

ABOUT THE MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)

Established in 1980, the MTCP provides technical assistance to participating developing countries. In line with the spirit of South-South Cooperation, Malaysia through the MTCP shares its development experiences and expertise with other developing countries. The MTCP was first formulated based on the belief that the development of a country depends on the quality of its human resources. The programme forms part of the commitment of the Malaysian Government towards the promotion of technical cooperation among developing countries, strengthening of regional and sub-regional cooperation, as well as nurturing collective self-reliance among developing countries. Annually, more than 80 MTCP programmes are offered by 80 MTCP training institutions, many of which are centres of excellence for training. Since its inception, MTCP has trained more than 32,000 participants from 143 countries who have benefited from the various programmes offered under the MTCP.

The objectives of the MTCP are to

- share development experience with other countries
- strengthen bilateral relations between Malaysia and other developing countries
- promote South-South Cooperation (SSC) and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC)

Types of Assistance

- Short-term specialized courses
- Long-term courses (scholarships)
- Technical assistance
- Dispatch of experts

For more information on the MTCP and general conditions of the award please visit

<https://mtcp.kln.gov.my/application/condition-of-awards>

ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY-INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH (UNU-IIGH)

UNU-IIGH was established in 2007 based on an agreement between the United Nations University and the Government of Malaysia. The mission of UNU-IIGH is to undertake research, capacity development and dissemination of knowledge related to key issues of human health. UNU-IIGH's programmes focus on two broad themes:

- Governance for Global Health
- Planetary Change and Health

More information on UNU-IIGH is available from:

<http://iigh.unu.edu/>

APPLICATION

Applications should be made using the prescribed forms and supported by a medical report. Please see http://mtcp.kln.gov.my/download/cat_view/63-application-forms. Applications must be endorsed and submitted by the participating countries through the respective Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs/focal points.

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Short Course on

Health Impact Assessment in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Organised by:



ABOUT THE COURSE

The short course will explore the key roles that people and the planet play in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda) and will introduce Health Impact Assessment (HIA) as a means to assist in the transformation that the Agenda seeks to achieve. HIA aims to improve population health and reduce health inequities by bringing into consideration a broad range of health determinants.

This course will discuss the links between selected environmental parameters (both natural and built) and human health. Major environmental challenges such as climate change, environmental pollution and the state of ecosystems will be used to highlight the need for ecosystems approaches as part of the Agenda.

The course will include a one-day field excursion to a state health department to learn about development of an environmental health risk inventory.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, participants should

- change, ecosystem, environment, climate change and human health towards achieving the Agenda Goals.
- Understand the principles and steps in the HIA process.
- Understand how HIA can be applied to a range of sectors and health-related issues.
- Understand the complex interrelationship between planetary Apply key HIA tools to a range of health-related issues.
- Form part of a regional professional network with respect to action on SDGs and HIA

VENUE

The course will take place in the UNU-IIGH Building at the UKM Medical Centre in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE COURSE

This course is meant for professionals whose work would be strengthened by a broad understanding of the multidisciplinary approach in addressing environmental health issues and mitigating their health outcomes. They may be from the environment and health sectors, those with interest in HIA, and/or recent graduates from the medical, health, environment, biological or engineering disciplines who wish to extend their understanding of planetary health, environmental health and health risk and impact assessment.

To derive maximum benefits, candidates should have a good working knowledge of English, basic computer literacy and some practical experience on HIA.

COURSE SCHEDULE

This 10-day course is scheduled for 3-14 July 2017. The closing date for application is 30 April 2017. Places are limited, so please apply early.

KEY TOPICS

- Overview of the Agenda and understanding the links between environment and health and an introduction to the fundamental elements of HIA.
- Applications of HIA within the context of the Agenda
- Ways to increase collaboration between health and non-health sectors such as environment, urban planning and transportation will be discussed.
- Participants' understanding will be strengthened by developing a HIA proposal for a priority health and environment issue in the context of the SDGs in their respective countries.

TRAINING METHODOLOGIES

Lectures, case studies, interactive discussions, small group discussions, field excursion.

COURSE COSTS

Because of a generous financial support from MTCP, there is no course fee and accommodation and meals are provided. A return air ticket from the capital city of the recipient country to Kuala Lumpur on economy class is provided only for participants from countries with GDP per capita of below USD5,000. Recipients from countries with GDP per capita of above USD5,000 need to bear their own air fares.

FACILITATORS

The course will be led by experts from UNU-IIGH, other Malaysian academic Institutions and the WHO Collaborating Centre for HIA. As professionals from a wide range of countries, participants will also benefit from each other's insights and expertise.

ADVANCE REQUIREMENT

All participants need to submit an abstract of about 250 words describing a situation and the application of HIA, they are currently addressing in their respective locality or work scope.

VISA AND VACCINATION

Expenditures such as visa and all visa-related fees, airport tax/airport user's charge, transit insurance, excess luggage, travel tax, transit fees, domestic passenger terminal fees et cetera are borne by the recipients.

This also applies to vaccination prior to their travel to Malaysia.