

Applications for Scholarships

Postgraduate Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand Academic Year 2017/2018

SWITCH-ASIA SCP NPSC SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF MAHAWELI DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the above European Union funded scholarships from Government Ministries, Line Agencies and other not-for-profit Service Organizations including Chambers of Commerce or apex bodies of economic sectors and NGOs that are either currently involved or have a stake in the promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Sri Lanka in association with the Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment (MoMDE).

1. Background

SWITCH-Asia Sustainable Consumption and Production National Policy Support Component for Sri Lanka project (NPSC) commenced in mid-January 2015 is a 4-year EU funded project awarded upon the request of MoMDE as a 'technical assistance programme' to support strengthening the overall government policies and institutional framework for implementation of SCP practices.

The overall objective of this project is to support the Sri Lankan Government in selecting, adapting and implementing suitable economic and regulatory policy instruments to promote sustainable consumption and production, thereby enhancing the long-term sustainability of consumption and production patterns.

2. Objective of the Scholarship Programme

It is important to develop a stock of human capital to promote SCP concepts and to undertake appropriate interventions during and beyond the project implementation period. As SCP is a cross cutting discipline, while MoMDE takes the lead, other stakeholder organizations could also play vital roles in propagating the SCP concept across the country.

Therefore, in order to achieve this objective, it is necessary to develop expertise and competencies of state as well as non-state sector officials who are being groomed to lead SCP activities in respective organizations through higher educational programmes.

Such educational programmes shall provide an in-depth scientific study and practical aspects of SCP policy formulation, policy tools, policy implementation, monitoring and evaluation. It shall also cover crosscutting issues on SCP, effects from financial instruments, climate change, poverty reduction, environment protection, energy efficiency, sustainable procurement, green employment, sustainable consumption and sustainable industries. These higher education programmes consist of standard regular programmes as well as tailor-made programmes to fulfil the above needs.



3. Higher Educational Programmes

Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand has been identified as the most suitable and cost effective educational establishment that could meet the educational requirements envisaged under the project. AIT was instrumental in conducting the first ever SCP Winter School and it has the necessary institutional competence, experience and a resource pool.

There are three types of programmes for which scholarships are available; Postgraduate Diploma & Certificate programmes and Group Professional Training, the details of which are given below;

1. Twelve months Postgraduate Diploma Programme at AIT in 2017/2018 academic year for one State sector official
2. Five months Postgraduate Certificate Programme at AIT in 2017/2018 academic year for one State sector official
3. Two weeks Postgraduate Group Professional Training Programme at AIT in the academic year 2017/2018 for 15 state and non-state sector officials.

While the project provides substantial support for enhancing the educational level of officials of key stakeholders responsible for furthering the cause of SCP, its overall benefits can be enhanced by educating an extended group of key officers (SCP Champions) from other important state and non-state sector institutions on emerging SCP concepts.

The above scholarships will cover the tuition fee of AIT, board and lodging expenses at AIT and economy class return airfare (Colombo – Bangkok – Colombo).

Annex 1 provides the programme contents.

4. Prospective Candidates

Target group for all 3 programmes will be SCP champions emerged from various Ministries / Line Agencies / not-for-profit Service Organizations including Chambers of Commerce or apex bodies of economic sectors and NGOs who involved in formulating the SCP Policy. They will not be trained as Trainers but as policy makers and practitioners who would facilitate and provide the leadership for the propagating of SCP concepts and to undertake appropriate interventions during and beyond the project implementation period.

5 Selection Criteria

The selection criteria shall be based on the entry requirements of various programmes and the positive contribution made by prospective candidates for project activities.

Eligibility Requirements (Mandatory)

1. Graduate from any discipline from a recognized university
2. Proficiency in English
3. Computer literacy
4. Minimum of 5 years experience after graduation
5. Minimum of 2 years experience / exposure related to SCP after graduation
6. Be less than 50 years of age as at 1st January 2018



7. Organizational commitment to make the applicant as the Focal Point for SCP upon completion of the programme (Written confirmation from an authorised officer from the organization is required)

Selection Criteria

1. Postgraduate certificate from any discipline from a recognized educational establishment (**Marks 5**)
2. Postgraduate diploma from any discipline from a recognized educational establishment (**Marks 10**)
3. Master degree from any discipline from a recognized university (**Marks 15**)
4. Current position of the organizational hierarchy with the ability and authority to influence decision / policy making and implementation of SCP related activities (**Marks 20**) – Additional Secretary level – 20 marks, Director level – 15 marks, Assistant Director level – 10 marks, Staff officer level – 5 marks.
5. Number of consultative workshops of SWITCH-Asia Project attended (full attendance since January 2015) (**Marks 50**) – At the rate of 10 marks for one workshop (excluding training).

Note: Qualifying threshold is 60 marks

6. Applications

Eligible candidates should send their application through email (scp.npsc.sl@gmail.com) to reach the Project Management Office on or before **Tuesday 28 November 2017** along with following documents;

1. Specially prepared CV showing the fulfilment of 7 eligibility requirements and 5 selection criteria with self-marking of each selection criteria as per the marking system of Section 5 of this document in addition to the basic bio data.
 2. Documentary proofs of above eligibility requirements.
 3. Covering letter indicating the programme applied for (one application for one programme out of 3 programmes on offer), proposed methodology and timeline of “post-programme” contribution of the applicant to promote SCP within and out side of their organizations.
 4. A letter of endorsement of the applicant and the willingness to grant official leave to follow the programme by an authorised officer of the organization if the applicant is selected (Eligibility Requirements No 7).
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2. Post Programme Commitment

Upon successful completion of the programme, participants are required to submit a report after updating the methodology and timeline submitted at the time of applying for the scholarship programme indicating her/his plan to promote SCP within and out side of their organizations.
