The UN-Habitat and the Government of Singapore\textsuperscript{1}, under the ambit of the Singapore Co-operation Programme\textsuperscript{2} are committed to supporting governments in activating their urban potential through the International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme (ILUGP). The programme will discuss urban policies, planning and legislations, urban financing, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda as well as Singapore’s successful urban practices and model of urban transformation.

The ILUGP will provide clarity on the SDGs and how to achieve them as well as share Singapore’s Liveability Framework and best practice examples; assist cities to understand financing sources and models to execute projects; provide city leaders with the knowledge, skills and tools that will enable them to lead change in their cities’ urban planning, thereby contributing directly to achievement of the SDGs; encourage cross sector knowledge exchange to develop sustainable cities through integrated long term planning and dynamic urban governance; support city leaders work through specific project challenges based on best practice; 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.
## Programme Details & Requirements

The ILUGP is a 5-day residential urban governance programme in Singapore.

The inaugural programme is designed for city leaders and senior officials from African cities.

### 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.**
- **A good, working knowledge of English as all sessions will be conducted in English.**

### Cost

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

### Application

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1 Eligible African cities from:

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