

## FROM ASPIRATIONS TO ACTION: WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2026 CELEBRATES MILESTONE 10<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

**Singapore, 14 June 2026** – The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the **World Cities Summit (WCS) 2026** opened today, marking an important milestone in reinforcing Singapore’s role as a trusted convenor of global urban leaders dedicated to sustainable urban development. The summit themed “Liveable and Sustainable Cities: ACT Now!” focused on the need for cities globally to *Accelerate*, *Collaborate*, and *Transform*, so as to create more liveable, resilient, and sustainable cities for future generations. Delegates will focus on tackling pressing challenges such as climate change, delivering affordable housing, the use of Artificial Intelligence, urban regeneration etc.

2 Running from 14 – 16 June 2026, and co-organised by Singapore’s Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the Summit is a global platform that convenes government leaders, industry experts, and academia to inspire conversations on cities, address urban liveability and sustainability challenges, share integrated urban solutions, and forge new partnerships. WCS 2026 is hosted by Minister for National Development, Chee Hong Tat, who will attend the Summit across two days to interact and exchange knowledge with visiting Ministers, Governors, Mayors and other distinguished guests on sustainable urban development. In addition, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong will also be delivering a Special Address at the WCS Opening Plenary

### **Liveable and Sustainable Cities: ACT Now!**

3 Underpinning the WCS 2026 theme is the core idea for city leaders and multi-sectoral stakeholders to:

- **Accelerate** sustainable and innovative urban solutions
- **Collaborate** across borders and sectors
- **Transform** cities for future generations through bold leadership and partnership

4 The Summit delves into the above in six thematic tracks: Cities for People, Resilient & Regenerative Cities, Smart Cities, Financing for Cities, Future Cities, and the WRLDCTY Connections Stage. Each track comprises high-level leadership plenaries, in depth discussion sessions, practitioner-led masterclasses, and special convenings and roundtables, curated together with both local and international agencies and partners.

### **Announcements Across WCS**

5 *Minister Chee Hong Tat’s Opening Speech at the Mayors Forum (14 June)*

Chee Hong Tat, Minister for National Development, and Chair of the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum, addressed mayors from 103 cities across the world at the Forum on 14 June. He announced:

- Improvements made to underground utilities systems, including URA's **Major Infrastructure Workflow** which to date, has coordinated about 272 kilometres of utility corridors and avoided about S\$300 million in unnecessary costs; **non-invasive detection technologies** including electromagnetic locators and ground-penetrating radars to supplement traditional trial trenches – allowing less disruption to road users. The Singapore Land Authority (SLA) is developing a **new portal** for industry players to submit and update utilities data, which will build more reliable shared records over time. SLA will also be publishing a **playbook of international best practices** for building underground asset registers, convened with global experts.
- CLC's new evidence-based **Regenerative City Framework** urges cities to go beyond sustainability practices. The Framework features four paradigm shifts:
  - From “doing less bad” to “doing more good” (net-positive impact rather than harm reduction alone)
  - From navigating trade-offs to optimising co-benefits (seeking greater overall wins from integration rather than accepting compromise as a default)
  - From human-centric systems to urban ecosystems (where cities are understood as interdependent systems)
  - From end-of-life to closed-loop planning (designing out waste and linear lifecycles)

It provides a structured approach for city leaders and practitioners to think about the outcomes, strategies and enablers for integration and implementation in the built environment and offers assessment indicators for accountability and capacity. Developed from CLC's research and insights gathered from over 100 global experts, the Framework is presented in a publication titled “**Beyond Sustainability – Building a Regenerative Future for Our Cities**”.

- CLC's latest Urban Systems Studies titled “**Mandai: Balancing Development and Nature**” **documented the** development of Mandai Wildlife Reserve as an example of how Singapore approached the challenge of balancing the use of its limited land resources with the need to also protect nature reserves. The development was the result of co-solutioning with cross-sectoral stakeholders and industry players, an intensive engagement process that underscores the importance of collaborative, science-based approaches in achieving development goals while protecting natural ecosystems.

## 6 Prime Minister Lawrence Wong's Special Address at the Opening Plenary (15 June)

- A new **Liu Thai Ker Distinguished Speaker Series** will be co-organised by URA and the Housing & Development Board (HDB), with an inaugural session later this year. This initiative honours the late Dr Liu, whose leadership at URA and HDB had helped shape Singapore's urban landscape in its formative years. The series will feature urban leaders from around the world sharing insights on community-centric design and sustainable city-building.
- The importance of inter-city collaboration in sharing innovative practices and knowledge in the current changing global environment on platforms such as the WCS, the Lee Kuan

Yew World City Prize and the City Network of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize (LKYWCP Network).

