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Digital Governance, Cybersecurity and AI Adoption for Public Service

13 to 17 July 2026

Sponsored by the

SINGAPORE COOPERATION PROGRAMME

For the

MEMBER STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN RIM ASSOCIATION (IORA)

In collaboration with

THE IORA SECRETARIAT

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, more than 160,000 officials from more than 180 countries, territories, and intergovernmental organisations have participated in our courses and study visits. The SCP is managed by the Technical Cooperation Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore.

Course Objectives

The course aims to support the development needs of IORA Member States through capacity building, particularly in the field of digitalisation and cybersecurity for the public service.

Synopsis

Topics to be covered include:

- Singapore's experience in developing policies for digitalisation and cybersecurity.
- Best practices in building public service capabilities and managing digital governance challenges.
- Methods to support national digitalisation efforts.
- The use of Big Data, AI, and IoT to enhance public service delivery.

Methodology

The course will be delivered for up to **30 participants**. A variety of teaching methodologies will be used throughout the course to ensure active learning and participation including lectures, group discussions, dialogues and experiential activities. Relevant site visits will also be included to enhance the learning experience of the participants.

Course Duration and Venue

The course will be conducted in-person from **13 to 17 July 2026** in Singapore.

Application Information

Applicants should be:

- Mid- to senior-level government officials who have direct oversight, involvement, and responsibility in designing and/or implementing policies related to digital governance, AI adoption or cybersecurity;
- Nominated by their respective governments and the IORA National Focal Points;
- Proficient in written and spoken English, and
- In good health.

Terms of Award

The course is sponsored by the Government of Singapore under the Singapore Cooperation Programme.

Under this programme arrangement, the Government of Singapore will bear the following expenses for the successful applicants (hereafter known as participants) during their training in Singapore. These expenses include:

- Course fees;
- Hotel accommodation for the entire duration of the course. Complimentary breakfast is provided in the hotel from the first day of the course to one day after the course;
- Per diem of One Hundred and Thirty Singapore Dollars (S\$130) from the first day to the last day of the course. A proportionate reduction in the per diem will be made if you are unable to attend the full duration of the course;
- Transportation between hotel and training venue; and
- Basic insurance coverage (Group Hospitalisation and Surgical; Group Personal Accident) for participants during their stay in Singapore, in accordance with the policy of a local insurance company. [This does not cover any pre-existing conditions/illnesses and/or any outpatient medical/dental treatment. Participants are personally liable for all medical expenses beyond what is covered by the insurance policy.]

Note:

- The nominating government will be responsible for its participants' round-trip airfares;
- Participants are to bear their personal expenses that might be incurred prior to receiving the per diem; and
- As the basic insurance coverage is limited, participants are strongly advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance which includes adequate coverage of COVID-19 related expenses and medical evacuation in the event of any unexpected emergencies.

Regulations

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- For entry into Singapore, participants are required to adhere to the latest travel requirements and advisories as indicated at www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart;
- Strictly observe course schedules and attend all training sessions. Participants will receive a certificate of completion from the SCP only upon **attaining full attendance of the course**. Any leave of absence must be substantiated with medical certificates or compelling reasons. Non-compliance with full participation requirements will affect the eligibility for future SCP course applications; and
- Carry out instructions and abide by conditions as may be stipulated by the nominating authority or government and the Government of Singapore and its appointed trainer, with respect to the course.

Application Procedure

(Closing date for nomination: **6.00pm, 1 May 2026 (UTC+8)**)

The Government of Singapore and the IORA Secretariat are pleased to invite the respective IORA National Focal Points for Technical Assistance (NFPs) to nominate **up to two (2)** officials to participate in the course through the IORA Secretariat's contact person Ms Kritika Nuckchady (kritika.nuckchady@iora.int) and copied to zeld.vrolick@iora.int and hq@iora.int. All nominees should **also** submit their applications online at <https://go.gov.sg/iora2026> by **6.00pm, 1 May 2026 (UTC+8)**. Instructions and FAQs for Applicants and NFPs can be found at the links below:

- Applicants: <https://go.gov.sg/start-guide>

- NFPS: <https://go.gov.sg/start-nfp>

Selection of candidates will be based on merit. Should there be more applicants than training places, the Government of Singapore seeks the understanding of the respective NFPs in the event that its nominee(s) is not selected.

Note:

- Please refrain from making telephone and email inquiries on the status of your application while your application is being processed.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore will inform all successful nominated applicants of accordingly via Letters of Acceptance. The NFP will also be informed directly.
- Flight arrangements should be made only upon receipt of the Letter of Acceptance to the course.

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