

CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

United Nations (UN) High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and Bilateral Meetings in Washington DC



Ms Farah Sanwari (left), a Singapore youth leader, and Minister Fu delivering Singapore's second Voluntary National Review at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.



Minister Fu at a side event hosted by UN-Water.



Minister Fu with Brunei's Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II Dato Amin Liew at Brunei's Mission in New York.



Minister Fu with Uzbekistan's Minister of Economy and Finance Kudbiyev Sherzod.



Minister Fu with Slovakia's Minister of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic Peter Balk.



Minister Fu with Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), a division of the Executive Office of the US President, Brenda Mallory.

From 17 to 19 July 2023, Singapore's Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu participated in the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the UN headquarters in New York. Minister Fu and Ms Farah Sanwari, a Singapore youth leader, delivered Singapore's second Voluntary National Review. Minister Fu also participated in a side event hosted by UN-Water in a panel discussion on "Water Action Agenda Special Event".

Singapore hosted an event titled "Accelerating Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Action through Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods" with India and UN Development Programme. Rwanda and Bahrain also participated in the event.

Read Minister Fu's speech on Singapore's second Voluntary National Review [here](#).

7th Ministerial on Climate Action

From 13 to 14 July 2023, Minister Fu attended the 7th Ministerial Meeting on Climate Action (MoCA7) in Brussels, co-convened by the EU, China, and Canada.

At the meeting, Minister Fu met with Canada's Environment and Climate Change Minister Steven Guilbeault and discussed issues including progress towards COP28 and both countries' common interest on carbon pricing and green finance.

Minister Fu also facilitated one of the two breakout groups on "Enhancing Cooperation on Mitigation Action", and had a productive exchange on the steps countries must take to keep the 1.5 degree Celsius goal within reach.

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



Minister Fu (centre) and officials from Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (right) at the 7th Ministerial on Climate Action.

G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers' Meeting



Minister Fu and officers from Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment at the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers' Meeting in Chennai, India.



Minister Fu at the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers' Meeting in Chennai, India.

From 27 to 30 July 2023, Minister Fu attended the G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers' Meeting in Chennai, India. Minister Fu represented Singapore, which was invited as a guest country to contribute to G20 discussions on environment and climate change.

In line with the G20 India Presidency theme of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" ("One Earth, One Family, One Future"), Minister Fu met with her counterparts from G20 members and guest countries, and took part in discussions on addressing global environment and climate issues.

Singapore stands ready to work with all partners, including the G20 India Presidency, to make progress on pressing issues on environment and climate change.

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

Meeting with Australia's Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister Patrick Gorman



Minister Fu presenting Singapore's NEWBrew, a local craft beer made using NEWater, to Australia's Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister Patrick Gorman.

On 3 July 2023, Minister Fu met with Australia's Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister Patrick Gorman at Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment office. They discussed potential areas for Singapore and Australia to cooperate on including food supply chains, food safety, and agri-tech R&D.

Singapore and Australia enjoy a close and strong relationship. Last year, both countries deepened their bilateral engagements with the signing of a first-of-its-kind Green Economy Agreement and the formation of a working group on supply chain resilience and cooperation.

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

Hosting of Diplomatic Corps Members at Singapore's Stamford Detention Tank



Minister Fu and members of the Diplomatic Corps at Singapore's Stamford Detention Tank.

On 11 July 2023, PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, hosted Minister Fu and members of the Diplomatic Corps at Singapore's Stamford Detention Tank. This is part of Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment's regular engagements with the diplomatic community.

At the tour, officers from PUB gave a briefing on Singapore's coastal protection strategies in safeguarding Singapore against the twin impacts of rising sea levels and extreme rainfall arising from climate change.

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

11th Forum of Small States Fellowship Programme



Minister Fu (centre-right) and officers from Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (right) and Permanent Representatives in Geneva and Vienna (left).

On 25 July 2023, Minister Fu met with the Permanent Representatives (PRs) from Geneva and Vienna. The meeting provided a platform for small states to come together to foster common understanding on issues and mutual concern, and exchange experiences.

Minister Fu shared about the work Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment does, including our Singapore Green Plan 2030 — a whole-of-nation movement to advance Singapore's national agenda on sustainable development.

For small states like Singapore, sustainable development is an important topic, especially in light of intensifying climate impacts and geopolitical developments. Singapore will continue to collaborate and partner with countries to advance the global agenda on sustainable development.

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

15th Chinese Journalist Visitor Programme

On 26 July 2023, Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment hosted 12 journalists from various Chinese media outlets as part of the 15th Chinese Journalist Visit Programme organised by Singapore's Ministry of Communications and Information.

Minister Fu shared with the journalists the history of Singapore's sustainable development as well as the progress of the Singapore Green Plan 2030. Minister Fu and the journalists had a wide-ranging discussion on many issues including Singapore's implementation of a carbon tax, Singapore's strategies on waste management and urban heat mitigation, as well as bilateral cooperation with China on environmental-related projects.

Singapore will continue to exchange ideas and knowledge with countries to advance the global climate agenda.

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



Minister Fu (centre, first row) with Chinese journalists at Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment office.

