

Singapore UN-Habitat International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme

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The UN-Habitat and the Government of Singapore¹, under the ambit of the Singapore Cooperation Programme², are committed to help governments to activate their urban potential through the Singapore UN-Habitat International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme (SG UNiLUGP). The programme will discuss urban policies, planning and legislations, urban financing, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs), the New Urban Agenda and Singapore's model of urban transformation.

The inaugural programme in June 2017 was attended by 42 city leaders from 14 African cities.

The SG UNiLUGP will cover a number of modules related to high-density and high-liveability urban development. The programme brings experienced practitioners from both the UN-Habitat and Singapore to discuss urban issues such as Integrated Master Planning, Dynamic Urban Governance, Sustainable Environment, Transport & Mobility, Parks / Waterways development, Financing a city, Housing, Land management and much more.

The SG UNiLUGP will:

- support cities to plan, innovate and implement projects to catalyse change;
- provide clarity on the SDGs, how to achieve them and share Singapore's Liveability Framework and best practice examples;

- assist cities to understand financing sources and models to execute projects;
- facilitate cross-sector knowledge exchange on integrated urban systems;
- support city leaders work through specific project challenges;
- monitor and evaluate these projects for continuous improvement;
- promote peer-to-peer learning and networks among city leaders.

The sharing by practitioners will be complemented by Action Planning sessions when participants work on their city's priority urban challenge in consultation with mentors and practitioners from the Singapore government and the UN-Habitat.



MOU signing between Singapore's Second Minister for National Development and Minister for Social and Family Development, Desmond Lee and UN-Habitat's former Executive Director, Joan Clos, with support of African leaders, at the Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016.

Programme Details & Requirements

The SG-UNiLUGP is a 5-day residential urban governance programme in Singapore. The 2018 programme will be targeted at African³ city leaders. The sessions will be conducted in English.

Selection criteria

- Cities undergoing rapid urbanisation and facing challenges related to mainstreaming and monitoring SDGs. Cities should submit a paper describing 1-3 specific problems related to urban management that they wish to tackle in their city over the next 12 months.

- Participants should be city leaders at the level of mayors, governors, and head of metropolitan areas, provincial governments with executive responsibilities in urban development and management.
- A strong interest in implementing change and willingness to commit to implementing a post-programme action plan.
- Proficient in English.

Cost

Sponsorship for accepted applicants is available for programme fees and hospitality⁴ in Singapore. Participants only cover the cost of their return airfare and visa fees.

Application

Interested participants should contact the following to obtain an application form and for further queries.

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2 The Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) was established in 1992 to serve as the primary platform through which Singapore offers technical assistance to other countries.

3 Eligible African cities from: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

4 Includes accommodation, per diem, hospitalisation insurance, local airport transfers, and daily transfers to and from the training venue.