



MEDIA BULLETIN
TUESDAY, 2 AUGUST 2022
 as of 6:00 PM

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Tue 2 Aug	WCS Track Smart Cities [L5 HBS 2] 8:30 – 10:00	Break	WCS Track Urban Resilience [L5 Sands Ballroom A & B] 10:15 – 11:45	Break	WCS Plenary II Climate Crisis [L5 HBS 2] 12:00 – 13:00	Lunch [L5 HBS 2] 13:00 – 14:00	WCS Site Visits [Off-Site] 14:00 – 17:30	WCS AIF Industry Networking Night [Expo Floor] 18:00 Onwards
	Resilient Cities Network Roundtable [L5 Rooms 5102-5103] 8:30 – 10:00		WCS Track Future Cities [L5 HBS 2] 10:15 – 11:45		United Nations Development Programme [L5 Rooms 5102-5103] 15:00 – 17:00	Geospatial & the Cities of the Future Singapore Land Authority [L5 Room 5001] 16:00 – 17:30	Mastercard Open Sessions [L5 Room 5101] 14:00 – 18:00	
	Bloomberg Roundtable [L5 Rooms 5002-5003] 8:00 – 10:00	WCS Knowledge Councils Meetings* [L4 Meeting Rooms] 14:00 – 17:30						
	WCS Exhibition (Open to WCS delegates and Trade Visitors) 8:30 – 19:30							

The Smart Cities Track ‘**Smart Cities Priorities: What’s Next?**’ convened this morning at 8.30 am with a panel discussion moderated by Ms **Wee Wei Ng**, Country Managing Director and Senior Managing Director, Accenture. The panellists included Mr **Jacques Beltran**, Vice President, Cities and Public Services, Dassault Systèmes; Dr. **Luis Bettencourt**, Professor and Pritzker Director of the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago; Mr **Chew Men Leong**, President of Urban Solutions, ST Engineering; Mr **Chng Kai Fong**, Second Permanent Secretary, Smart Nation and Digital Government, Singapore; Mr **Mihhail Kõlvart**, Mayor of Tallinn; and **Sanjeev Sanyal**, Member, Economic Advisory Council to India Prime Minister; Secretary, Government of India. They discussed how the COVID-19 pandemic has revealed gaps which present opportunities for cities to reinvent through technology, while balancing privacy concerns, building trust and remaining inclusive.

The Urban Resilience Track ‘**Cities Facing Extremes: How Do We Adapt?**’ took place in the late morning, with the keynote address being delivered by Ms **Yoo Young Sook**, Chairperson, Climate Change Center, and Former Minister of the Korean Ministry of Environment. Ms Yoo underlined how cities can leverage integrated systemic approaches including smart technology and circular economic policies to become more liveable and sustainable, and how climate change should further drive public and private cooperation to accelerate the transition to a net-zero future.

Moderator Ms **Lauren Sorkin**, Executive Director, Resilient Cities Network engaged panellists Ms **Hemaliben Boghawala**, Mayor of Surat; Mr **Søren Brøndum**, Managing Director of Buildings (Global), Ramboll; Ms **Sally Capp**, Lord Mayor of Melbourne; **Hon. Lianne Daiziel**, Mayor of Christchurch; Mr **Amit Midha**, President, Asia Pacific & Japan and Global Digital Cities, Dell Technologies; and Prof **Zhu Da Jian**, Head of Shanghai Tongji University Department of Public Management and Policy; Policy Advisor for Shanghai Municipal Government, China, on the

importance of understanding the interplay of disruptions for cities as the key to adapting for greater resilience.

Concurrently, the Future Cities Track explored the question ‘*What Does the Future Hold for Cities?*’ and was moderated by Mr **Simon Baptist**, Global Chief Economist, The Economist Intelligence Unit. Panellists included Mr **Flemming Borreskov**, (Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Jury) President, Catalytic Society; Mr **Josef Hargrave**, Global Leader of Foresight, Arup; **Prof Lily Kong**, President, Singapore Management University; Mr **Craig Lawton**, Technical Chief of Global Smart City Program, AWS; Mr **David Wallerstein**, Chief eXploration Officer, Tencent; and Mr **Hou Yongzhi**, Director-General and Research Fellow, Department of Development Strategy and Regional Economy, Development Research Center of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China (DRC). The discussion centred on temporary and permanent consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and their impact on the future of cities, and identified the need for continuous infrastructure investment and using digitalisation as an enabler to overcome complexities in designing and building cities.

Later in the afternoon, the **WCS Plenary II – Climate Crisis** was opened by Ms **Indraneel Rajah**, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for Finance and National Development, Singapore with a keynote address. The topic ‘*Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Combating the Climate Crisis*’ was put forth for discussion by panellists Mr **Ahmed Aboutaleb**, Mayor of Rotterdam; Mr **Ashok Lavasa**, Vice President, Private Sector Operations and Public Private Partnerships, Asian Development Bank; and Mr **Osamu Ono**, Senior Vice President, Chief Regional Officer, Asia Pacific and India, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. The plenary was moderated by Prof **Tai Lee Siang**, Head of Pillar, Architecture and Sustainable Design; Programme Director of Design and Artificial Intelligence, Singapore University of Technology and Design.

At the Plenary, panellists outlined three important strategies to combat climate change:

- The need for innovative solutions in urban planning for climate change adaptation,
- The mobilisation of green financing, and
- The importance of public, private and people collaboration in projects.

Mr Aboutaleb shared Rotterdam’s experience in turning its crisis into opportunity to attract more investments, which in turn created a better living environment for its inhabitants. In this regard, the city invested more resources during the COVID-19 pandemic while it restored affected ecosystems after climate disasters such as floods and droughts. Mr Lavasa highlighted the need for local and global multi-sectoral partnerships as cities aim for net-zero, with targeted assistance for cities in low-lying coastal regions that are more vulnerable to climate change. Mr Ono suggested how adopting green finance and green bonds can better support cities in accelerating adoption of green technologies and innovation in building green infrastructural projects.

The Centre for Liveable Cities also convened two **WCS Knowledge Councils** on Urban Resilience and Science of Cities to guide and support future research, as well as the agenda for

future editions of WCS. The inaugural WCS Knowledge Councils Meetings were held from 2 pm to 5.30 pm.

On behalf of World Cities Summit (WCS) 2022, we are most grateful for your support and participation.

We look forward to meeting you again at WCS 2024 in Singapore. Thank you.

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