GLOBAL HEALTH LAW AND GOVERNANCE

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CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

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 131,000 officials from more than 170 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.

Centre for International Law (CIL)

CIL was established as a university-level research institute at the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2009, in response to the growing need for international law thought leadership and capacity building in the Asia-Pacific region. The centre is at the forefront of capacity-building initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region in its four focus areas of research in international law: investment law and policy, ASEAN law and policy, international law and practice, which includes international dispute resolution, and ocean law and policy.

CIL organises workshops, conferences and academic programmes to reach a diverse audience of international government and private-sector professionals. Some of its partner organisations in Singapore are the NUS Law Faculty, Attorney-General's Chambers Singapore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, and the Singapore Maritime Institute. CIL also collaborates with the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law and Policy; Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia; and Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong.

Course Objectives

In the early stages of COVID-19 vaccine development, there were concerns that the vaccines would not be affordable to many developing countries due to IP protection and competition.

This course will demonstrate how global health law and governance can address these challenges, with a focus on the importance of rules-based multilateralism in vaccines.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Actors, instruments and institutions in global health
- Governance of infectious diseases and pandemics
- Access to medicines and vaccines International trade/investment law and health Substance control, food safety and harmonisation of pharmaceutical standards

Methodology

The course will be delivered for up to **30 participants** through a 'blended' virtual classroom comprising a combination of *asynchronous* e-Learning (independent and self-study of online modules) and *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 5 days from 4 to 8 October 2021**.**

There will be four hours of 'Live' e-learning sessions each day, tentatively held from 1330 to 1730 (Singapore time; UTC/GMT+08:00 hours) 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 who deal with public health-related issues in the course of work. A background in international law is not necessary;
- 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;
- 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 Awards.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **6 September 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/globalhealth** by **6 September 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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