

### Urban Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Training 23-27 May 2016 • Singapore

## Call for Applications

#### Introduction

The urban infrastructure of Asian cities faces social, political, environmental and financial risks due to climate change-induced shocks and stresses. This creates the impetus for city stakeholders to **assess their cities' vulnerabilities and to look for investment opportunities in designing and building resilient urban infrastructure.**

This Training on Urban Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience aims to improve climate change and urban resilience knowledge among senior-level managers to help them design projects. It is part of CDIA's *Cities and Climate Change Training Series*.

The main sources for content of the course are (i) CDIA instruments, approaches, and case studies to address urban infrastructure investment gaps, and (ii) a manual developed by *USAID Adapt Asia Pacific* in collaboration with the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii.

The five-day course has seven modules. It provides tools and techniques for assessing climate change impacts and vulnerabilities; presents a framework for identification, evaluation, selection, and implementation of climate adaptation strategies, programs and projects; and finally looks at the options available for financing adaptation projects and methods of accessing climate change finance.

*Module 1: An Introduction to Climate Change Resilience*

*Module 2: Understanding Climate Change and Local Climate Impacts*

*Module 3: Scoping for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction*

*Module 4: Techniques for Vulnerability Assessment and Generating Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Options*

*Module 5: Evaluating Strategies for Reducing Vulnerability and Mainstreaming Resilience*

*Module 6: Preparing Project Proposals to Access Climate Funds and Support Services*

*Module 7: Climate Finance Flows, Sources and Instruments*

Site Visits in Singapore will be integrated into the program to provide examples of structural measures and as take-off points for exchange and discussion.

#### Learning Objectives

The aim of this training is to accelerate the cities' efforts on integrating climate change mitigation and adaptation into local strategies. In particular, it will help participants:

- Understand urban development and climate change linkages
- Learn financing options for mitigation and adaptation measures
- Collaborate with peers and international experts

**Target Participants:** Thirty (30) senior level staff from seven (7) cities in the Asian region; at least Four (4) participants from each city.

**Terms of Participation**

- Trainees are required to have 100% attendance to the course.
- City teams must coordinate with CDIA for any follow-up activities *after* the course.
- Each selected participant shall benefit from waived training registration fee with a value of USD2,000; sponsored return airfare from city of origin to Singapore, hotel accommodation (check in May 22, check out May 28), visa fee, inland transport for airport transfers and site visits, meals during training, and group insurance.

**Application and Selection Process**

- 1-31 March** Duly completed Application Forms must be sent to [joy.bailey@giz.de](mailto:joy.bailey@giz.de) : 1 Expression of Interest (EOI) cover letter from Team Leader that states the relevance of the course to their city’s pressing needs, identifies their priority sector, and introduces the team composition. The 4 Individual Application Forms must be attached.
- 1-15 April** Selection screening between CDIA and Singapore MFA
- 18-20 April** Accepted and rejected applicants will receive official communication from CDIA. Selected city teams will get a *Needs Assessment Form* to be answered individually, and a *Project Profiling Questionnaire* to be filled up as a City Team.
- 25-29 April** City Teams must send to CDIA the documents mentioned above and their passport copies. Trainees needing *visa* to enter Singapore must start their visa application.
- 2-13 May** CDIA and MFA will arrange the flights, accommodation and other logistical needs. There will be some coordination overlap with the *GIZ Country Office* where the participant is coming from. For those requiring visa, the flights will only be purchased upon presentation of visa to CDIA.

**Selection Criteria:** *To be considered for the course, a city team must*

- Be able to demonstrate the value of the training to their city and how knowledge and skills gained through it can be applied immediately upon return to the city.
- Bring to the course at least two (2) of their urban infrastructure project proposals being developed. It can be in the sectors of wastewater, water supply, solid waste management, transport, energy, etc.
- Be composed of heads of offices representing: (i) planning (ii) environment (iii) engineering (iv) the respective department responsible for the project proposal/s.
- Have the basic English proficiency to understand the discussions, convey their ideas, and interact with the experts and fellow trainees. No simultaneous translation is available.

**Contact Details**

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