

CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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



Meeting with China's Special Envoy for Climate Change

On 18 August 2021, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu met with Mr Xie Zhenhua, China's Special Envoy for Climate Change, for a virtual discussion on how Singapore and China could collaborate to advance global climate action. They discussed the outstanding issues under the Paris Agreement Work Programme, and agreed that the completion of the Paris Rulebook at the upcoming UK COP-26 was important to achieving a strong outcome. The meeting reaffirmed Singapore and China's commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.



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

Meeting with US-ASEAN Business Council

On 4 August 2021, Minister Grace Fu met with the US-ASEAN Business Council to discuss how companies are advancing the sustainability agenda to support global climate action. In her opening remarks, Minister Fu spoke on the importance of collaboration between public and private sectors in economic development and green recovery efforts. She also spoke on Singapore's plans to seek new sustainability investments and green our industries' energy production and usage.



Read the press release [here](#).

NEA issues S\$3 billion green bonds

The National Environment Agency (NEA) has established a S\$3 billion Multicurrency Medium Term Note (MTN) Programme and Green Bond Framework. The proceeds from the issuance of Notes under the MTN Programme will be used to finance sustainable infrastructure development projects. This includes the Tuas Nexus Integrated Waste Management Facility (IWMF), which will be Singapore's first integrated facility to treat incinerable waste, source-segregated food waste, and dewatered sludge from the Tuas Water Reclamation Plant. It will also sort recyclables collected under the National Recycling Programme.



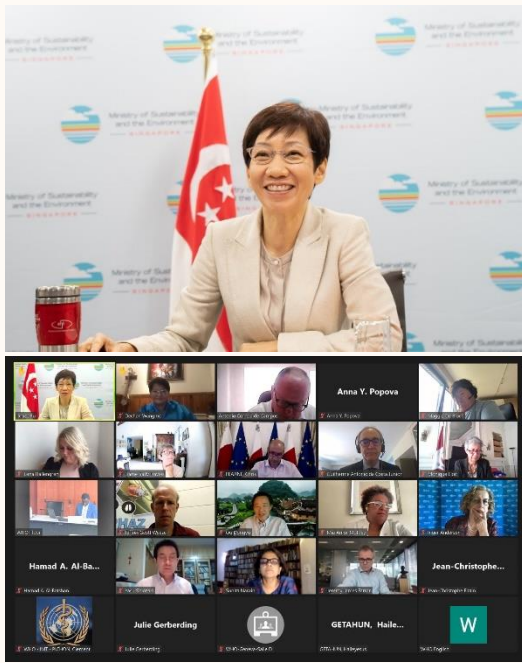
An artist's impression of the Tuas Nexus IWMF. (Photo credit: NEA)



Read NEA's press release [here](#).

2nd Official Meeting of the Global Leaders Group on AMR

Minister Fu attended the 2nd Official Meeting of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) on 29 August 2021. Antimicrobial resistance is exacerbated by the incorrect or indiscriminate use of antibiotics, which may lead to the increasing emergence of "superbugs". This impacts not just human and animal health, but also the environment. At the meeting, Minister Fu shared on Singapore's priorities for tackling AMR, including establishing national surveillance of AMR levels in food, waster, and the environment.



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

Symposium on implications of IPCC AR6 on Singapore

The Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Meteorological Service Singapore organised a virtual symposium on 31 August 2021 to discuss the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) and how they impact Singapore. The symposium brought together around 240 members of the public, academics, scientists, and experts. In her opening remarks, Minister Fu highlighted the urgent need to step up efforts to curb carbon emissions and shared Singapore's mitigation strategies. She also stressed that Singapore must press on with its climate adaptation efforts, and highlighted the importance of building up community resilience.



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

Empowering citizen co-creation of environmental sustainability projects

A second grant call has been issued for the SG Eco Fund, which supports community projects that advance environmental sustainability in Singapore. Launched in November 2020, the \$50 million Fund seeks to empower more citizens to take action for the environment and co-create solutions to achieve the targets under the Singapore Green Plan 2030. In the first grant call, more than 200 applications were received from individuals and organisations, and 37 projects were awarded \$3.7 million in funding support. The second grant call is open until 17 October 2021, and includes a new "Sprout" category to cater for smaller projects seeking funding up to S\$10,000.



Read the press release [here](#).



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