




Malta Commonwealth Third Country Training Programme

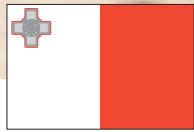
*Announcement of Courses
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The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation, through the Governance and Institutional Development Division (GIDD), is pleased to announce the 2010 courses offered under the Malta/Commonwealth Third Country Training Programme (MTCTP). The MTCTP began in 1995 and well over 1100 Commonwealth officials have been trained in areas where Malta has a comparative advantage.

GIDD operates under the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC). Its purpose is to strengthen good governance in member countries through providing advice, training and expertise to build capacity in institutions throughout the Commonwealth. It has in-house specialist expertise in, inter alia, governance, public sector reform and restructuring, public expenditure management, anti-corruption, sub-national governance, public-private partnerships, human resource management and public sector informatics.

Insurance Regulation and Supervision (14th Edition) *1st to 5th February 2010*

Delivered by The Malta International Training Centre (MITC)

Background and Course Objectives

The Course Content is designed to give the participants the most up to date information on a variety of subjects which are of interest to them. The Programme will deal with topical issues in Insurance Regulation and Supervision. Benefit will most certainly be derived from the exchange of practices and experiences of participants who come from different Commonwealth countries worldwide.

Who can apply?

The programme aims to provide continued professional development to Executive and/or Managing Directors, General and/or Senior Executive Managers or Senior Officials working in the Insurance Regulation and Supervision Industry, within various Commonwealth Countries. Deadline for submission of nomination is **20 November 2009**.

Port Operations and Management *5th-16 April 2010*

Delivered by Malta Freeports Terminals Ltd

Background and Course Objective

The Commonwealth Port Operations and Management Programme is an intensive two-week programme for middle management staff employed in port and terminal operations. The objective of the programme is to assist participants

assess and improve their continued growth and effectiveness.

The course covers and analyses a number of topics of importance to the participants such as transport systems, yard management, marine operations, port privatisation, containerisation, port security, planning operations, interpersonal skills, delegations, management and authority, motivation, culture and organisations as well as financial aspects of port management.

Candidates will be asked to identify a specific area of concern to his/her port administration, describing an operational problem that he/she might hope to resolved after the training course and in consultation with course administrators and/or through networking and information sharing between their peers in the seminar group. Candidates are expected to approach the two week exercise as an important work/study programme with very tangible personal outputs.

Who can apply?

Middle management staff employed in port and terminal operating organisations. Deadline for submission of application is **15 January 2010**

Competitiveness Strategies for Small States *17 – 25 April 2010*

Delivered by the Island and Small States Institute – University of Malta

Background and Objectives

The programme will consist mainly of presentations by resource persons on different aspects of the main theme, and country presentations by the participants. Participants will be expected to present a brief paper describing the



competitiveness strategies adopted in their respective countries. These presentations will serve as case studies of the competitiveness constraints and opportunities in the respective countries. In addition the presentations should include a section on the implications of these for future policies and strategies, together with an outline plan of suggested actions that could be taken in the respective country to improve competitiveness. In addition, field visits to the Federation of Industry, Malta Enterprise and other relevant institutions in Malta will be organised. There will also be a social programme including welcome drinks, two daily coffee break sessions, cultural tour with guide, and a dinner at the end of the programme.

The aim of the workshop is to disseminate knowledge and provide training on Competitiveness Strategies, covering a variety of themes with a focus on small states. Another objective of the workshop is to enable the participants to benefit from the sharing of ideas and experiences during discussions.

Who can apply?

The workshop is primarily intended for senior and middle management officials, operating in public sector institutions, and government agencies with responsibility for trade, commerce and industrial development. Participants should be nominated by their national governments and sponsored by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation. A limited number of self-funded participants can also participate. The course will be conducted in English, and all participants are expected to have a good working knowledge of the

English language. Deadline for submission of applications is **17 February 2010**.