Bloomberg Sustainable Business Summit

On 26 July 2023, Minister Fu participated in the Bloomberg Sustainable Business Summit held in Singapore and spoke with Haslinda Amin, Anchor and Chief International Correspondent for Southeast Asia Bloomberg Television.

Minister Fu covered a breadth of issues such as the impact of climate change on Singapore and prospects for COP28. Minister Fu also highlighted Singapore's efforts in climate change and sustainability – Singapore Green Plan 2030, implementation of a carbon tax, and recycling of incinerated ash from Singapore's Semakau landfill for productive use.

Amid global economic uncertainties and geopolitical tensions, Singapore will continue to do its part to tackle climate change and strengthen international cooperation on climate action.

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



Minister Fu with Haslinda Amin, Anchor and Chief International Correspondent for Southeast Asia Bloomberg Television, at the Bloomberg Sustainable Business Summit.

Election of Singapore's Associate Professor Winston Chow as Co-Chair for Working Group II on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) Cycle Bureau

On 27 July 2023, Singapore Management University's Associate Professor (A/P) Winston Chow was successfully elected as Co-Chair for Working Group II on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability of the IPCC Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) Cycle Bureau.

A/P Chow is Singapore's first elected member of the IPCC Bureau. The IPCC guides the global community, especially developing countries, in their environmental response. For example, Singapore takes reference from AR7's findings in refining its Singapore Green Plan.

With the successful election, A/P Chow will work closely with Professor Bart van den Hurk from the Netherlands as fellow Co-Chairs. A/P Chow will also work closely with Professor Jim Skea from the United Kingdom, the newly elected Chair of the IPCC Bureau, in shaping the work of AR7, which will inform global climate action.

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



Associate Professor Winston Chow at the IPCC election in Nairobi, Kenya.

Meeting with Representatives of the US-ASEAN Business Council

On 19 July 2023, Senior Minister of State (SMS), Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Dr Amy Khor, met with representatives of the US-ASEAN Business Council and discussed the important issue of sustainability.

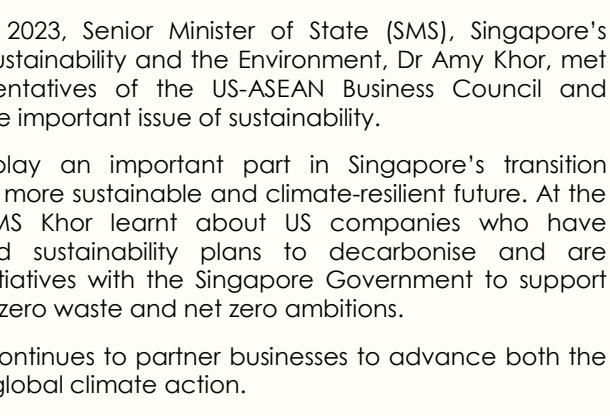
Businesses play an important part in Singapore's transition journey to a more sustainable and climate-resilient future. At the meeting, SMS Khor learnt about US companies who have implemented sustainability plans to decarbonise and are exploring initiatives with the Singapore Government to support the nation's zero waste and net zero ambitions.

Singapore continues to partner businesses to advance both the nation and global climate action.

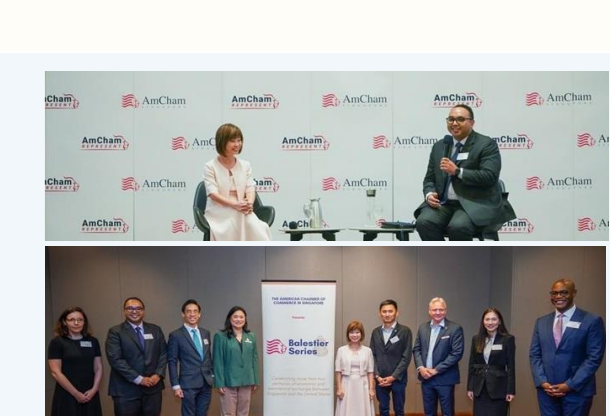
Read SMS Khor's Facebook post [here](#).



SMS Khor meeting with representatives of the US-ASEAN Business Council.



Top: SMS Khor with Khairul Anwar, Coca-Cola Bottling Investments Group, at the BalesTier Series dialogue session.



Bottom: SMS Khor with representatives of the AmCham BalesTier Series.

American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Singapore's BalesTier Series

On 5 July 2023, SMS Khor, attended the BalesTier Series hosted by AmCham in Singapore.

SMS Khor participated in a dialogue session and shared about the support measures that the Singapore Government has put in place to help companies in the green transition.

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

Meeting with Malaysia's Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Food Security YB Chan Foong Hin

On 28 July 2023, Senior Minister of State (SMS), Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Dr Koh Poh Koon, met Malaysia's Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Food Security YB Chan Foong Hin.

At the meeting, they spoke about the safety and security of both countries' food supplies, particularly in the face of climate change, and discussed how both countries can learn from each other despite the different circumstances.

SMS Koh shared about Singapore's efforts to not only improve the productivity of its farms, but also advance R&D of novel food. YB Chan then shared about Malaysia's work to enhance food and agriculture produce, and regulations around the produce.

Read SMS Koh Facebook post [here](#).



SMS Koh (left-side, centre) and officers from Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (left) and YB Chan (right-side, centre from the left).