

MANAGING INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT – LEGAL FRAMEWORKS

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**CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW,
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE (CIL)**

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), NUS

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

This course will provide government officials – particularly non-lawyers and non-specialists – with an overview of the way in which investment treaty commitments apply to the day-to-day business of government. There will be a focus on dispute avoidance, providing participants with tools to respond to investor grievances. This can prevent grievances from escalating into investor-state arbitrations, putting the government at risk of potentially massive liability.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Overview of the Investment Treaty Regime
- Investor-State Dispute Settlement
- Implications of Investment Treaty Commitments on Governance
- Dispute Prevention and Management Strategies
- Practical matters for non-specialists

Methodology

This course will be delivered for up to **25 participants** through **synchronous e-Learning** (“live” e-learning sessions) on Zoom. 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 **3 to 6 November 2020**.

The **“Live” e-learning sessions** will be conducted from **1000** to latest **1430 (Singapore Time; UTC/GMT +8 hours)** each day. Sessions may end earlier on selected days.

Participants are expected to complete allocated pre-readings before attending the ‘live’ e-learning sessions. Prior to course commencement, the CIL 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 involved in issues related to international investment agreement negotiations and policy formulation;
- Able to attend **all** the synchronous e-learning sessions. They will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom installed, a functioning webcam 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 Award.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **5 October 2020**)

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 National Focal Point for Technical Assistance in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://go.gov.sg/managing-int-investment> by **Monday, 5 October 2020**. NFPs are also required to use the SCP website (www.scp.gov.sg) to endorse your nominees.

Note:

- All applications should be completed in full. Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered. Please contact [Edmund KOH@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:Edmund.KOH@mfa.gov.sg) and [SIM Fu Hua@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:SIM_Fu_Hua@mfa.gov.sg) if you encounter technical issues during application.
- Participants who complete all course materials and attend all four days 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 National Focal Point will also be informed directly.

