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INTERNATIONAL LEADERS IN URBAN GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME



8-12 MAY 2023



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CITY LEADERS FROM LATIN AMERICA



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Background

The Government of Singapore¹, within the ambit of the Singapore Cooperation Programme, and UN-Habitat are committed to supporting governments in activating their urban potential through the International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme, which will take place from 8-12 May 2023 in Singapore. The use of Singapore's experience in nation-building and drive towards sustainable urbanisation, through sharing of its urban practices and model of urban transformation as well as the cross-exchanges for peer-learning of urban policies and planning and legislations, will substantively augment governments' pursuits and ambitions in alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda.

Themes

The programme will bring together experienced practitioners from UN-Habitat and Singapore to share and discuss policies and practices as well as lessons learned that relate to the planning and implementation of **affordable housing in the broader context of sustainable urbanisation**. It will address integrated urban development planning including for housing, dynamic urban governance, sustainable environment, transport and mobility, quality of living and much more. The programme includes Action Planning sessions which will allow participants to discuss their cities' priority urban challenges in consultation with practitioners from Singapore and UN-Habitat.

Objectives

The programme is practical and problem-solving oriented, addressing the needs of decision makers and senior urban practitioners. It aims to:

- Support cities to plan, innovate and implement projects to catalyse change;
- Expand mindshare on the core principles of an effective governance and executional framework, using real models such as the Singapore's Liveability Framework and best practice examples;
- Provide city leaders with the knowledge, skills and tools that will enable them to lead change in their cities' urban planning, thereby contributing directly to achievement of the key SDGs;
- Encourage cross-sector knowledge exchange to develop sustainable cities through integrated long-term planning and dynamic urban governance;
- Support city leaders' work through specific project challenges based on best practices;
- Monitor and evaluate these projects for continuous improvement;
- Promote peer-to-peer learning and networks among city leaders.

¹ Represented by the Technical Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Centre for Liveable Cities, Ministry of National Development, under the ambit of the Singapore Co-operation Programme.

Eligibility and Requirements

The programme is hosted in Singapore and is addressed to city leaders and senior officials from Latin American cities to apply to the programme. Acceptance of applicants into the programme is subject to the submission of completed application documents and space availability. The organisers reserve the right to decide on the selection and final acceptance of all applicants. Participants will be selected based on the following eligibility and criteria.

1. Applicant comes from the Latin American countries;
2. Applicant comes from a city undergoing rapid urbanisation and facing challenges related to the achievement of SDGs, especially SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities;
3. Applicant forms part of a 2-person teams. Cities are expected to send teams comprising **one (1) City Leader** (mayor, deputy mayor or equivalent with executive responsibilities in urban management) and **one (1) senior official** (at the level of a chief planner, chief engineer or equivalent);
4. Applicant has a good, working knowledge of both written and spoken English as all sessions and discussions will be conducted in English;
5. Applicant is fully vaccinated with WHO EUL COVID-19 vaccines;
6. Applicant, if selected to attend the programme, commits to attending all sessions for the duration of the whole programme;
7. Applicant, if selected to attend the programme, agrees to pay for his/her own expenses related to travel to and from Singapore, visa and insurance fees, additional meals and any other expenses not covered under sponsorship (see the section on “Cost and Programme fees”);
8. Applicant, if selected to attend the programme, commits to developing and presenting an action plan that seeks to address a challenge or problem that his/her city is currently facing (to be described in the urban housing challenge concept paper - see Section 2 of the application form for details);
9. Applicant, if selected to attend the programme, agrees to share the learning points from the programme with other officials upon return to their respective cities.

Cost and Programme Fees

The organisers will cover the costs of the programme fees for all eligible and selected participants which also includes programme materials, official meals, local transport to/from the training venue, basic insurance coverage during the stay in Singapore, per diem, and accommodation in Singapore for the nights of **7-12 May 2023 (6 nights)**.

The sponsorship **does not** cover the costs of airfare, airport transfers, visa fees, travel insurance and expenses not stipulated above. Participants are expected to take care of their own travel from home to Singapore and return. As the basic insurance coverage is limited², participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes medical evacuation in case they encounter any unexpected emergencies.

Notification of Outcome of Application

Successful applicants will be notified of their selection in an email from the programme organisers **by, latest, 3 Mar 2023. The selected applicants will have until no later than 15 Mar 2023 to confirm their participation in the programme.** Successful applicants who confirm their attendance should be well prepared with the visa and air travel arrangements in order to *arrive in Singapore on 7 May 2023 and depart by 13 May 2023 after the programme is concluded.*

² The basic insurance coverage does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment.

NOTES ON COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Eligible city officials from Latin America who are interested to participate in the Singapore—UN-Habitat International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme (SGUNHILUGP), from 8-12 May 2023 in Singapore, are invited to submit their application by 31 January 2023.

Before starting on your application, kindly prepare the following documents, in pdf format:

- Passport-size photo (taken in the last 3 months)
- Copy of the Info Page of your passport. Please make sure that your passport is valid for at least six months after your date of entry into Singapore.
- Curriculum vitae (CV) (in English)
- Copy of your business card
- Copy of Letter of Endorsement/Support (in English) from your Supervisor to attend this iLUGP
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status (in English)
- 3-Page Urban Housing Challenge Concept Paper (in English)

The application form is accessible at: <https://form.gov.sg/6319adacea4514001366c2ef>.

Should you have any questions with regards to the SGUNHILUGP, please contact:

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SUBMISSION OF URBAN HOUSING CHALLENGE CONCEPT PAPER

The theme of the 2023 SGUNHILUGP is on Affordable Housing.

Each team is required to submit a **3-page concept paper** in English. This concept paper should:

1. Articulate one urban housing challenge your city is facing and describe a project that you plan to implement over the period of twelve months after the programme. The project must be on an urban housing theme, including (but not limited to) planning, transport, financing, water etc.;
2. Include:
 - a. Brief description of the city (e.g. demography, city size, density, GDP, municipal budget etc.);
 - b. Illustrations: photograph(s), views, plans and designs of the city and its urban issues/challenges;
 - c. Brief description of one housing challenge faced by the city;
 - d. Brief description of the project the city is undertaking to address this challenge (e.g. a) goal, b) strategy, c) stakeholders, d) means of implementation, e) current obstacles, f) expected results and outcomes;
3. Contain a statement of purpose that outlines the specific outcomes that the participant /team is hoping to achieve both during and after the programme;
4. Share with us how your participation in the SGUNHILUGP would help achieve the goals and objectives for the city.