- Launch of the **Mayoral Fellowship** for current and former mayors to connect across boundaries, share collective experiences, and forge a lasting community of practice around their shared commitment to shape the future of their cities together. The programme is further enriched by Visiting Fellows — former mayors who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to each cohort.

7 “The relentless pace of global challenges, urban change and development calls for action, collaboration, and innovative solutions that advance the creation of liveable and sustainable cities for the benefit of future generations. The Summit will continue to advocate for cities to drive global solutions and collaborate for sustainable urban development”, said Hugh Lim, Executive Director, Centre for Liveable Cities.

### **Forging partnerships and collaborations that shape the future**

8 WCS provides a premier platform for new partnerships and collaborations to be explored and forged. During the Summit, CLC and other participating agencies will be inking several Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). These MOUs aim to facilitate knowledge sharing, capacity building, and to scale joint initiatives to address common urban challenges and promote sustainable urban development globally. Full details of the agreements that CLC will be inking can be found in **Annex 3**.

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### **About the World Cities Summit**

The biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is a platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions, and forge new partnerships. Jointly organised by Singapore’s Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), key highlights of the Summit include the Mayors Forum, WCS Young Leaders Symposium, the Science of Cities Symposium, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize, and an exhibition. For more information, visit [www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg)

More details can be found on the WCS website and on WCS official social platforms:

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**About Centre for Liveable Cities**

Set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the then-Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) aims to distil, create, and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities.

The CLC's work spans four main areas: Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, it hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better.

For more information, please visit [www.clc.gov.sg](http://www.clc.gov.sg)

**About Urban Redevelopment Authority**

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) is Singapore's land use planning and conservation agency. Our mission is 'to make Singapore a great city to live, work and play'. We strive to create an endearing home and a vibrant and sustainable city through long-term planning and innovation, in partnership with the community.

URA's multi-faceted role includes being the main government land sales agent. We attract and channel private capital investments to develop sites that support planning, economic, and social objectives. We also partner the community to enliven our public spaces to create a car-lite, people-friendly, and liveable city for all to enjoy. In shaping a distinctive city, URA also promotes architecture and urban design excellence. Visit [www.ura.gov.sg](http://www.ura.gov.sg) for more information.

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## **Annex 1.1: Regenerative Cities Framework**

### **Launch of “Beyond Sustainability: Building a Regenerative Future for Our Cities”**

Drawing on CLC's research and insights from over 100 experts globally, the publication explores how cities can remain liveable and resilient in a climate-changed and resource-constrained world. It introduces the Regenerative City Framework which offers city leaders and practitioners a structured approach to think about the outcomes, strategies and enablers for integration and implementation in the built environment. To pair ambition with accountability, it also offers a set of example assessment indicators to measure regenerative outcomes and build cities' capacity for transformation.

At the heart of the publication are four paradigm shifts that explain how the regenerative approach builds on and goes beyond sustainability, from reducing harm to actively generating co-benefits across liveability, resilience and resource optimisation.

## **Annex 1.2: Underground Utilities**

To improve the planning and management of Singapore's increasingly complex underground utility network, the Government is strengthening coordination, utility detection and data-sharing efforts.

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) implemented the Major Infrastructure Workflow in 2024, enabling lead implementing agencies of major infrastructure projects advance planning to identify and resolve potential conflicts with existing utility networks early, before construction begins. Agencies and private sector stakeholders are also adopting innovative engineering solutions such as Utility Specific Ducts as well as non-invasive utility detection technologies, such as Active Electromagnetic Locators and Multi-Channel Ground Penetration Radar. These solutions reduce the need for exploratory digging, improving project efficiency and minimising disruption to road users.

To build more reliable underground utility records, the Singapore Land Authority (SLA) is developing a centralised submission portal called the Utility Survey Submission Portal through which project parties can submit their surveyed as-built utilities data (including georeferenced location information) upon completion of works. The portal is being piloted on selected projects this year and will be expanded next year, alongside the development of a governance framework to strengthen the processes for collecting and sharing underground utility information. Earlier this year, SLA had also convened an executive dialogue with international experts to discuss key challenges in Underground Asset Registers management, including how to secure meaningful stakeholder engagement, maintain data integrity and quality, and navigate shared responsibility in data governance. SLA will be distilling the discussions from the executive dialogue into a playbook of global best practices for underground asset registers. The playbook will be released in July 2026.