Management of Coastal Recreational Resources 3rd – 14th May 2010

Delivered by the Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics

Background and Objectives

This intensive programme will provide training designed to enhance participants' skills in support of the sustainable management of coastal leisure and recreational resources, within a broad objective of achieving economic development while protecting the natural resources upon which coastal tourism depends. The programme will focus on the three main themes of beaches, yachting and niche tourism activities.

The training course aims to disseminate specialised knowledge as well as to provide a forum for discussion and consultation between participants and course faculty. Through the presentation of case studies and the sharing of participants' work experiences at the national level, the course is expected to achieve a significant level of skill transfer among the management personnel attending.

Who can Apply?

The training course is intended primarily for professionals holding senior/middle management position within tourism ministries and environment or planning authorities. Suitable applicants will have direct responsibility for planning and management and/or execution of projects concerned with coastal recreation and development. Deadline for

submission of nomination is **1 March 2010**.

Modern Diplomacy for Small States 24th May – 2nd June 2010

Delivered by DiploFoundation

The programme aims to address the challenges facing small states, by drawing on the experience of Malta, itself a small Commonwealth state, and, providing a platform for exchange between participants.

Background and Objectives

Training would consist of a combination of lectures, participant presentations and workshops. Course content would be drawn from current best practices in the area of negotiations, public diplomacy, new technologies, diplomatic protocol, multilateral diplomacy and consular services, among others. A skills-based component focusing on communication and negotiation skills will be included. Participants will be asked to make presentations on the experiences, practices and challenges of their own diplomatic services. Through peer to peer exchange, participants will benefit from the comparison of their national experience with that of other small states.

Faculty members will include practicing Maltese ambassadors involved in diplomatic activities. The predominance of practitioners over academics is designed to put the focus on practical challenges facing small states and best practices available to them.

Who Can Apply?

The training programme is aimed at middle and senior officials in ministries of foreign affairs and other departments dealing with the

foreign affairs of small states. Fluent English is a prerequisite. Deadline for submission of nomination is **24 March 2010**.

Legal Frameworks for ICT 2010

Dates: 31 May – 5 June

Delivered by COMNET.IT

Background and Objectives

Legal and regulatory infrastructures are recognised as a crucial component and enabler in the implementation of ICTs for development. A range of issues need to be addressed by both developing and developed countries, spanning areas such as the commercial environment, data-protection and freedom of information, regulation of the telecommunications sector and competition law and, not least, governance of the Internet.

Building on their experiences COMNET-IT, on behalf of the Government of Malta and in association with the Commonwealth Secretariat will deliver an intensive pan-Commonwealth workshop.

The course on Legal Frameworks for ICTs aims to:

- Sensitise policy-makers and middle management to a comprehensive range of legislative and regulatory issues that need to be addressed to facilitate the mainstreaming of ICTs into socio-economic development;
- Illustrate different approaches taken and experiences drawn together –through the adoption of various model laws and regulatory mechanisms;
- Provide a roadmap and tool set for the systematic enactment of a comprehensive and mature

Cyber-law framework;

- Provide an understanding of emerging issues and contemporary international dialogue on issues such as broadcasting and Interconnection, Internet Governance, Cybercrime and Jurisdiction.

Who can apply?

This training course is intended for senior and middle-management delegates from legal and policy operational units as well as ICT technologists. Discussion will be held in English. Deadline for submission of nomination is **31 March 2010**.

Applications and Nominations

In order to qualify for sponsorship, applicants must be nominated through the Commonwealth Point of Contact (POC) in their own country and their application forms should be duly endorsed by the POC.

To apply for sponsorship, nominated applicants must complete the appropriate (GIDD1) nomination forms available from the Point of Contact (POC) of the Commonwealth Secretariat's Governance and Institutional Development Division in their own country, and send them to the Director, Governance and Institutional Development Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat, copied to the respective institutions in Malta, within the deadline provided.

Completed nomination forms should be sent for the attention of:

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