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**SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS OFFICE LAUNCHED TO
STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN CITIZENS AND THE
GOVERNMENT**

1. The Singapore Government Partnerships Office (SGPO) was officially launched by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Lawrence Wong on 19 Jan 2024 to strengthen the government's partnerships and engagements with citizens. The new office is a response to aspirations shared by citizens during the Forward Singapore exercise to shape their communities, as well as co-create policies, public spaces and services. Refer to **Annex A** for more details on Forward Singapore.
2. Established to take the lead in partnering Singaporeans, SGPO will serve as a "first-stop" for individuals and interest groups keen to partner the government. It will facilitate interactions between such individuals and groups, and the relevant government agencies, as well as connect them with resources to help turn ideas into action, especially those that cut across topics and address complex issues. SGPO will also bring changemakers and thought leaders together through forums to share expertise and best practices on effective partnerships.
3. The new office curates key government resources for partnership, funding, and volunteering opportunities. Citizens may submit proposals for partnership ideas with the government through the Partners Portal found on the SGPO website (www.sgpo.gov.sg). The website also shares stories on inspiring changemakers, to encourage more individuals and interest groups to step forward and contribute. See further details on the SGPO website and the Partners Portal at **Annex B**, and translated names of SGPO at **Annex D**.
4. The establishment of SGPO is a reflection of Singaporeans' shared values of solidarity and mutual responsibility, and a desire for a more inclusive, resilient and united society.

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5. SGPO is part of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. Together with other government agencies, SGPO will also drive the adoption of new engagement processes and existing programmes including Citizens' Panels and Alliances for Action (AfAs). These are aimed at empowering citizens to deliberate and take action on complex social issues. Read more on Citizens' Panels and AfAs at **Annex C**.

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ANNEX A

About Forward Singapore

The Forward Singapore (Forward SG) exercise was launched in June 2022, engaging Singaporeans from all walks of life on how Singapore should refresh its social compact for the road ahead. It brought together more than 200,000 Singaporeans over 16 months, who contributed ideas through 275 partnerships and engagement sessions, as well as via surveys, roadshows, and digital platforms.

The Forward SG Report was launched by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Lawrence Wong in October 2023, and articulates how the government will work with Singaporeans to refresh our social compact for the road ahead. The recommendations and key policy shifts were built on suggestions from Singaporeans and stakeholders during the Forward SG engagement sessions.

The Forward SG Report outlined seven shifts to reach our shared future:

- Embracing learning beyond grades
- Respecting and rewarding every job
- Supporting families through every stage
- Enabling seniors to age well
- Empowering those in need
- Investing in our shared tomorrow
- Doing our part as one united people

Visit www.forwardsingapore.gov.sg for more information.

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ANNEX B

About the Singapore Government Partnerships Office website and Partners Portal

The Singapore Government Partnerships Office's website facilitates wayfinding for individuals and interest groups keen on partnering the Government for a better Singapore. The Partners Portal page on the website curates existing funding, partnership, and volunteering opportunities. Citizens with ideas can also submit a proposal that will be routed to relevant agencies for assessment on potential partnerships. Find out more at www.sgpo.gov.sg

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ANNEX C

About Alliances for Action and Citizens' Panels

Alliances for Action (AfAs) are partnerships that bring together the people, private and public sectors to co-create and implement solutions on important and complex issues.

Some examples of AfAs:

S/N	AfA title	About
1.	AfA on Widening Access to Talent	To bring businesses and HR leaders together to develop strategies by adopting skills-based hiring and workforce development practices that enable employers to attract and retain a wider talent pool.
2.	AfA on Local Produce Demand Offtake & Consumer Education	Looks into demand and supply aggregation of local produce and build greater support for local produce through consumer education.
3.	AfA: Kampong Gelam Alliance	Development of a Place Plan to guide the social, cultural and economic development of the Kampong Gelam Historic Area through a sustainable management model. This will enable the area to continue to thrive as a neighbourhood of community, culture and enterprise that retains its 'soul' and relevance to present and future generations.
4.	AfA for Lower-Wage Workers	Brings together passionate community builders and experts to pilot and scale-up programmes and initiatives that uplift lower-wage workers.

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5.	AfA on Corporate Purpose	To develop a national framework and blueprint to define and promote corporate purpose among businesses operating in Singapore.
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Other partnership approaches that the government has tapped on include citizens' panels, participatory design, and hackathons.

Some examples of citizens' panel and participatory design:

S/N	Citizens' panel title	About
1.	Ngee Ann Kongsi-IPS Citizens' Panel on Employment Resilience	To co-create recommendations based on the topic: "How might we strengthen our employment resilience?" https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/ips/research/inequality-and-social-mobility/the-ngee-ann-kongsi-ips-citizens-panel-on-employment-resilience
2.	Design-thinking workshops on assisted living and senior co-living	To facilitate the private sector in uncovering new and innovative assisted living/ senior co-living solutions and identify possible regulatory obstacles.

For more information on the AfAs, citizens' panels and design-thinking workshops, please contact Piao Lee and Gladys Chung from the Singapore Government Partnerships Office.

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Annex D

Translated names of the Singapore Government Partnerships Office

S/N	Language	Translation
1.	Chinese	新加坡政民合作署
2.	Malay	Pejabat Kerjasama Pemerintah Singapura
3.	Tamil	சிங்கப்பூர் அரசாங்கப் பங்காளித்துவ அலுவலகம்