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11<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**Attn: Officer In-Charge Foreign Trainings**

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Heads/ Other Special Spending Units  
Secretaries / All Ministries  
Heads/ All Departments  
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District Secretaries / All Districts

**Short Term Training Programme on "Climate Resilience in Food Security"**  
**From 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2026 to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026 in Singapore**

We are pleased to inform you that the Government of Singapore has invited nominations for the Short Term Training Programme on "Climate Resilience in Food Security", to be conducted under the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP). The programme will be held in Singapore from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026.

This course will provide insights into the intersection between food security and transboundary climate risks, and how countries can collaborate to reduce the knock-on impacts of climate change on our collective food security. It will further explore the enablers for climate-resilient agriculture including technological innovations, financing tools, and private sector's involvement.

In this regard, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in disseminating this information among the relevant officers of your Ministry and the institutions under your purview. Considering the relevance of this programme to the functions of your Ministry/Institution, you are kindly requested to nominate a suitably qualified officer for participation.

All nominations should strictly comply with the eligibility criteria and other guidelines specified in the attached programme information and should be submitted in accordance with TA Circular No. 2013/2014 (ii) dated 24th October 2013, issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning.

Please note that, in accordance with the programme guidelines, the **sponsoring agency does not provide international airfare**, and the cost of air travel is required to be borne by the nominating Government. Further, under the prevailing Government circulars, such expenditure cannot be met from domestic budgetary allocations.

In this context, the Department of External Resources (ERD) will endeavour to facilitate the selected nominee in obtaining an air ticket through available sponsorships, subject to the availability of such sponsorship and the willingness of the sponsor to provide the required assistance. Accordingly, upon confirmation of selection, the nominee should immediately submit to the Department of External Resources a formal request for facilitation of the air ticket together with a copy of his/her passport.

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Please note that this facilitation is strictly subject to the availability of sponsorship. In the event that sponsorship cannot be secured, the selected nominee will be required to make independent arrangements to purchase the air ticket at his/her own expense. Therefore, a written consent from the nominee, duly recommended and endorsed by the respective Ministry/Institution (employer), confirming his/her willingness to bear the cost of the air ticket if necessary, should be submitted together with the nomination. Applications received without this duly endorsed undertaking will not be considered.

The nomination should reach the Department of External Resources **on or before 2.00 p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2026**, together with the following documents:

- Nomination letter with the recommendation of the relevant Ministry;
- A copy of the completed online application;
- Duly completed ERD Application Form (downloadable from [www.erd.gov.lk](http://www.erd.gov.lk)); and
- **A formal letter from the nominee, duly endorsed by the Head of the Institution, confirming his/her willingness to bear the cost of the air ticket if required.**

Any discrepancies in names of the nominees across different documents may lead to administrative issues and complications in processing the application. Therefore, we kindly advise the nominees to use the name exactly as it appears in their passports in all documentation related to the programme.

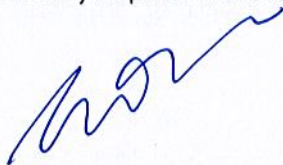
Please note that only one nomination can be forwarded by Sri Lanka for this programme. Accordingly, applications received by the Department of External Resources will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. The final selection will be made by the Government of Singapore based on the nominee's qualifications, professional experience, and the relevance of the programme to his/her current responsibilities.

Further, once selected, nominees are expected to honour their acceptance and refrain from withdrawing except under exceptional and unavoidable circumstances. As these training opportunities are offered for the benefit of the country, withdrawals after selection adversely affect Sri Lanka's reputation with development partners, result in the loss of valuable training opportunities, and deprive other deserving officers of the opportunity to participate. Ministries and institutions are therefore kindly requested to forward nominations only after ensuring the nominee's firm commitment and availability to attend the programme.

Instructions for applicants are available at <https://go.gov.sg/start-guide>, and nominated officers are strongly encouraged to complete the online application at the earliest opportunity through <https://go.gov.sg/crfs2026>. Timely submission of the online application together with all required documents will enable this Department to process the nomination, provide the necessary endorsement required by the organizers, and facilitate Sri Lanka's participation in the programme.

This programme offers an excellent opportunity to strengthen the knowledge and professional capacity of public officials engaged in financial sector governance and digital transformation. Your cooperation in nominating the most suitable candidate to maximize this opportunity would be greatly appreciated.

Your early response in this regard would be highly appreciated.



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