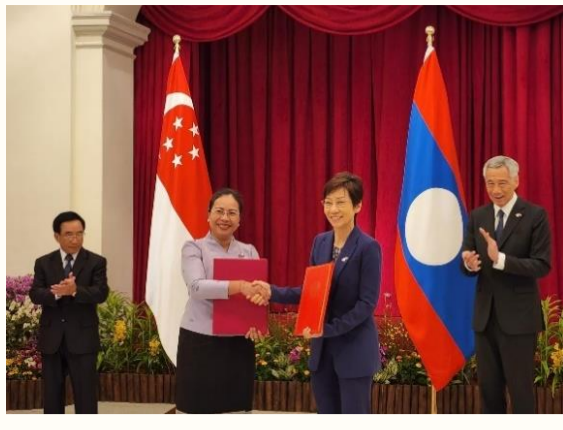


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Expanded MOU between Singapore and Lao PDR on Technical Cooperation in Environmental Protection, Climate Change and Water Resource Management



From left to right: Lao PDR's Prime Minister Dr Phankham Viphavanh, Lao PDR's Minister of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) HE Bounkham Vorachit, Singapore's Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu, and Singapore's Prime Minister Lee at the MOU signing ceremony.

On 28 September 2022, Singapore's Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu and Lao PDR's Minister of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) HE Bounkham Vorachit signed an expanded Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Technical Cooperation in Environmental Protection, Climate Change and Water Resource Management. The signing was witnessed by Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Lao PDR's Prime Minister Dr Phankham Viphavanh.

Singapore and Lao PDR share a longstanding bilateral relationship on environmental sustainability matters and similar concerns on the impacts of climate change. The MOU builds on earlier successful collaboration between both countries to include smart city initiatives, and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

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

4th Edition of the 'Friends of the Paris Agreement' High-Level Dialogue



Minister Fu (top row, second from left), China's Special Envoy on Climate Change Xie Zhenhua (top row, centre) and CEO of European Climate Foundation Laurence Tubiana (top row, second from right) participating in the 4th edition of the 'Friends of the Paris Agreement' High-Level Dialogue.

On 26 and 27 September 2022, Minister Fu was invited by China's Special Envoy on Climate Change Xie Zhenhua, and CEO of European Climate Foundation Laurence Tubiana to participate in the 4th edition of the 'Friends of the Paris Agreement' High-Level Dialogue. They discussed ways to advance the implementation of the Paris Agreement, enhance multilateralism and cooperation to achieve our collective goals, and support a successful outcome at the upcoming 2022 UN Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. Minister Fu also shared that Parties must enhance international cooperation on clean energy solutions to provide viable pathways for the net zero transition.

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

17th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-17) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP)



Minister Fu with ministers, officials and representatives for the environment, land, forest fires and haze from ASEAN Member States.

Minister Fu hosted the 17th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-17) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP) on 20 October 2022. It was ASEAN's first in-person meeting on transboundary haze pollution since the COVID-19 pandemic, which also coincided with the 20th anniversary of the signing of the AATHP.

At the meeting, Minister Fu called on her ASEAN colleagues to address increasingly complex and interconnected environmental challenges, particularly the linkages between forest and land fires, climate change, biodiversity, and food security. Minister Fu also thanked all ASEAN member states for the constructive exchanges at the COP session. Singapore looks forward to hosting the 24th Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution next year.

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

27th PreCOP Meeting in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Minister Fu attended the 27th PreCOP meeting in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 3 to 4 October 2022. Ministers and representatives from a select group of 50 countries discussed key issues including adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage, and climate finance ahead of COP27.

Minister Fu co-facilitated a breakout group discussion on Mitigation with Tomas Anker Christensen, Ambassador for Climate Change of Denmark. The group highlighted the need to establish a robust Mitigation Work Programme to accelerate the transition towards low-carbon, climate-resilient pathways.

Singapore stands ready to support the Egypt COP27 Presidency to make COP27 a success.

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



Top (from left to right): Dr Amr Osman, Lead Reviewer of the UNFCCC, Minister Fu, Dr Yasmine Fouad, Egypt's Environment Minister and the Ministerial Coordinator and Envoy for COP27, and Mr Joseph Teo, Chief Negotiator for Climate Change, Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

Bottom Left: Minister Fu with DRC Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development Eve Bazaiba.

Bottom Right: Minister Fu with UK COP26 President Alok Sharma.

Visit to Johannesburg

Minister Fu met her ministerial counterparts in Johannesburg from 5 to 7 October 2022 to discuss bilateral cooperation in the areas of infrastructure, water and sanitation, and food security and agriculture. Minister Fu also met academics and experts to discuss developments in South Africa, and visited the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) to understand South Africa's efforts in clean energy and water.

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



Top: Minister Fu having a discussion with South Africa's Minister of Water and Sanitation Senzo Mchunu.

Bottom Left: Minister Fu with researchers from South Africa's Council of Scientific & Industrial Research.

Bottom Centre: Minister Fu with South Africa's Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Patricia de Lille.

Bottom Right: Minister Fu with South Africa's Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Thoko Didiya.

44th Meeting of the Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF), 22nd AMAF Plus Three, and the 7th ASEAN - India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AIMMAF)



SPS Baey (third row from the top, second from left) participating in the 22nd AMAF Plus Three.

On 26 October 2022, Senior Parliamentary Secretary Baey Yam Keng attended the 44th Meeting of the Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF), 22nd AMAF Plus Three, and 7th ASEAN - India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AIMMAF).

Against the backdrop of post COVID-19 recovery, climate change impacts and geopolitical tensions, ASEAN Member States and dialogue partners reiterated their commitment to strengthen cooperation in ensuring regional food resiliency and security. Singapore welcomed the progress made in the harmonisation of standards and developments of guidelines to support trade facilitation of agricultural products in ASEAN, as well as efforts to develop regional policies to ensure sustainable agriculture practices.

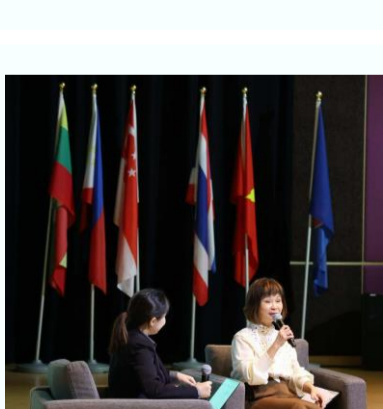
Read SPS Baey's Facebook post [here](#).

Closing Ceremony of the 11th Youth Model ASEAN Conference (YMAC)

On 5 October 2022, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Amy Khor was invited to the closing ceremony of the 11th Youth Model ASEAN Conference (YMAC). The event concluded with two weeks of discussions, debates and sharing of perspectives on climate action among more than 150 youth delegates from regional and local institutes of higher learning.

During the closing ceremony, SMS Khor exchanged views with the youth delegates on youth action, energy transition and waste reduction.

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



SMS Khor participating in a dialogue during the closing ceremony. More than 150 delegates from the region participated in the two-week conference, where they discussed and explored sustainability topics on water, food, energy and waste.

Diplomatic Corps at the Environmental Health Institute (EHI)'s Mosquito Production Facility

On 11 October 2022, Singapore's Permanent Secretary for Sustainability and the Environment Stanley Loh and Group Director of the Environmental Health Institute (EHI) Dr Ng Lee Ching hosted over 22 Ambassadors and diplomats from the Diplomatic Corps at the EHI's Mosquito Production Facility. The diplomats were briefed on EHI's work and Project Wolbachia - NEA's flagship programme which deploys the novel and highly effective Wolbachia technology to fight dengue alongside other conventional mosquito control methods. Participants were also given a tour of the facilities and a closer look at the science behind the Wolbachia-Aedes suppression technology.

