



## MEDIA BULLETIN

SUNDAY, 31 JULY 2022

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### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Sun 31 Jul	WCS Smart Cities Workshop* [L5 Sands Ballroom A & B] 8:30 – 12:30	WCS Mayoral Lunch* [L5 Hybrid Broadcast Studio (HBS) 2] 12:00 – 14:00	WCS Mayors Forum* [L5 HBS 2] 14:00 – 18:00	WCS-AIF Welcome Reception* [Expo Floor] 18:00 Onwards	"Singapore Night" Dinner By ST Engineering* [L4 Melati Ballroom 4001AB-4002] 20:00 – 21:30
	WCS Young Leaders Symposium* [L5 Rooms 5002-5003, 5102-5103] 9:00 – 12:00	WCS Science of Cities Lunch [L5 Rooms 5002-5003, 5102 - 5103] 12:00 – 14:00	WCS Science of Cities Symposium [L5 Rooms 5002-5003, 5102-5103] 14:00 – 18:30		
WCS Exhibition (Open to WCS delegates) 11:00 – 19:30					

The first day of the **World Cities Summit (WCS) 2022** opened with the convening of the **WCS Smart Cities Workshop**. More than 50 cities and partners gathered at this exclusive networking workshop, held to advance cities' smart city projects through one-on-one consultation clinics, and to exchange Smart City development experiences and best practices by cities and partners from different sectors. The presentations by Mastercard, a WCS Smart Cities Partner, Ernst & Young, a WCS knowledge partner, Greehill, International Finance Corporation and select cities showcased the successful implementation of smart solutions in the area of sustainable urban development in cities.

At 9am, the **WCS Young Leaders Symposium** was opened by Mr Hugh Lim, Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC). The Symposium was attended by 83 Young Leaders and Alumni from 15 countries. Of the total 83, approximately one-third was represented by international delegates with the remaining from Singapore. The Young Leaders came from varied backgrounds comprising both private and public sectors. Gracing the event was Mr Tan Kiat How, Senior Minister of State for National Development & Communications and Information, and Alderman Geordin Hill-Lewis, the Executive Mayor of Cape Town.

Notable participants at the Symposium were founders of start-ups, city mayors, as well as private and public sectors technology leaders. These Young Leaders took part in small group discussions, which came up with proposals on building pandemic-resilient and sustainable cities for a continuously growing population. The 14 workgroups have put forth valuable proposals for further evaluation and exploration.

At noon, Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and National Development, gave the welcome address at the **WCS Mayoral Lunch** for Mayors and City Leaders. Following lunch, the **WCS Mayors Forum** was formally opened by Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration. 65 mayors and city leaders, as well as others from academia, corporates and

international organisations gathered to discuss how digitalisation and decarbonisation strategies could help cities emerge stronger from contemporary disruptions. Mr Oh Se-hoon, Mayor of Seoul, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate for 2018, signed an agreement of behalf of the Seoul Metropolitan Government with the CLC to host the WCS Mayors Forum 2023, and shared on Seoul's latest city initiatives.

The inaugural **WCS Science of Cities Symposium** also saw the gathering of over 150 attendees, with a healthy mix of local and international academics, agency representatives, city and industry leaders to share their insights on tackling urban challenges. This year's Symposium spotlighted researchers' and practitioners' successful applied research, collaborative projects and integrative design, with the accompanying **Poster Exhibition** featuring other works in these emerging yet pertinent fields. In conjunction with the Symposium series, the soft launch of the **International Journal of Smart and Sustainable Cities** by CLC and World Scientific Publishing Co Ltd was also announced. In all, the Symposium marks the latest development in CLC's efforts to foster a collaborative knowledge ecosystem for practising the Science of Cities in Singapore.

For the WCS 2022 Programme Overview, please click [here](#)

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The biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Since its inauguration in 2008, WCS has been attended by over 250 global cities and supported by leaders from government, business, international organisations and academia. Jointly organised by Singapore’s Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the biennial WCS returns to an in-person conference in 2022 after a largely virtual Summit in 2021. WCS 2022 will be held in conjunction with our key partner, the Asia Infrastructure Forum. Highlights of the Summit include the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the WCS Mayors Forum. For more information, visit [www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg).