CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INTERNATIONAL CYBER SECURITY NEGOTIATIONS

19 TO 20 OCTOBER 2015

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and the

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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, Singapore has sponsored training courses and study visits for more than 100,000 officials from more than 170 countries. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

ICT4Peace Foundation

ICT4Peace is a policy and action-oriented international Foundation in Geneva (www.ict4peace.org). The purpose is to save lives and protect human dignity through Information and Communication Technology. ICT4Peace promotes cyber-security and a peaceful cyberspace through international negotiations with governments, companies and non-state actors. It also explores and champions the use of ICTs and media for Crisis

management, humanitarian aid and peace building. An overview of the ICT4Peace Foundation's work in Cyber-Security can be found at http://bit.ly/1Ds7yCV.

Course Objectives

This course aims to provide a deeper understanding of international cyber policy issues to public officials and diplomats. It develops an understanding of what constitutes responsible State behaviour in cyberspace and the related concepts of international norms and Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) as well as international cooperation in cyber security. This understanding allows a broader informed participation by Governments in international debates and global, regional and bilateral cyber security negotiations. Participants will gain concrete knowledge about national concerns, best practices, policies and institutional arrangements in the field of cyber security at the global and regional level). The course also aims to build a network of alumni, lecturers and experts to update and exchange information on future developments in the global and regional international cyber security debate, research and negotiations.

Synopsis

The workshop will provide opportunities for participants to discuss and learn the concerns, best practices and policies on cyber security at the regional level.

The workshop agenda is based on current international cyber security dialogues at the UN and selected regional organisations such as ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF); Organisation of American States (OAS) and; Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

- International cyber security: Background, context and recent developments;
- Current cyber security consultations and negotiations efforts at the global, regional and bilateral level
- Cyber security and International law
- Norms of responsible state behaviour
- Building confidence between states, including examples of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) and the role of International and Regional Organisations
- Regional perspectives and policy options

There will also be a simulation exercise where participants can deepen their knowledge and understanding of the topics learned during the course, and develop a consensus text on regional cyber-security cooperation.

Speakers

The workshop will feature senior experts and diplomats with practical experience and who are engaged in on-going, global, regional and bilateral cyber-security negotiations, in particular on the applicability of the international law and developing norms of responsible state behaviour, confidence building measures, international cooperation and capacity building.

Duration

The course will be held from **19 to 20 October 2015**.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid to senior level foreign affairs government officials involved in the foreign policy development and/or cyber security diplomacy
- Nominated by their respective Governments
- Proficient in spoken and written English
- In good health

The programme will be conducted in English without any translation / interpretation.

Terms of Award

This programme is jointly sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme and the ICT4Peace Foundation.

Under the Terms of Award for this programme, the Government of Singapore and the ICT4Peace Foundation will bear the following expenses for the successful applicants (thereafter known as participants) during the programme in Singapore. These expenses include:

- 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.
- Accommodation for the entire duration of the course.

Note:
(i) The nominating government will be responsible for their participants' round-trip airfares.
(ii) Participants are to bear their personal miscellaneous expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the allowance.
(iii) 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.

(f) Return to their respective home countries upon completion of the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **Friday, 18 September 2015**)

The Government of Singapore is pleased to invite the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance to nominate up to **three (3)** suitable applicants.

Selection of applicants will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Singapore and ICT4Peace Foundation seek the understanding of the respective National Focal Points for Technical Assistance in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

All nominations are to be submitted by the respective Government Institutions, using the official application form. The application forms are to be submitted and should reach the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore through the National Focal Point and the Singapore Embassy in the nominating country not later than **Friday, 18 September 2015**.

Please address the forms to:

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Technical Cooperation Directorate
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
Tanglin
Singapore 248163

Attn: Mr Lim Jun Kai
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Fax: (65) 6479 3357
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- To expedite the process, a copy of the completed application forms can be scanned and sent via e-mail/fax to the **email address/fax number stated above.** The original application forms can be mailed through diplomatic or normal channels.

- All application forms should be completed in full and **must** bear the endorsement of the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Focal Point responsible for technical assistance.

- Incomplete application forms or forms which are not endorsed will not be accepted.

- Applicants should refrain from making telephone, fax and email inquiries on the status of their applications.

- The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore** will inform all applicants of the outcome of their applications. Their National Focal Point will also be informed directly or through our diplomatic representations in the nominating country.

- Flight arrangements are only to be made upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

ASEAN Regional Forum Seminar

Applicants may also wish to note that an ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Seminar on Operationalising Cyber Confidence-Building Measures in the ARF will also be held on **21 to 22 October 2015** at the same venue as this course. If interested, applicants should look out for the registration details that will be circulated through official channels.

Information on Singapore

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