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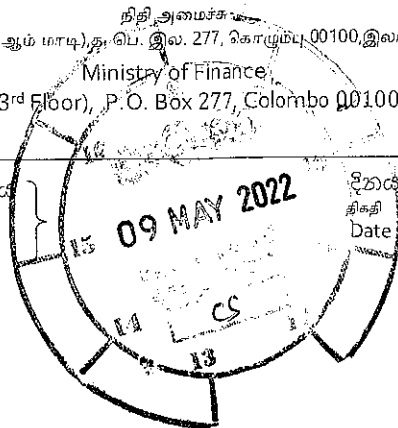
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- Secretary / Ministry of Energy
- Secretary / Ministry of Education
- Secretary / Ministry of Environment
- Secretary / Ministry of Water Supply
- Secretary / State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Secretary / State Ministry of Urban Development, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness

Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Trainings

Dear Sir/ Madam

SCP: Environmental Leadership Programme for Sustainable Infrastructure - From: 06th – 10th June 2022 (Online)

We are writing with reference to the letter No. MFA/TCD/00015/2022 dated 14th April 2022 sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Singapore on the above.

Accordingly, the Government of Singapore has invited nominations from eligible government officials in Sri Lanka for the above online programme. The programme details are enclosed.

We would highly appreciate, if you could instruct the relevant officials to circulate this programme among the Departments/Divisions/Institutes under your purview and submit one (01) nomination to the Department of External Resources (ERD) with the following documents on or **before 10th May 2022**.

- o Nomination Letter (from the relevant Ministry)
- o Duly filled Application Form (Printouts of the Online application)
- o Duly filled ERD Form (can be downloaded from www.erd.gov.lk)

The online registration is available at <https://go.gov.sg/sustainableinfrastructure2022> and **applicants are strongly advised to register as early as possible.**

We expect timely submission of the above documents as our endorsement is required by the organizers. Kindly be informed that we will not be able to endorse the applications if the nomination letter is not reached us.

For further enquiries please contact following officers of Technical Assistance Division of the ERD:
Ms. M.R.C.K. Senanayake Deputy Director 011 2484703 or Ms. Darshika Madurapperuma Development Officer 011 2484995 E-mail: darshika@erd.gov.lk

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Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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Additional Director General
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Copies to: Chief Secretaries, All Provincial Councils
Chairman, University Grant Commission
Chairman, Central Environmental Authority
Chairman, Sustainable Energy Authority
Director, National Solid Waste Management
Support Centre

PI. send applications with your
recommendation through the relevant
line Ministry.

building to more fully exploit the interlinkages between infrastructure and the SDGs.

UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and The Pacific

ESCAP is the most inclusive intergovernmental platform in the Asia-Pacific region. The Commission promotes cooperation among its 53 member States and 9 associate members in pursuit of solutions to sustainable development challenges. ESCAP is one of the five regional commissions of the United Nations. ESCAP's Sustainable Urban Development Section, part of the Environment and Development Division promotes sustainable urban development across the region through regional dialogues, normative guidance, the establishment of partnerships to support cities and capacity building programmes directly with cities.

In 2019, ESCAP organized the 7th Asia Pacific Urban Forum in Penang, Malaysia, and launched *The Future of Asian & Pacific Cities* report, co-developed with partners including UN-Habitat, the European Union, Asian Development Bank, Rockefeller Foundation, the Centre for Liveable Cities in Singapore, and the UN Development Programme. The report identified four thematic pillars: Urban and Territorial Planning; Urban Resilience; Smart and Inclusive Cities; and Urban Finance.

ESCAP organizes with partners the Asia Pacific Mayors Academy, designed to build the capacity of new mayors in the region to develop sustainable urban solutions in their communities, based on the recommendations in *The Future of Asian & Pacific Cities* report.

ESCAP also delivers a range of capacity building project, including on air pollution, waste and plastic pollution, and localizing the Sustainable Development Goals. In partnership with the Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanization, ESCAP developed the *Asia Pacific Regional Guidelines for Voluntary Local Reviews* (VLRs) and is working with communities across the region to develop VLRs.

Civil Service College, Singapore

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.

Introduction

Infrastructure is central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Infrastructure systems are drivers of economic growth and enable access to basic services and economic opportunities that improve livelihoods and well-being. Yet the choices that we make about the types of infrastructure we choose to build and where we choose to build it also have direct and indirect negative impacts on the environment and societies.

The OECD has estimated that US\$6.9 trillion will need to be invested in infrastructure every year to meet achieve the SDGs by 2030. The bulk of this investment is needed in developing countries, in order to meet growing demand generated by strong population growth, increased income levels, and rapid urbanisation.

In March 2019, the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) passed a resolution on sustainable infrastructure (UNEP/EA.4/L.5) that recognises infrastructure's centrality to the 2030 Agenda. It encourages Member States to develop and strengthen national and regional systems-level strategic approaches to infrastructure planning, promotes nature-based solutions and encourages the international community to support countries in building the technical and institutional capacity to develop sustainable infrastructure. These actions

toward sustainable infrastructure have been further accelerated since a new UNEA 5 Resolution on Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure was adopted in March 2022.

Course Objectives

This course is designed to help deliver on the UNEA sustainable infrastructure resolutions by increasing the participants’ understanding of opportunities and challenges associated with developing sustainable infrastructure, as well as the policy conditions to enable and address them. The course will cover links between infrastructure and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with an emphasis on building resilience, including through integrated approaches and how planners can maximise SDG outcomes by incorporating sustainability concerns into the early strategic planning of infrastructure. This knowledge can then be incorporated into decision-making processes.

Synopsis of Topics

Topics to be covered include:

- Sustainable infrastructure in the regional context
- Delivering SDGs through sustainable infrastructure: renewable energy, green transport, clean water, waste management, urban development, etc.
- Building resilience, including through Nature-based infrastructure solutions – opportunities and challenges
- Infrastructure system integration and sustainability acceleration
- Green Finance: access to green finance under IFIs funding mechanism, green bonds, GCF, AIIB, PPP to leverage financing, etc
- International tools and instruments to assess and evaluate infrastructure

Methodology

Notwithstanding the virtual modality, the programme is designed to be highly interactive, participatory, and dynamic, taking advantage of a variety of different learning approaches, including:

- Technical presentations from international experts
- Discussions among experts and participants
- Interactive learning opportunities and cross-cultural knowledge exchange
- Cooperation opportunities between stakeholders

- Group project work, culminating in a presentation to the class

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **16 May 2022**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance (NFP) to nominate **up to two (2)** suitable applicants. 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/sustainableinfrastructure2022> by **Monday, 16 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>

Duration

The course will be held online on a virtual platform, from **06 to 10 June 2022**.

The sessions will be conducted from **14:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs (Singapore Time; UTC/GMT +8 hours) daily**, with breaks when appropriate.

Participation

The course is designed for representatives of the national governments of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam, and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat. This could include representatives from government ministries of environment, finance, economy, development, strategic planning, labour, and other relevant ministries.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Upper working-level/technical-level decision makers and policymakers involved in infrastructure planning;
- Able to attend **all** the e-learning sessions. Applicants will require an internet-enabled device with Zoom installed, and an internet-enabled device with 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 and UNEP (with the financial support of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China) under the Singapore-UNEP Joint Training Programme.

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.

Note:

- Participants who complete all course assignments and attend 80% of 'live' e-learning sessions, will receive a joint certificate of completion from the SCP and UNEP;
- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your application while your application is being processed; and
- 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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