



**MEDIA BULLETIN**  
**MONDAY, 1 AUGUST 2022**  
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**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

<b>Mon 1 Aug</b>	WCS Plenary I Emerging Stronger [L5 HBS 2] 8:30 – 10:00	Break	Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Lecture & Forum [L5 HBS 2] 10:30 – 12:10		Break	Lunch Hosted by UBS For all WCS delegates [L5 HBS 2] 12:30 – 14:15	WCS Track Sustainable Financing [L5 HBS 2] 14:30 – 16:00	WCS Track Development [L5 HBS 2] 16:15 – 17:45	<b>Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet*</b>  [The Istana] Transport from 17:45 to 18:30
	Real Estate Developer Lunch and Roundtable* [L5 Rooms 5102-5103] 13:00 – 16:00		Senior Leaders Lunch and Roundtable* [L5 Rooms 5002-5003] 12:30 – 17:00		Break	IFC Roundtable* [L5 Sands Ballroom B] 16:15 – 17:45			
WCS Exhibition (Open to WCS delegates and Trade Visitors) 8:30 – 18:00									

Day 2 of the **World Cities Summit (WCS) 2022** gathered global leaders and delegates to **WCS Plenary I**. Titled *‘Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Emerging Stronger’*, the Plenary’s welcome address was delivered by Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development and Minister-in-Charge of Social Services Integration.

At the Plenary, global leaders Ms **Patricia de Lille**, Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, South Africa; **Dato’ Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and **Dr Young Cho Chi**, President and Chief Innovation Officer, Hyundai Motor Group shared their experiences and strategies for cities to emerge stronger from challenges intensified by the ongoing pandemic, climate change crises, and digital disruption.

The discussion revealed the need for the following new ways of living for all:

- **Citizen-led resilience:** A lesson from the pandemic that Ms Patricia de Lille shared was for cities to build resilience by considering the physical, social, and psychological impact of disruptions on the most vulnerable in the community, and implementing citizen-led design solutions to mitigate such impacts more effectively.
- **Localised and globalised leadership:** Dato’ Maimunah Mohd Sharif shared how cities and mayors should “think local, act global, learn global and apply local” – to identify challenges on the ground, collaborate and learn broadly from other cities through platforms such as WCS, so that they can adapt and apply localised solutions.
- **Citizen-centred innovation:** Dr Young Cho Chi shared how it was imperative to prioritise the unmet needs of citizens to drive technological innovation as technologies that connect and enable people are the ones that best support smart cities, which are more liveable, sustainable and future-ready.

Mr **Oh Se-hoon**, Mayor of Seoul delivered his address as the Host of the Mayors Forum 2023. The plenary was closed with a special address by Mr **Teo Chee Hean**, Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

The topic of sustainable financing took centre stage at the Sustainable Financing Track '**Sustainable Financing of Cities: A New Normal?**' at 2.30 pm. The gathering of panellists and audience at the Track spotlighted how sustainable funding of urban projects calls for an integrated and systemic approach. Moderated by Prof **Greg Clark**, Global Advisor on NetZero Cities and Sustainable Investment, and Chair of the UK Cities Climate Investment Commission; the Track saw lively discussion among panel members, Mr **Juhana Vartiainen**, Mayor of Helsinki; Ms **Isabel Chatterton**, Regional Industry Director, Infrastructure and Natural Resources APAC, International Finance Corporation; Mr **Nuon Pharat**, Vice Governor of Phnom Penh; Mr **Desmond Kuek**, Head of Sustainable Finance APAC & Global Head of Sustainable Finance Group, Chairman Optimus Foundation Singapore, UBS; and Mr **Gene Fang**, Associate Managing Director, Moody's Investors Service.

In the late afternoon, the Development Track explored the question '**How can Partnerships Transform the Development of Cities?**'. Moderated by Ms **Hwang Yu-Ning**, Chief Planner and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore; the panel members Mr **Thulci Aluhiware**, Deputy Managing Director, CHEC Port City Colombo (Pte) Ltd; Mr **Vo Van Hoan**, Vice Chairman of Ho Chi Minh; Mr **Thomas Kufen**, Mayor of Essen; Mr **Chintan Raveshia**, Southeast Asia Cities Leader, Arup; and Ms **Amy Chester**, Managing Director, Rebuild by Design, USA, discussed the importance of continuous partnerships between governments, communities, businesses and cities to engender greater trust, equity and liveability to build better cities for populations.

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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.worldcitysummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcitysummit.com.sg).