-level/technical-level decision makers and policymakers involved in infrastructure planning. The eligibility conditions and other information about the course are mentioned in the Information Brochure received from the sponsoring Government (**Annex-I**). Number of slots available for India is **Two**.

2. Nomination of candidates is regulated by the guidelines prescribed by DEA, a synopsis of which is attached as **Annex-II**.

3. **The course is sponsored by Government of Singapore**, who conducted the course as an online. All nominees are to submit their application online at <https://go.gov.sg/sustainableinfrastructure2022>.

4. The following forms need to be duly completed and certified by the participant and the competent authority of the nominating Ministry/Department:

(i) Sponsoring Government's application to be filled online (available at <https://go.gov.sg/sustainableinfrastructure2022>). Printed copy of application submitted by the candidate online to SCP may be sent to DEA along with the other forms.

(ii) DEA's proforma - duly countersigned by competent authority (**Annex-III**).

5. **Application Form complete in all respects reach this Department through the Administrative Ministry/Department of Govt. of India /State Government/UT, as the case may be, not later than 06.05.2022 positively at the following address:-**

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6. Incomplete applications and nominations received after the cut-off date will not be entertained. This may please be noted for strict compliance to avoid disappointment at a later stage. The candidates are advised to have their applications processed through their administrative Departments well in time and send complete information asked for in the forms specified above. Details of various short-term training programmes are regularly uploaded on Ministry of Finance's website [www.finmin.nic.in](http://www.finmin.nic.in) under the link "Foreign Training Programmes".

  
(Sanjay Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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4. Joint Secretary (Admn.), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi.
5. Joint Secretary (Admn.), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Transport Bhavan, New Delhi.
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7. Joint Secretary (Admn.) of all Ministries/Departments, Government of India.
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[<https://mofapp.nic.in/training/default.aspx>].



**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME  
SINGAPORE-UN ENVIRONMENT JOINT TRAINING PROGRAMME  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME  
FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**

**06 TO 10 JUNE 2022  
VIRTUAL FORMAT**

Jointly sponsored by the

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

and the

**UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)**

under the

**SINGAPORE-UN ENVIRONMENT JOINT TRAINING PROGRAMME**

to be co-organised by

**UNEP**

and

**UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)**

and

**CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE, 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, over 137,000 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.

### **UN Environment Programme**

UNEP is the United Nations system's designated entity for addressing environmental issues at the global and regional level. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action.

Beginning in 2018, UNEP's Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership (SIP) has been working to promote integrated approaches to sustainable infrastructure by raising awareness, facilitating international collaboration, and supporting



capacity building to more fully exploit the interlinkages between infrastructure and the SDGs.

### **UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and The Pacific**

ESCAP is the most inclusive intergovernmental platform in the Asia-Pacific region. The Commission promotes cooperation among its 53 member States and 9 associate members in pursuit of solutions to sustainable development challenges. ESCAP is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations.

ESCAP's Sustainable Urban Development Section, part of the Environment and Development Division promotes sustainable urban development across the region through regional dialogues, normative guidance, the establishment of partnerships to support cities and capacity building programmes directly with cities.

In 2019, ESCAP organized the 7<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Urban Forum in Penang, Malaysia, and launched *The Future of Asian & Pacific Cities* report, co-developed with partners including UN-Habitat, the European Union, Asian Development Bank, Rockefeller Foundation, the Centre for Liveable Cities in Singapore, and the UN Development Programme. The report identified four thematic pillars: Urban and Territorial Planning; Urban Resilience; Smart and Inclusive Cities; and Urban Finance.

ESCAP organizes with partners the Asia Pacific Mayors Academy, designed to build the capacity of new mayors in the region to develop sustainable urban solutions in their communities, based on the recommendations in *The Future of Asian & Pacific Cities* report.

ESCAP also delivers a range of capacity building project, including on air pollution, waste and plastic pollution, and localizing the Sustainable Development Goals. In partnership with the Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanization, ESCAP developed the *Asia Pacific Regional Guidelines for Voluntary Local Reviews* (VLRs) and is working with communities across the region to develop VLRs.

