

Space Sector mission to Singapore 2020

Q&A session

1. When will you announce the successful submissions for the trade mission?
 - a. All applicants will be emailed on the 6th December to find out
2. What are the costs likely to be for the flight and hotel transfer?:
 - a. Skyscanner is showing £511 to £625. Airport-Hotel transfers are around £30-50 and take 30-40min.
3. Can we explain what funding is available for start-up companies in Singapore?
 - a. SIN and DIT both will support start-up setting up in Sing, as will the Economic Development Board. If this is of interest, please describe this on the form as we may be able to set up relevant meetings.
4. What opportunities exist to hook up with academics while in Sing?
 - a. SIN (Science and Innovation Network) to lead in setting up meetings / collaborations etc. OSTIn will host a tour that will include visiting both NTU and NUS
5. What other side-events are arranged?
 - a. GSTC have a number of side events including our own UK Singapore workshop, plus there should be opportunities to set up individual B2B meetings with other GSTC attendees (private, research and government attendees)
6. Does STFC / DIT or UKSA funding stretch to cover the flights to Sing?
 - a. It was explained that DIT was not supporting this particular event due to resource bandwidth issues. However SIN may be able to provide some assistance in funding flights for academics and should contact Hanbin directly about this.
7. Can we have a briefing session about the cultural aspects of Singapore, including the do's and don'ts. Is the workshop a formal event, what's the dress code?
 - a. We will hold a second briefing event before the mission with the final team to discuss final arrangements and go through do's and don't's
8. Concerning the opportunities in the down-stream sector, is Sing open to multi-lateral discussion / collaborations?
 - a. SSTA positively supports the formation of multilaterals, although CNES is the only actor who has set-up an MoU so far.
9. Concerning the 'Grand-Challenge' can we make sure the event has the right balance of diverse stakeholders:
 - a. Proposed grand challenge themes include climate, blue economy, and sustainability of 'clean space'. GSTC has a well define list of topics to focus on highlighted in the UK Space agency briefing slides. We intend the UK team will be representative and showcase the diverse UK space sector in terms of upstream/downstream and small/large organisations, research/commercial. This would also be the case from the Singapore attendees of the workshop
10. Who should apply for funding to attend this event? SME, TRO, Up-stream, down-stream stakeholders, large or small companies?
 - a. UKSA is interested in supporting companies who haven't engaged in Singapore before
11. Are there any other international event we should be aware of:
 - a. UKSA to draft a list of international event for 2020: to include trade missions to major conferences which is intended to be more visible in future as the international element grows etc STFC also intend to hold a UK China event in late 2020 and the intention is to ensure funding is available to support UK organisations to attend that also
12. What is the level of international engagement in GSTC?
 - a. Last year there were over 30 nations represented and many space agencies present from the Asian region