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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 150,000 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.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia

The International Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides political guidelines on international cooperation; Likewise, it coordinates and guides cooperation relations with

bilateral and multilateral sources, within the framework of the strategic objectives of Colombian foreign policy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the governing body of the National International Cooperation System.

The main objective of the National Cooperation System will be that the management of non-reimbursable cooperation contributes to the achievement of the country's foreign policy objectives and is aligned with the development priorities of the national Government.

Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia

The Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia (APC Colombia) is the leading entity in Colombia in matters of international cooperation for development. APC Colombia is institutionally empowered to manage, guide and coordinate all public, private, technical and financial non-reimbursable international cooperation received and granted by the country. The Agency is empowered to act as the official interlocutor between the international community and Colombian institutions in the coordination and management of international cooperation programs, projects and initiatives.

As a national technical entity for international cooperation, and international cooperation being an instrument of foreign policy of the States and, at the

same time, an instrument to leverage and contribute to the development of countries, APC-Colombia guides its management from the guideline dictated by the President of the Republic and formulated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia.

Civil Service College

Civil Service College (CSC) is the central learning institution for the Singapore Public Service. It plays a pivotal role in nurturing and developing people for a first-class Public Service. As a Statutory Board under the Prime Minister's Office, CSC endeavours to be the heart of learning excellence and development for the Singapore Public Service.

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. CSC works 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.

Course Objectives

This course examines key principles of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Urban Search and Rescue, and the hardcoding of resilience into policy, implementation action and human behaviour. Using Climate Change as an anchor, the course will showcase the approaches and adaptations adopted by Colombia and Singapore to integrated risk management and multi-stakeholder approach to crisis recovery.

Course Outline

The workshop will cover topics such as Disaster Risk Management, Urban Search and Rescue, and Climate Change Adaptation with a focus on intervention measures to avoid future risks.

Methodology

This course will be conducted in-person in Bogota, Colombia. Discussions with experienced practitioners, opportunities for sharing sessions, and case studies will be facilitated by Singapore and Colombia speakers.

Course Duration and Venue

The 5-day workshop will be conducted from **24 to 28 June 2024** in Bogota, Colombia (UTC-5).

Invited Countries/Territories

Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Belize, Curaçao, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid-to-senior level government officials from the disaster risk management and/or urban search and rescue units.
- Nominated by their government.
- Proficient in written and spoken English.
- In good health.
- Prepared to participate actively in the programme.

Terms of Award

This course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore and the Government of Colombia.

The governments will bear the following expenses for successful applicants, thereafter known as "participants", during the course in Bogota, Colombia.

These expenses include:

- Course fees, including class fees, administrative fees and course materials.
- A round-trip economy class airline ticket to Bogota, Colombia.

- Accommodation during the entire course. Free breakfast at the hotel from the first day until one day after the course*
- Daily meals will be covered during the entire stay in Bogota*
- Transportation to the training venue and site visits during the course*
- Basic insurance coverage (Hospitalization and Group Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for participants during their stay in Bogota, Colombia, according to the policy of a local insurance company. [This does not cover any pre-existing condition/illness and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment. Participants are personally responsible for all medical expenses beyond what is covered by the insurance policy].

*Accommodation, daily meals and transportation will be managed through a logistics operator.

Note:

- Participants are to bear any other personal expenses that might be incurred.
- As the basic insurance coverage is limited, participants are strongly advised to purchase additional comprehensive travel insurance which includes medical evacuation in case they encounter any unexpected emergencies.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- Strictly observe course schedules and not miss any course sessions.
- Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating government or the Governments of Singapore and the Colombia with respect to the course.
- Not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Colombia.
- Discontinue the course, in the event they fall seriously ill and are considered unable to continue the course or have committed an improper act.
- Return to their respective home countries upon

completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **23 April 2024**)

The Governments of Singapore and Colombia are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate up to **two (2)** suitable candidates, preferably from the disaster risk management and/or urban search and rescue units for consideration.

Selection of candidates for the limited number of training awards will be based on merit. The Governments of Singapore and Colombia seek the understanding of the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event that their nominee is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted **online** at <https://go.gov.sg/drm-bogota> by **Tuesday, 23 April 2024**. All applications must also be **endorsed** by the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance.

Note:

- Applications must be completed in full. Incomplete application forms will not be considered. Please contact [liew boa tyng@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:liew_boa_tyng@mfa.gov.sg) and [ng hui min@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:ng_hui_min@mfa.gov.sg) if you encounter technical issues during application.
- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your applications while your application is being processed.
- 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 representation in the nominating country.

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