

## **DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

**11 TO 15 MAY 2020**

Jointly organised by the

**SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

and the

**UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION  
(UNDRR)**

to be conducted by the

**CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE, SINGAPORE**

and the

**UNDRR**

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### **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 130,000 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.

### **United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction**

The UN General Assembly adopted the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction in December 1999 and established the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). UNDRR is the focal point in the UN system for the coordination of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and supports the implementation, follow-up and review of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030. Its core areas of work include supporting countries and regions in ensuring DRR is a national and local priority and increasing investments for DRR.

The UNDRR's Global Education and Training Institute (GETI), which was established in 2010, has a mandate to develop a new cadre of professionals in DRR and climate change adaptation for disaster resilient societies. To deliver on this mandate, it has focused primarily on national and city leaders and municipal disaster risk



managers. Over the years, UNDRR GETI has trained over 8,039 government officials on various aspects of DRR, from 149 countries.

## Civil Service College

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.

## Programme Objectives

The course examines key principles of disaster risk reduction and the hardcoding of resilience into policy, infrastructure and human behaviour. Participants will learn about the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement, and possible applications to their State's existing plans. The course will also cover Singapore's experiences in disaster risk reduction and the government's approach in formulating adaptation measures and building resilience in the community. UNDRR will provide globally accepted tools and help the participants become familiar with the tools, use them and develop draft action plans for integrating DRR and climate change adaptation into development policies. UNDRR will also bring global best practices and encourage sharing of experiences amongst the participants.

## Synopsis

The programme will cover the following aspects:

- Vulnerability assessment through risk and hazard analysis;
- Understanding how disaster risk reduction links with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement, linking the Sendai Framework with the other two major agreements of 2015;
- Understanding how to prevent creation of new risk, and reducing existing risks;
- Setting up early warning systems to avoid or reduce risks;
- Building public health resilience through pandemic preparedness;
- Formulating DRR strategies as per Target E of the Sendai Framework,
- Essential emergency operations including emergency management plans;
- Working with public and private stakeholders and strengthening policy and decision-making processes;
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation measures;
- Sustainable urban planning and development;
- Strengthening governance and building capacity;
- Finance for DRR; and
- Integration of DRR and climate change adaptation to development policy. Key sectors covered will include infrastructure, housing, land use planning, environmental protection, gender issues, psychosocial issues, health, livelihoods, to name a few.

Please view this video for more information on the course: <https://www.go.gov.sg/drr2019video>.

## Methodology

Using the best mix of training and learning methodologies, this course will be highly interactive and experiential. Besides formal lecturing, activities include open discussions, group work, experiential activities and other learning methodologies. Participants will also have adequate opportunity to share their experiences, learning points and challenges during the programme. Relevant site visits will also be included.



Shortlisted candidates may be requested to prepare in advance a country report related to disaster risk reduction and possible application of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to their State's existing plans, which will be presented at the course.

## Duration

The course will be held in Singapore from **11 to 15 May 2020**.

## Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials involved in disaster risk reduction policy making and/or national emergency planning and management<sup>1</sup>, and can include officials from planning and finance/budget office;
- 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 and the UNDRR.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore will bear the following expenses for the successful applicants (thereafter known as participants) during their training in Singapore. These expenses include:

- Daily training allowance;  
[Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course.]
- Transportation to course venue and site visits;
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course; and
- Basic hospitalisation and surgical insurance  
[This does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment. Participants are personally liable for all medical expenses beyond what is covered by the insurance policy.]

## Note:

- (a) The nominating Government will be responsible for its participants' round-trip airfares;
- (b) Participants are advised to have money for miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving their training allowance; and
- (c) As the basic hospitalisation and surgical insurance coverage is limited, participants are also advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes medical evacuation in case they encounter any unexpected emergencies.

## Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- (a) Strictly observe course schedules and not miss training sessions;
- (b) Not bring any member of their family and/or aide for the duration of the course;
- (c) Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating Authority or the Government of Singapore with respect to the course;
- (d) Refrain from engaging in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Singapore;
- (e) Discontinue the course, in the event they fall seriously ill and are considered unable to continue the training or have committed an improper act; and
- (f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

## Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **31 March 2020**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance 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.

<sup>1</sup> A list of official focal points for the Sendai Framework and National Platform can be found at the UNDRR's website, <https://www.undrr.org/about-undrr/where-we-work/>

All nominees are to submit their applications online at <https://www.go.gov.sg/drr2020> by **Tuesday, 31 March 2020**. All application forms must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance.

**Note:**

- All applications should be completed in full. Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered. Please contact [Adelene.Lim@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:Adelene.Lim@mfa.gov.sg) if you encounter technical issues during application;
- 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 or through Singapore's diplomatic representations in the nominating country; and
- Flight arrangements are to be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

**Information on Singapore**

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