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**WORLD CITIES SUMMIT, SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL WATER WEEK AND CLEANENVIRO SUMMIT SINGAPORE 2018 FOCUSES ON SUSTAINABLE URBAN SOLUTIONS THROUGH INNOVATION, COLLABORATION AND ACTION**



*Caption: Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam at the National Environment Agency's Innovation Pavilion at the opening of World Cities Summit, Singapore International Water Week, CleanEnviro Summit Singapore 2018*

**Singapore, 9 July 2018** – Guest-of-Honour Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies Tharman Shanmugaratnam officiated the start of the World Cities Summit (WCS), Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) and the CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESS) at the opening ceremony held at Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre today.

DPM Tharman Shanmugaratnam and 3,000 other dignitaries, delegates and guests were given a preview of the key highlights of the three events, including new pavilions at City Solutions Singapore Expo and new high-level plenaries. As the world's leading integrated platform for urban solutions, this global marketplace mobilises Singapore's thought leadership to connect global business experts, policy makers and industry leaders in showcasing innovative ideas, delivering unique solutions and presenting new technologies across city planning, water management and environmental sustainability.



Key milestones and highlights of this year's WCS, SIWW and CESS include:

- **City Solutions Singapore (CSS)**, a global platform featuring country and themed pavilions that showcase new and cutting-edge solutions for smart nations and urban environments, welcomes **28 group/country pavilions** including new additions, Switzerland and Belgium. The 2018 edition will comprise four overarching themes – *Water, Cities, Environment*, and for the first time *Transport*.
- **Water Expo @ CSS** showcases new, emerging water and wastewater innovations, technologies and solutions to address global water issues and crises. Key highlights include PUB's Smart Water Pavilion, Water Innovation Pavilion and the Tuas Nexus Pavilion which aim to feature PUB's efforts in leveraging technology and digitalisation to build water supply resilience and sustainability.
- **Environment Expo @ CSS** showcases NEA's efforts to bring in novel environmental solutions in the Environmental Management and Clean Technology sectors, and features the latest R&D innovations and prototypes from across Asia, Europe and the United States. These include state-of-the-art tech products and services which extend the frontiers of environmental science, such as smart sensors, 3D eco printing, energy harvesting, biomimicry and autonomous robotics.
- **Cities Expo @ CSS** showcases the latest urban innovations and cutting edge technologies by our sponsors and exhibitors that enables cities to tackle urbanisation challenges through driving collaborative partnerships between the people, public and private sectors. Noteworthy pavilions include the Singapore Government Pavilion, which showcases how the Singapore government, research institutions, agencies, industries and citizens work together towards innovative solutions for tomorrow. These efforts are fundamental to Singapore's push for a high quality of life, competitive economy and sustainable environment. For the first time, we have the City Innovators – a pop-up platform for startups to pitch their latest solutions to industry leaders and potential investors.
- **The first-ever Liveability Challenge** presented at WCS and co-organised by Temasek Foundation Ecosperity and Eco-Business offers up to S\$1 million funding for waste management and sustainable cooling solutions.
- **SIWW celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary**: Over the last decade, SIWW has facilitated the commercialisation of innovative solutions to address global water challenges, which have led companies to grow in tandem with SIWW over the years. Close to S\$55 billion in total value of business deals have been announced at SIWW in the last 10 years, reaffirming the continued vibrancy of Singapore as a global hydrohub.
- **New focus areas for CESS**: Themed 'Transforming Tomorrow's Cities with Clean Environment Solutions', CESS will feature three other environmental topics, namely, pollution management, pest management, and sustainable energy aside from waste



management and cleaning, in both the conference and the exhibition – to further develop practical, replicable and scalable solutions, tackling the range of complexities of the waste-water-energy nexus in tomorrow's cities.

- **New high-level plenaries at CESS:** Clean Environment Leaders Summit (CELS) and the Leaders-Experts Forum (LEF) will be introduced at the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of CESS, allowing environmental leaders and technical experts to share solutions-based technical expertise and participate in interactive forums focused on themes of automation, smart grids, smart sensors and optimisation, operating in the five focus areas of waste management, cleaning, sustainable energy, pollution control and pest management. The Environment & Water Leaders Forum (EWLF), also newly introduced and jointly organised with PUB, will see experts and leaders sharing their views on the foundations of a circular economy, and how sustainable water and materials management can support global climate goals.
- The **TWRP-IWMF Business Forum** will provide the latest updates on the upcoming Tuas Water Reclamation Plant (TWRP) and Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF), and offer a better understanding of the implementation of these multi-billion-dollar infrastructure projects.

As the spotlight is raised on the different challenges and pressures that governments, businesses and communities face due to accelerated urbanisation, rapid digitisation, and other disruptive factors at play, the three events bridge the multiple facets of urban sustainable solutions, with advancements through urban, water and environment development spheres.

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Cities Summit, the 8<sup>th</sup> Singapore International Water Week and the 4<sup>th</sup> CleanEnviro Summit Singapore will be held at the Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, from 8 – 12 July 2018.



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*Caption: Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on a tour of the Tuas Nexus Pavilion at the City Solutions Singapore during the World Cities Summit, Singapore International Water Week and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore 2018*



## **About World Cities Summit, Singapore International Water Week, and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore**

WCS, SIWW and CESS will be held concurrently from 8-12 July 2018 at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands. The three events provide a unique integrated global platform for government and industry leaders to share solutions for sustainable urban development and the latest innovations in water and clean environment solutions. Exhibitors and participants would be able to explore synergies, network and forge partnerships with a wider range of global industry leaders, policy makers and experts. Together, the three events showcase global thought leadership in sustainable development. For more information, visit: [www.worldcityssummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcityssummit.com.sg), [www.siww.com.sg](http://www.siww.com.sg), [www.cleanenvirosummit.sg](http://www.cleanenvirosummit.sg)

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