



REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION OF MARINE LITTER

18 TO 22 MARCH 2019

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

and

THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

under the

SINGAPORE - NORWAY THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMME

to be conducted by

SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE

and

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

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, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for over 110,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Norwegian Development Cooperation

UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development goals shapes the foundation for Norway's development cooperation. The development cooperation is focused on the following areas: education, humanitarian assistance, health, private sector development, climate, environment and renewable energy. Across all areas emphasis is given to human rights, climate and environment, women and gender equality and work against corruption

Clean, healthy and sustainable use of oceans is part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and reducing marine litter an important effort in achieving this. Norway has taken a leading role in the global effort to promote clean and healthy oceans, and has launched a development program to combat marine litter. As part of Norway's commitment, Norway took the initiative to establish a new multi-donor trust fund, Problue, under the World Bank Blue Economy Program, in addition to donating 125m NOK (approx. 20m SGD) to the fund. Norway also worked to ensure that the prevention of marine pollution, including marine plastic litter, was included as a key theme in the Fund.

Singapore-Norway Third Country Training Programme

Since the establishment of the Singapore - Norway Third Country Training Programme (TCTP) in 1996, Singapore and Norway have jointly sponsored training programmes for over 270 government officials from all over the world in areas such as Climate Change and Renewable Energy, Environmental Management, Aquaculture, Utility Management, Information Technology, English Language, Healthcare and Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Measures.

Singapore Environment Institute, National Environment Agency

Singapore Environment Institute (SEI) is the training and knowledge division of the National Environment Agency (NEA), Singapore's leading public organisation responsible for sustaining a clean and green environment. SEI distils and documents the knowledge residing with experienced staff, as well as other sources, for transfer to the next generation of officers via its training programmes. The Institute also develops and upgrades the local industry's manpower capabilities. SEI's public lectures feature renowned environmental speakers who catalyse thought leadership and foster communities of best practices. SEI's collaborations with, and strong support from industry, academic and government organisations, are instrumental to its goal of 'Advancing Knowledge in Environmental Sustainability'.

SEI's key training and knowledge areas include:

- Climate Change and Energy
- Pollution Management
- Environmental Public Health Management

- Urban Environmental Management
- Weather and Meteorological Services

United Nations Environment Programme

The United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment. Our mission is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

In Asia and the Pacific, UN Environment collaborate with 41 countries to achieve sustainable economic growth, reduce degradation of the environment and bring social and economic benefits to the people of the region.

UN Environment specialises in seven thematic areas:

- Climate change
- Disasters and conflicts
- Ecosystem management
- Environmental governance,
- Chemicals, waste, and air quality
- Resource efficiency
- Environment under review.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course will share the policy frameworks and practices adopted by Singapore and Norway towards waste management and reduction of marine litter with a particular focus on plastics and microplastics. The course will look into proven best practices in South East Asia and beyond. It will focus on methods that can be effectively applied in the region as well as strategies for recovery, recycling and solid waste handling. Participants will gain an insight into effective policies in this field and get a broader understanding of the challenges and responses at different stages. The course will focus on strategies for governments at national, regional and local level, as well as the potential role of business and civil society. Professionals will share experiences on their response to challenges within

waste management and marine litter issues. Government experts, relevant companies and research communities will share their ideas and expertise.

SYNOPSIS

The training will examine how well-functioning waste management systems and policies can reduce unnecessary plastic, and handle plastics as waste in order to stop plastic waste from damaging our oceans.

Topics to be covered include:

- International efforts and cooperation on marine litter, plastics and microplastics;
- National vision on environmental protection;
- Waste management systems;
- Waste minimisation and reduction;
- Public cleansing and environmental sanitation;
- Plastics production and use, and alternatives to plastics, and
- Regional and national action planning on plastic pollution.

METHODOLOGY

The course will be conducted in an interactive and immersive manner, with lecture presentations, group exercises and discussions. Experienced speakers from Norway, Singapore and other South East Asian countries will share their experiences and facilitate discussion within the field of waste management and marine littering.

The course might also include a conference or seminar open to a broader public, including relevant actors from government agencies, the business community, the academic and research communities, civil society and other relevant stakeholders.

DURATION

The course will be held from **18 to 22 March 2019**.

INVITED COUNTRIES

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu and Vietnam

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Participants should be:

- Mid to senior officials involved in policy-making related to environment or planning for waste management and reduction of marine litter;
- 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 Norway under the Singapore-Norway Third Country Training Programme.

Under this arrangement, both Governments will cover the following expenses for successful applicants, thereafter known as participants, during the seminar in Singapore.

- An economy class, round-trip, air ticket between the respective international airports designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore;
- A daily training allowance of One Hundred and Twenty Singapore Dollars (S\$120) from first day to last day of the course to cover meals and daily expenses. [Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day to one day after the course];
- Transportation to course venue and site visits;
- Medical insurance for participants to cover accident and hospitalisation during their stay in Singapore in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company; and
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course.

Note:

- (i) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance.
- (ii) Any expenses for out-patient medical/dental treatment will be borne by the participants themselves.

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 Government 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: **8 February 2019**)

The Governments of Singapore and Norway are pleased to invite the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance to nominate **two (2)** suitable applicants. Selection of candidates will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Governments of Singapore and Norway seeks the understanding of the respective National Focal Point for Technical Assistance in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted **through online Application Forms available at <https://start.wizvision.com/startpublic/>**.

Information submitted online must be endorsed by the National Focal Point by **Friday, 8 February 2019**. Please do not hesitate to contact start-support@wizvision.com if you encounter technical issues during application.

- All application forms should be completed in full and submitted online. They must also be **endorsed** by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point for Technical Assistance;
- Draft application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be considered;

- Applicants should refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of their applications;
- The system is hosted by a third party service provider. Please avoid providing input with sensitive or confidential information that should not be disclosed or made available online;
- The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. The National Focal Point for Technical Assistance will also be informed directly or through Singapore's diplomatic representations in the nominating country;
- Flight arrangements are to be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course

INFORMATION ON SINGAPORE

For more information about Singapore, you may wish to visit the Singapore Tourism Board website at www.yoursingapore.com

