INTRODUCTION TO DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
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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 160,000 officials from more than 180 developing countries, territories and intergovernmental organisations have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Development Partnerships Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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 43,000 officials and other participants from 186 countries and territories.

Civil Service College, Singapore

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. By sharing the Singapore government's experience and best practices, CSC hopes to promote good governance and develop goodwill, co-operation and understanding between different governments across the world.

Course Objectives

This course examines key principles of DRR and the hardcoding of resilience into policy, implementation action and human behavior. Drawing lessons from the COVID-19 global pandemic that demonstrates the 'new normal' of interconnected risk, and other disasters, participants will learn about the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement, interlinkages with International Health Regulations, and possible applications to their State's existing policy and plans, including disaster risk reduction strategies. The course will also cover Singapore's experiences in disaster risk reduction and its whole-of-government approach in formulating adaptation measures and building resilience in the community.

UNDRR will help participants become familiar with tools available to develop risk-informed strategies and plans that link DRR, climate, development action and health emergencies. UNDRR will also bring global best practices and encourage sharing of experiences amongst the participants.

Course Outline

This course topics will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Understanding how DRR 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, including biological and human-induced hazards;
- Fundamentals for formulating national and local DRR strategies as per Global Target E of the Sendai Framework and indicators of SDGs 1 on no poverty, 11 on sustainable cities and 13 on climate action;
- Integration of DRR and climate change adaptation into development policy. Key sectors covered will include infrastructure, housing, urban and land use planning, environmental protection, gender issues, psychosocial issues, and health;
- Singapore's experience in disaster risk reduction and whole-of-government approach to integrated risk management, and building resilience;
- Working with public and private stakeholders, and strengthening policy and decision-making processes.
- Applications of artificial intelligence (AI) for DRR

Methodology

This course will be conducted in a lecture and panel discussion style by experienced trainers, academics and/or policy makers in relevant topics, with opportunities for group work and discussions, experience sharing sessions, case studies and/or evaluation sessions. Site visits to relevant agencies and facilities will be arranged.

Course Duration and Venue

This course will be conducted from **11 to 15 January 2027** in Singapore.

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. These can include officials from planning and finance/budget office.
- Nominated by their government.
- Proficient in English
- In good health
- Prepared to participate actively in the programme.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore and UNDRR under the Singapore-UNDRR Joint Training Programme (JTP).

Under this JTP, the Government of Singapore and UNDRR will bear the following expenses for successful applicants, thereafter known as "participants", during the course in Singapore.

These expenses include:

- Course fees, including lecture fees, administrative fees, and course materials.
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course.
- A daily allowance of One Hundred and Thirty Singapore Dollars (S$130) from the first day to the last day of the course. A proportionate reduction in the daily allowance will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the course.
- Transportation to the training venue and site visits during the course.
- Basic insurance coverage (Group Hospitalisation and Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for the duration of the course in Singapore, in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company. 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:

- **The nominating Government will be responsible for its participants' round-trip airfares. Applicants are encouraged to verify the availability of funding for their round-trip airfares with their respective nominating government;**;
- Participants are to bear their personal expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the per diem; and
- As the basic insurance coverage does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment, participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes adequate coverage of COVID-19 related expenses and medical evacuation in the event of any unexpected emergencies.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- For entry into Singapore, participants are required to adhere to the latest travel and health requirements/advisories as indicated at www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart;
- Strictly observe the course schedule and attend all training sessions. Participants will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP only upon attaining full attendance of the course. Any leave of absence must be substantiated with medical certificates or compelling reasons. Failure to attain full attendance will affect the eligibility for future SCP participations; and
- Carry out instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating government or the Government

of Singapore and the UNDRR with respect to the course.
- Not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit or gain while in Singapore.
- 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: **6 November 2026**)

The Government of Singapore and the UNDRR are pleased to invite the National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate one **(2)** suitable candidate for consideration.

Selection of candidates for the limited number of training awards will be based on merit. The Government of Singapore and the UNDRR. may allocate more than one (1) place per country if there is additional capacity. The Government of Singapore and the UNDRR 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/undrr2027 **by Friday, 6 November 2026**. All applications must also be **endorsed** by the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance.

- Applicants: https://go.gov.sg/start-guide
- NFPs: https://go.gov.sg/start-nfp

Note:

- Applications must be completed in full. Incomplete application forms will not be considered. Please contact mfa_scp@mfa.gov.sg if you encounter technical issues during application.
- Participants will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP upon completion of the course.
- 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. Flight arrangements should be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

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