### **Civil Service College, Singapore**

The Civil Service College (CSC) plays a pivotal role in nurturing and developing the Singapore Public Service to meet challenges of the future. Its mission is to develop a first-class Public Service through

training and development. CSC endeavours to be the heart of learning excellence and development for the Public Service in Singapore.

CSC offers a comprehensive suite of programmes that build strategic capability in the public service, focusing particularly on core areas in public governance, leadership, public administration, and management. We work closely with central government and public sector agencies to embed values, communicate public sector directions, and manage change in individuals and organisations. CSC partners public and private sector organisations as well as academia and international government agencies to exchange best practices and experiences in leadership, policy development, public administration, and public reforms. By sharing Singapore Government's experience and best practices, we hope to promote good governance and develop goodwill, co-operation, and understanding between different governments across the world.

### **Introduction**

Infrastructure is central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Infrastructure systems are drivers of economic growth and enable access to basic services and economic opportunities that improve livelihoods and well-being. Yet the choices that we make about the types of infrastructure we choose to build and where we choose to build it also have direct and indirect negative impacts on the environment and societies.

The OECD has estimated that US\$6.9 trillion will need to be invested in infrastructure every year to meet achieve the SDGs by 2030. The bulk of this investment is needed in developing countries, in order to meet growing demand generated by strong population growth, increased income levels, and rapid urbanisation.

In March 2019, the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) passed a [resolution](#) on sustainable infrastructure (UNEP/EA.4/L.5) that recognises infrastructure's centrality to the 2030 Agenda. It encourages Member States to develop and strengthen national and regional systems-level strategic approaches to infrastructure planning, promotes nature-based solutions and encourages the international community to support countries in building the technical and institutional

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capacity to develop sustainable infrastructure. These actions toward sustainable infrastructure have been further accelerated since a new UNEA 5 Resolution on Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure was adopted in March 2022.

### Course Objectives

This course is designed to help deliver on the UNEA sustainable infrastructure resolutions by increasing the participants' understanding of opportunities and challenges associated with developing sustainable infrastructure, as well as the policy conditions to enable and address them. The course will cover links between infrastructure and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with an emphasis on building resilience, including through integrated approaches and how planners can maximise SDG outcomes by incorporating sustainability concerns into the early strategic planning of infrastructure. This knowledge can then be incorporated into decision-making processes.

### Synopsis of Topics

Topics to be covered include:

- Sustainable infrastructure in the regional context
- Delivering SDGs through sustainable infrastructure: renewable energy, green transport, clean water, waste management, urban development, etc.
- Building resilience, including through Nature-based infrastructure solutions – opportunities and challenges
- Infrastructure system integration and sustainability acceleration
- Green Finance: access to green finance under IFIs funding mechanism, green bonds, GCF, AIIB, PPP to leverage financing, etc
- International tools and instruments to assess and evaluate infrastructure

### Methodology

Notwithstanding the virtual modality, the programme is designed to be highly interactive, participatory, and dynamic, taking advantage of a variety of different learning approaches, including:

- Technical presentations from international experts
- Discussions among experts and participants

- Interactive learning opportunities and cross-cultural knowledge exchange
- Cooperation opportunities between stakeholders
- Group project work, culminating in a presentation to the class

### Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **16 May 2022**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **up to two (2)** suitable applicants. 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/sustainableinfrastructure2022> by **Monday, 16 May 2022**. 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>

### Duration

The course will be held online on a virtual platform, from **06 to 10 June 2022**.

The sessions will be conducted from **14:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs (Singapore Time; UTC/GMT +8 hours) daily**, with breaks when appropriate.

### Participation

The course is designed for representatives of the national governments of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam, and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat. This could include representatives from government ministries of environment, finance, economy,



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development, strategic planning, labour, and other relevant ministries.

### Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Upper working-level/technical-level decision makers and policymakers involved in infrastructure planning;
- Able to attend **all** the e-learning sessions. Applicants will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom installed, and an internet-enabled device with functioning webcam, microphone and audio;
- 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 and UNEP (with the financial support of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China) under the Singapore-UNEP Joint Training Programme.

### Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- (a) Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions.
- (b) 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.

