NTU Singapore and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are collaborating to set up a training centre to offer a range of learning opportunities on sustainability education and facilitate knowledge sharing between government officials and leaders from different Asia Pacific countries.

NTU was selected to host the International Training Centre for Authorities and Leaders (CIFAL) Singapore, the only such centre in the country. It joins 30 other international training centres in the global CIFAL network, all coordinated by UNITAR’s Social Development Programme and strategically located to ensure a global outreach.

CIFAL Singapore aims to strengthen the ability of individuals, institutions, and societies in the Asia Pacific countries to perform functions, solve problems, and set and achieve objectives in a sustainable manner, thus encouraging sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region.

The partnership was inked yesterday at UNITAR’s headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, between Mr Nikhil Seth, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNITAR, and Professor Ling San, NTU Deputy President and Provost. The signing ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency Mr Umej Singh Bhatia, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Singapore’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva.