

CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

An e-newsletter on Singapore's sustainable development and climate action efforts



Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and President Joko Widodo at the Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat (left); Minister Fu and BAPPENAS Minister Suharso Monoafa sign the MSE-BAPPENAS MoU

Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat: MSE-BAPPENAS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

On 25 January 2022, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong met Indonesia's President Joko Widodo for the Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat. The leaders reaffirmed the excellent relations between Singapore and Indonesia, and acknowledged a list of bilateral agreements, including the MSE-BAPPENAS MoU concerning Bilateral Cooperation on Green and Circular Economy Development. This MoU was first broached by Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Grace Fu and Minister Suharso Monoafa in August 2021 to explore collaboration in resource optimisation, recycling, waste management, and green economy development. Singapore and Indonesia will also be cooperating on broader sustainability opportunities in the coming months for mutual benefit.



Read Minister Fu's Facebook post [here](#).



Minister Fu with Minister of Energy and Infrastructure Suhail Al Mazrouei (left) and Minister of Climate Change and Environment Mariam Al Mheiri (right)



Minister Fu with DEWA Managing Director and CEO Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer.

Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week

Minister Grace Fu attended the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (ADSW) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 16 to 18 January 2022, at the invitation of UAE's Minister of Climate Change and Environment Mariam Bint Mohammed Saeed Al Mheiri. During the trip, Minister Fu also met with UAE's Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Climate Change Special Envoy Dr Sultan Al Jaber; Chairman of Abu Dhabi Department of Energy (DOE) Awaidha Al Marar, Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) Managing Director and CEO Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer; and Minister of State for Foreign Trade Dr Thani Zeyoudi. Minister Fu and her counterparts from the UAE discussed areas of collaboration in food and water security, renewable energy, and climate action. Minister Fu also reaffirmed Singapore's support for UAE's COP28 Presidency.



Read Minister Fu's Facebook post [here](#).

Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week – Zayed Sustainability Prize Award

The ADSW Opening Ceremony celebrated the winners of the prestigious Zayed Sustainability Prize. Singapore's Wateroam won the coveted prize in the water category for its portable water-filtering device. The device has been successfully deployed in over 38 countries, benefitting more than 200,000 people. The easy-to-use water filters were distributed to healthcare centres, community halls, and other centralised locations where local villagers could fill their buckets with clean drinking water without travelling long distances.



Read Minister Fu's Facebook post [here](#).



Minister Fu with Mr David Pong, CEO and co-founder of Wateroam

Response to Private Member's Motion on a Low-Carbon Society

On 12 January 2022, Minister Fu spoke in Parliament in response to a Members' Motion on advancing Singapore's transition towards a low-carbon society. In her speech, Minister highlighted that the transition to a low-carbon society will not be straightforward, but can open up a bright, greener future for Singapore. She spoke on how the Government will raise carbon pricing as one of Singapore's emission abatement strategies, leverage carbon markets, and strengthen corporate sustainability. Minister added that the Government would partner all stakeholders – corporates, civil society and the community – to co-create solutions for sustainability, and forge ahead to pursue an effective and inclusive transition to a low-carbon future.



Read Minister Fu's speech [here](#).



Minister Fu speaking in Parliament on 12 January 2022.

Water-Energy-Food Nexus: Towards a Circular Economy

On 11 January 2022, Senior Minister of State (SMS) for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Amy Khor witnessed the MoU signing between the Singapore Water Association (SWA) and the Singapore Environment Council (SEC). The MoU enables SWA members to leverage SEC's training and eco-certification programme to develop new capabilities in sustainability, as well as seize new opportunities in a growing circular economy. In her speech, SMS Dr Khor also highlighted how the Government is supporting businesses' cross-sector collaborations to reap new capabilities in sustainability.



SMS Khor (middle) at the MoU signing with representatives from the Singapore Water Association and Singapore Environment Council



Read SMS Khor's speech [here](#).