
FOSS FOR GOOD: LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE AMID COVID-19

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FOSS for Good Technical Assistance Package

FOSS is an informal grouping of 108 small states at the UN. From an initial membership of 16 in 1992, the FOSS now comprises 108 countries across all geographical regions and at all levels of development, representing over half of the membership of the UN.

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of FOSS in 2022, Singapore has launched a “FOSS for Good” technical assistance package. This package was announced by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, at the General Debate of the 76th UN General Assembly in September 2021. The package is designed to provide a peer-learning platform for all FOSS members to share experiences, best practices, and solutions to tackle common challenges. It will focus on priority areas such as digital transformation and COVID-19 recovery, which are pertinent issues for many FOSS members. The package will run from 2022 to 2023 under the Singapore Cooperation Programme.

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, 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

Under the “FOSS for Good” technical assistance package, Singapore will be conducting an online Executive Programme entitled “**FOSS for Good: Leadership and Governance amid COVID-19**”. This Executive Programme will share challenges and strategies in public sector leadership with the theme of sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19.

Synopsis of Topics

Topics to be covered include:

- **Pandemic preparedness**
 - Singapore's Whole-of-Government Approach to COVID-19
- **Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development**
 - Digital Transformation and Economic Prosperity
 - Smart Cities
- **Trade and Economy**
 - Green Economy

Duration

To cater to participants from different time zones, **two runs** of the course will be conducted:

- **Run 1: 9 – 13 May 2022** (5 days). The "live" e-learning sessions will be conducted from **14:00 to 18:30** (Singapore time, UTC/GMT+8) each day.
- **Run 2: 23 May to 2 June 2022** (8 days). The "live" e-learning sessions will be conducted from **21:00 to 23:45** (Singapore time, UTC/GMT+8) each weekday.

The tentative programme schedules are at Annex for information. The content for both runs are the same. Participants from the Europe and Americas regions are encouraged to choose Run 2.

Methodology

Each run will be delivered for up to 30 participants through synchronous e-learning ("live" e-learning sessions) on Zoom and asynchronous self-paced modules. There will be Q&A sessions and facilitated group discussions during the "live" sessions. The courses will be conducted in English.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Senior-level (Director-level and above) government officials who are involved in the formulation of public policies and initiatives;
- Nominated and endorsed by their respective Governments; and
- Proficient in written and spoken English.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **11 April 2022**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **one (1)** suitable applicant for either of the two sessions. 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 NFP in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All NFPs can submit the names of their nominees online at go.gov.sg/foss-covid19 by **Monday, 11 April 2022**. We will send the application form to shortlisted nominees after assessment.

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.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the "FOSS for Good" technical assistance package.

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.

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9 – 13 May 2022

Programme Schedule

TIME/DATE (GMT+8)	9 May 2022 Monday	10 May 2022 Tuesday	11 May 2022 Wednesday	12 May 2022 Thursday	13 May 2022 Friday
14:00 – 14:30	Programme Opening	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 1 (Cheryl Chung)	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 2 (Woo Jun Jie)	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 3 (Terence Ho)	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 4 (Naomi Aoki)
14:30 – 16:00	Geopolitical Rivalry and the Implications for Small States in Asia and Beyond (Khong Yuen Foong)	Singapore's Whole-of-Government Approach to Covid-19 (Woo Jun Jie)	Can Small States be pathfinders, not just price-takers? (Heng Yee Kuang)	Smart Cities: Cities in Transformation (Joshua Chambers)	Singapore as a Global Financial Centre in a Green Economy (Woo Jun Jie)
16:00 – 16:30	Break				
16:30 – 18:30	Dialogue session with Political Office Holders (POH) / Senior Official of International Organisation (pending)	Health Policy Reform in the Post-Pandemic Era (Tikki Pangestu)	Can Small States be pathfinders, not just price-takers? (Heng Yee Kuang)	Digital Transformation and Economic Prosperity (Vu Minh Khuong)	Singapore as a Global Financial Centre in a Green Economy (Woo Jun Jie)
After 18:30	Release of Self-Paced Module 1: Building a Smart Nation	Release of Self-Paced Module 2: Secrets to Small State Success	Release of Self-Paced Module 3: Singapore's Experience: Covid-19 Support Measures: Protecting Jobs and Income	Release of Self-Paced Module 4: Fighting Covid-19 and Emerging Stronger in the Digital Age	Programme Closing
<i>*Note: All live sessions will be conducted via Zoom platform</i>					

Programme Schedule for Run 2: 23 May to 2 June 2022 (8 days), 21:00 to 23:45 (Singapore time, UTC/GMT +8)



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23 May 2022 – 2 June 2022 (Run 2)

Programme Schedule

TIME/DATE (GMT 8+)	23 May 2022 Monday	24 May 2022 Tuesday	25 May 2022 Wednesday	26 May 2022 Thursday	27 May 2022 Friday
21:00 – 21:30	Programme Opening	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 1 (Terence Ho)	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 2 (Woo Jun Jie)	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 3 (Cheryl Chung)	
21:30 – 23:45 (with 15-mins break)	Geopolitical Rivalry and the Implications for Small States in Asia and Beyond (Khong Yuen Foong)	Health Policy Reform in the Post-Pandemic Era (Tikki Pangestu)	Singapore's Whole-of-Government Approach to Covid-19 (Woo Jun Jie)	Dialogue with Singapore's Political Office Holder (POH) / Senior Official of International Organisation (pending)	
After 23:45	Release of Self-Paced Module 1: Singapore's Experience: Covid-19 Support Measures: Protecting Jobs and Income	Release of Self-Paced Module 2: Secrets to Small State Success	Release of Self-Paced Module 3: Building a Smart Nation		
TIME/DATE (GMT 8+)	30 May 2022 Monday	31 May 2022 Tuesday	1 June 2022 Wednesday	2 June 2022 Thursday	
21:00 – 21:30	Recap of Week 1 (Woo Jun Jie)	Live Discussion: Self-Paced Module 4 (Naomi Aoki)	Can Small States be pathfinders, not just price-takers? (Heng Yee Kuang)	Singapore as a Global Financial Centre in a Green Economy (Woo Jun Jie)	
21:30 – 23:45 (with 15-mins break)	Smart Cities: Cities in Transformation (Joshua Chambers)	Digital Transformation and Economic Prosperity (Vu Minh Khuong)	Can Small States be pathfinders, not just price-takers? (Heng Yee Kuang)	Singapore as a Global Financial Centre in a Green Economy (Woo Jun Jie)	
After 23:45	Release of Self-Paced Module 4: Fighting Covid-19 and Emerging Stronger in the Digital Age			Programme Closing	
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