### Note:

- Participants who complete all course assignments and attend 80% of 'live' e-learning sessions, will receive a joint certificate of completion from the SCP and UNEP;
- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your application while your application is being processed; and
- 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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Annex IISUMMARY OF GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED BY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Before applying for the training programme, the candidates are requested to satisfy themselves whether they fulfill the eligibility conditions as per the guidelines on Foreign Training Programmes (FTP) administered by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), summarized below:-

Eligibility Conditions

Duration of Training	No. of years of service completed in Govt. as on the date of FTP	Upper age limit as on the date of FTP	Cooling off period	Limit on participation in number of trainings in a year
Upto one week	5 years	Less than 58 years	Six months	Two FTPs of duration of less than one week in a calendar year
One to Two weeks	7 years	Less than 58 years	One year	One FTP of duration of one to two weeks in a calendar year
More than two weeks	9 years	Less than 55 years	Two years	One FTP of duration more than two weeks in a period of two years

**Note:-** Project-related training/official visits abroad are exempt from the provision of cooling off.

2. Candidates and nominating authorities in Ministries/Departments/State Govts. etc. should also satisfy themselves about the eligibility conditions prescribed by the sponsoring foreign Government/agency before sending the nominations to DEA.

HOW TO APPLY3. Filling up of application forms:-

- (i) Ensure that the **DEA proforma** is duly filled in and is complete in all respects. Without this proforma, applications will not be entertained.
- (ii) Ensure that the **application form prescribed by the sponsoring agency** is also complete in all respects. Wherever the sponsoring agency asks for Country Report, the same should also be attached.
- (iii) The column relating to **Vigilance Clearance** in DEA proforma should be filled in and certified by the competent authority. Alternately, vigilance clearance certificate by the concerned authority can also be attached. Applications without vigilance clearance at the time of applying will not be entertained.
- (iv) In case of **training programmes which are not fully sponsored** and where expenses on Air travel or any other expenses have to be borne by the candidate or his sponsoring Department, ensure that Part-A or Part-B, as the case may be, of the Undertaking Form is duly completed. Applications received without undertaking form will be summarily rejected. **It may be noted that submission of undertaking form is not necessary in respect of fully funded training programmes and the candidate can mention 'Not Applicable' in the form.**

4. Nominations:-

- (i) In case there is more than one nomination for a particular course, the nominating authority State/Central Government should clearly **indicate the prioritization** of the nominees.
- (ii) Application for the training programme is to be forwarded through the concerned Ministry/Department after completing all necessary formalities. Applications **are not to be sent** to the sponsoring foreign country/agency **direct** unless the same has been endorsed by the Nodal Department i.e. DEA.

5. Clearances:-

Once the nomination forwarded by DEA to the sponsoring foreign Government is accepted and conveyed to the applicant, he/she will be responsible to complete all pre-departure formalities like obtaining political clearance from MEA and have the sanction order issued from his/her administrative Department etc.

Abbreviations:-

**JICA** – Japan International Cooperation Agency, **SCPTA** – Singapore Cooperation Programme Training Award, **IMF** – International Monetary Fund, **MTCP** – Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme

## DEA PROFORMA FOR FOREIGN TRAINING

1. Name			
2. Date of Birth		3. Male/Female	
4. Educational Qualifications			
5. Service to which the officer belongs		6. Date of regular appointment	
7. Details of posts held during the last five years (starting from the present):			
S.No.	Post held	Ministry/Department/ Organization	Nature of work/Job profile
8. Name of foreign training programme applied for and its relevance to the candidate			
9. Papers etc. if any published by the candidate			
10. Details of Foreign Training Programmes attended during the last two years			
S. No.	Dates & Duration of the training programme	Subject/title of training	Name of the training Institution
			Source of funding
Signature of the candidate:			
Office Phone No. Mobile No.:			
E-mail:			
<b>CERTIFICATE</b>			
Certified that Shri/Ms _____ is clear from vigilance angle. In case the programme is not fully funded, Undertaking in the prescribed proforma (Part A/Part B) is attached.			
Signature of the competent administrative authority of the applicant with Name, Designation, Phone number and E-mail (along with office seal)			