

Panel 2: Integrating Strategic Foresight Into Risk Management

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Aaron Maniam graduated with double First Class Honours in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) from Somerville College, Oxford University, and received a Master of Arts degree from Yale University in International and Development Economics in 2002. Aaron joined the Singapore Foreign Service in 2004. He served on the North America Desk (2004-2006) and at Singapore's Embassy in Washington DC (2006-2008), where he covered Congressional outreach and issues relating to the Middle East. He was posted to the Strategic Policy Office (SPO) in 2008, where he began working on scenario planning and analysis of long-term issues relevant to Singapore. He was appointed the first Head of the Singapore Government's newly-formed Centre for Strategic Futures in 2010, retaining his SPO portfolio, where he served until August 2011.

He is currently Director of the Institute of Policy Development at the Civil Service College, where he leads a department responsible for leadership training geared towards public sector leaders at various stages of their careers. He speaks regularly on public sector careers and was appointed a Brand Ambassador for the public service in 2010. He also teaches and facilitates modules at the Civil Service College on principles of policymaking, security and foreign policy, and other topics related to governance in Singapore. In his free time, he is a member of Singapore's National Youth Council (NYC); President of Mendaki Club, a group of young Muslim professionals; and Chairman of the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA)'s Youth Club. He was identified by the Asia Society as one of 200 "Asia 21 Young Leaders" in 2006 and has attended the annual Asia 21 Young Leaders Summit since. In 2008, he was one of 25 "Asia 21 Fellows" selected from across the Asia Pacific. In 2010, he was identified by the Society as one of its first two Next Generation Policy Leaders from across the Asia Pacific. In 2011, he was named an Outstanding Young Singaporean by the Orchid Jayceettes, the local chapter of the Junior Chamber International.