

SIP 3-year Strategic Roadmap

Background

The idea of accreditation was prompted by DesignSingapore Council (DSg) in Sep 2014 with the potential of availability of funding subject to conditions. The then SIP Council decided to explore the invitation, and initiated a series of actions which included consultations with members as well as non-members from both the public and private sectors. Some of these activities received partial sponsorship from Dsg. We started with programmes like the Urban Planning Foundation Course in Nov 2016 followed by examination in Mar 2017. The 2nd edition of UPFC followed in Nov 2018, with examination in Mar 2019. We reached out to both RTPI and AICP /APA for both editions to deliver lectures, followed with round table discussions on best practices.

Comprehensive study of urban planning industry in Singapore

In Sep 2017, Design Singapore (Dsg) offered funding for SIP to commission a comprehensive survey and analysis of the urban planning industry, with a proposal of a 3-year strategic industry roadmap for SIP. The study was to address the 4 Pillars on Productivity, Internationalisation, Innovation and Human Capital. A committee was formed and led by the then SIP President. The study can be said to be a co-creation between the consultant and SIP and was completed in Sep 2018. Those interviewed (n=64) ranked the accreditation of urban planners as their top priority.

SIP set up the Accreditation Development Team in Oct 2019, and made a preliminary application for funding under the Local Enterprise & Association Development (LEAD) programme. The Development Team worked together for one and a half years before the proposal was considered ready to submit a formal application the LEAD Evaluation Panel. We secured a date to present to the LEAD Evaluation Panel (LEP) in late 2020.

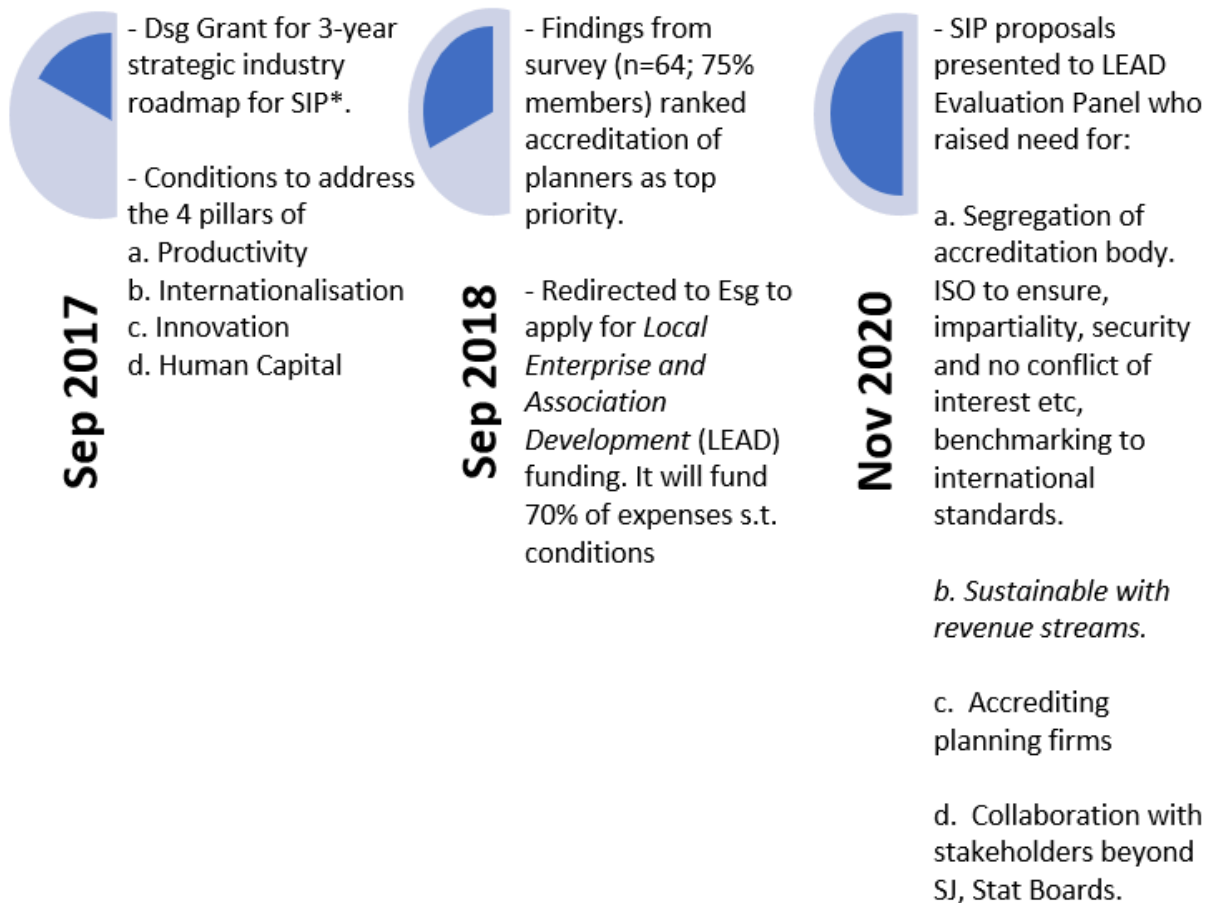
SIP was asked to address the following points:

