CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

Multilateral climate negotiations

With less than 100 days to the UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP-26) in Glasgow, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Grace Fu moderated a breakout session on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on climate change, alongside Norway's Minister of Climate and the Environment Sveinung Rotevatn, and COP-25 President and Chile's Minister Environment Carolina Schmidt on 26 July. They discussed some of the possible solutions to the outstanding issues that Parties had raised at earlier Ministerial discussions in order to advance the work and build consensus for a strong outcome in Glasgow.

Read Minister Fu's Facebook post here.

Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Amy Khor attended the G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting and G20 Climate and Energy Joint Ministerial Meeting in Naples, Italy on 22 – 23 July. Reflecting the urgent need to address global warming and energy issues, this was the first time the G20 convened a Ministerial meeting to discuss the synergies between the climate and energy sectors. At the meeting, Dr Khor highlighted the importance of accelerating the transition towards sustainability.

Read SMS Khor's Facebook post here.



Photos (Top to Bottom): Minister Grace Fu co-facilitating discussions on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement; Singapore's Chief Negotiator for Climate Change, Mr Joseph Teo, delivering an intervention at the COP-26 July Ministerial meeting in London; SMS Dr Amy Khor delivering Singapore's remarks at the session on "Cities and Climate Action" at the G20 Climate and Energy Joint Ministerial Meeting.











Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Grace Fu, and senior representatives from PUB and Sembcorp at the official opening of the solar farm.

Achieving a fully green waterworks system

On 14 July, PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, and Sembcorp Industries officially opened a 60 MWp floating solar photovoltaic (PV) system on Tengeh Reservoir, one of the world's largest inland floating solar PV systems. In his opening speech, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong noted that the electricity generated from the solar farm would reduce carbon emissions by 32 kilotonnes per year, and be sufficient to power Singapore's five local water treatment plants, which offsets about 7% of PUB's annual energy needs.

Read more on the solar farm <u>here</u>.

Singapore and EU reaffirm climate action commitment

On 8 July, European Commission executive vicepresident Mr Frans Timmermans met with Senior Minister Mr Teo Chee Hean, who is also Coordinating Minister for National Security and chair of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change; Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Grace Fu; and Minister for **Affairs** Vivian Balakrishnan. Foreign Timmermans was in Singapore to discuss issues related to climate change and biodiversity in the lead-up to COP-26. The discussions covered a wide range of issues, including circular economy, green finance, and deployment of low-carbon solutions. Mr Timmermans noted Singapore and the EU's commitment to investing in and speeding up the urgent global green transition.

Read the joint statement by MSE, NCCS, and the European Commission <u>here</u>.



Rallying citizens through Climate Action Week

The Ministry for Sustainability and the Environment held its annual Climate Action Week from 12 – 18 July. The initiative featured a record number of activities aimed at increasing action and awareness on climate change. More than 60 partners from the People, Private, and Public sectors organised over 130 wide-ranging activities, which included webinars, workshops, contests, and a concert.

At the Partners for the Environment Forum on 12 July, Minister Grace Fu officially launched GreenGov.SG, a new sustainability movement for the public sector to lead the transition to a low-carbon future. Under GreenGov.SG, the public sector will strive to attain ambitious sustainability targets in carbon abatement and resource efficiency, and to be a positive influence and enabler of green efforts by the private sector and citizens.

Read more about Climate Action Week <u>here</u>.



