

RESPONDING TO PANDEMICS AND FUTURE PREPAREDNESS

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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, territories and intergovernmental organisations have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

Course Objectives

This course will cover Singapore's experience in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lessons learnt. It will also explore strategies to better prepare for the next "Disease X".

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Vaccine development, strategies and considerations for future pandemics
- Regional capacity in responding to pandemics
- Information pathways and decision-making in pandemics
- Risk communication and community engagement in pandemics

Methodology

This course will be delivered for **up to 30 participants** through **synchronous** e-Learning ('live' e-learning sessions) on a video conferencing (VC) platform, and could include **asynchronous** e-Learning (independent and self-study e.g. reading materials). 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 5 days from **20 to 24 June 2022**.

The 'Live' e-learning sessions will be **tentatively** held from **1400H to 1800H (Singapore time; UTC/GMT +08:00 hours)** each day. The actual timings of the synchronous e-learning sessions and the VC platform 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.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials involved in public health as well as the planning and management of pandemic response;
- Able to attend all the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet enabled device, 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: **Friday, 20 May 2022**)

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/rfp22> by **Friday, 20 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>

Note:

- Participants who complete all course assignments and attend at least 66% of learning sessions, will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP.
- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your application while your application is being processed.
- 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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