- The state of the international planning market and the importance of accreditation in the project bidding process
- The major challenges facing the sector as a result of non-accreditation
- How planning will resolve these challenges and contribute to strong economic impact wo the private sector planners.
- Why this accreditation programme is feasible and sustainable.
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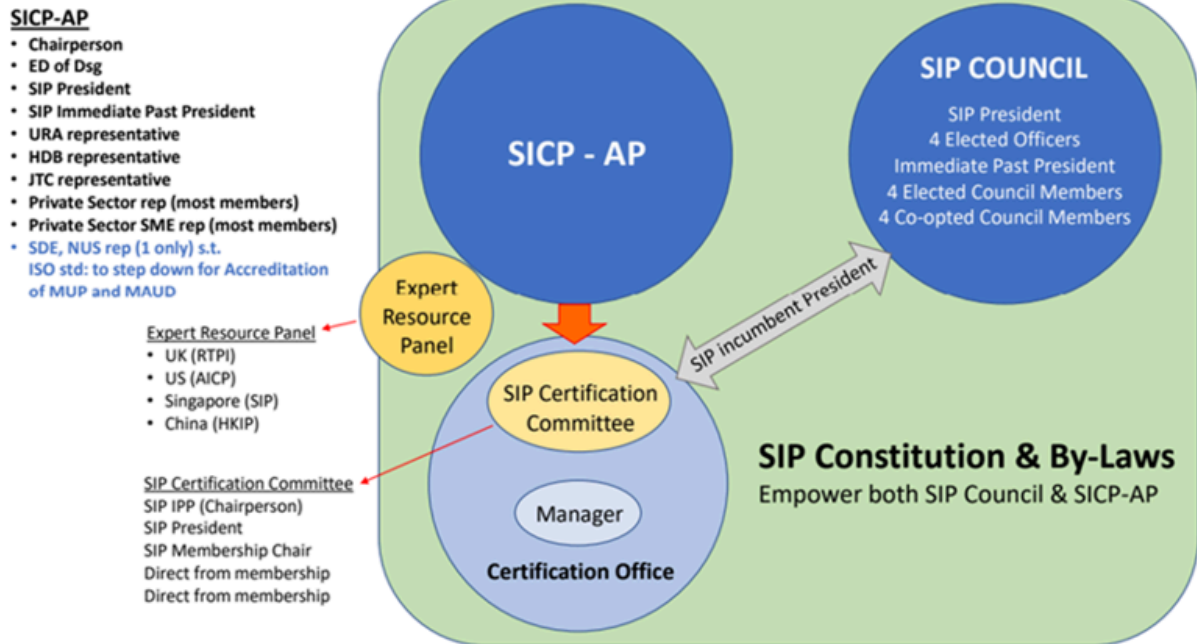
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STRUCTURE OF THE ACCREDITATION BODY



Benchmarking RTPI and AICP

- The SIP Certification programme has been benchmarked with the top 2 urban planning institutes namely RTPI and AICP, the professional arm of APA.
- This is in-lieu of compliance with ISO/IEC 17024:2012 standards. The framework has been endorsed by ESg in our application for LEAD funding.
- SIP will comply with ISO/IEC 17024:2012 in areas of impartiality, confidentiality and security.

RTPI CONSULTANCY (2021 – 2024)

NO	PROJECT YEAR	AREAS OF EXPERT ADVICE
1	Year 1	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on competency frameworks and evidence types, including the 4 RTPI levels of competence.
2	Year 1	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on implementing quality assurance to ensure integrity and transparency in the assessments. (vis-à-vis ISO).
3	Year 1	Advise on the financial viability of the certification programmes for Licentiates, Associates and Experienced Practitioners.
4	Year 1	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on how to engage with the profession and respond to industry needs.
5	Year 2	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on assessment methods, including delivery of assessments, management of assessors and guidance documents. (Oral assessment and Portfolio Review).
6	Year 2	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on operations for setting standards for professional conduct and ethics, including a Code of Conduct.
7	Year 2	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on training of assessors to ensure standardization of the assessment and interview process.
8	Year 2	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on Requirement & processes for Certification Maintenance (e.g., CPD).
9	Year 3	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on procedures for the accreditation of Urban Planning programmes at universities.
10	Year 3	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on operations for implementing disciplinary procedures and complaints procedure.
11	Year 3	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on reviewing the framework of the Level 1 and Level 2 assessment accreditation programme.
12	Year 3	The RTPI will act in an advisory role as part of the Expert Panel to provide advice on Conducting Oral Interviews & Assessment of Candidates