

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), in collaboration with China National Academy of Governance and Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, will be organizing five group trainings of senior fellows, in March, April, May, June and July, 2020, respectively, in Beijing and Shanghai, China.

The two-part group training aims at strengthening the capacity of developing countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through enhanced development policy synergy, mutual learning and person-to-person exchanges.

You are kindly invited to submit nominations by **14 February 2020**. Priority consideration will be given to senior civil servants. The nominee is expected to be fully knowledgeable about national sustainable development, with experience in policy- and decision-making, and will be in a position to contribute substantively to the interactive discussion of the training course.

The nomination, along with the completed participation form (attached) and the bio page of the passport, should be sent to Ms. Maria Stella Simpas (Tel: 212 963 3896; email: simpas@un.org) by the deadline of **Friday, 14 February 2020**. All nominations must be accompanied by an official endorsement letter from the relevant government ministry. Please indicate your preferred month of training. UN DESA will review the nominations on a first-come-first-served basis, while keeping in mind gender, geographical and sector balances.

For the selected nominees, UN DESA will bear the full cost of training, travel and accommodation in accordance with UN financial rules and regulations. The language of training will be English.

A formal invitation letter will be sent to the selected nominees.

Should you be interested in participating, please express your interest before the deadline of **February 14**.