More details on these initiatives will be shared during the Summit.

### **Annex 1.3: City Network of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Mayoral Fellowship**

The LKYWCP Network offers three fellowships to strengthen and deepen its role as a vibrant community of practice for sustainable and liveable cities. These are the Mayoral Fellowship, the Research Fellowship, and the Urban Leaders' Fellowship.

#### **Mayoral Fellowship**

The Mayoral Fellowship is a by-invite programme for current and former mayors to connect across boundaries, share collective experiences, and forge a lasting community of practice around their shared commitment to shape the future of their cities together.

Mayoral Fellows join a community that share common goals of liveability, sustainability, and resilience for the betterment of their cities. The programme is further enriched by Visiting Fellows — former mayors who bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to each cohort.

The inaugural batch of Mayoral Fellows comprises Ms Hemlata Diwakar (Agra, India); Mr Ciprian Ciucu (Bucharest, Romania); Mr Samuel Dusengiyumva (Kigali, Rwanda); and Dr Nasiphi Moya (Tshwane, South Africa).

Ms Anne Hidalgo (Former Mayor of Paris, France) and Mr Jan Vapaavuori (Former Mayor of Helsinki, Finland) serve as Visiting Fellows for this first cycle.

Information on other Fellowships under the LKYWCP Network – Research Fellowship and Urban Leaders Fellowship, may be found here: [Fellowships](#).

#### **About the City Network for the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize**

The City Network for the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize (LKYWCP Network) is a platform for urban leaders and practitioners to connect, collaborate and create knowledge on building liveable and sustainable cities. Launched at the World Cities Summit 2024, the Network currently comprises 26 member cities.

The Network was jointly founded by Singapore and the first seven LKYWCP Laureates. It brings together stakeholders from each city —mayors, city hall, planning departments, and knowledge organisations — to share best-in-class practices, collaborate on common urban challenges and support each other's knowledge efforts.

The Network Secretariat are the Centre for Liveable Cities (a division of the Ministry of National Development) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore.

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## **Annex 1.4: Liu Thai Ker Distinguished Speaker Series**

The Liu Thai Ker Distinguished Speaker Series is a new platform established to honour the legacy of the late Dr Liu Thai Ker (1938-2026), widely regarded as the architect and first master planner of modern Singapore. Dr Liu played a pivotal role in shaping Singapore's urban landscape through his integrated planning philosophy of balancing high-density development with liveability, during his leadership at the Housing & Development Board (HDB) from 1969 to 1989 and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) from 1989 to 1992.

URA and HDB will co-organise this speaker series, bringing together leading planning and city experts to share insights and principles that underpin successful city planning. Aligned with Dr Liu's planning philosophy, the series will explore themes of liveability, integrated urban systems, and long-term planning, to seed ideas and spark conversations on how we can plan our cities better.

The inaugural session will be held later this year as part of URA's Urban Planning & Design Roundtable series.

**Annex 2: Publications launched at the World Cities Summit 2026**

Date	Title	Details	QR Code for download
14 June 2026, Mayors Forum	<p>Urban Solutions #28: ACT Now!</p> 	<p>Urban Solutions is a bi-annual magazine published by the Centre for Liveable Cities. It aims to equip and inspire city leaders, practitioners and allied professionals to make cities more liveable and sustainable.</p> <p>The 28th edition published alongside the milestone 10th edition of the World Cities Summit 2026 explores how cities can ACT Now—Accelerate, Collaborate and Transform—to actively shape a more liveable future for all. The articles feature best practices and thought leadership from around the world, showcasing how cities are addressing urban challenges and unlocking new opportunities.</p>	 <p><a href="https://go.civicsliveable.com">https://go.civicsliveable.com</a></p>
14 June 2026, Mayors Forum	<p>2026 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Publication: Shaping the future of cities</p> 	<p>Great cities are never finished. They listen, adapt, and keep asking the harder question: <i>how do we serve our people better?</i> Learn from the 2026 Laureate city London and Special Mention cities—Antwerp, Budapest, Guangzhou, Taipei, and Tianjin: six urban stories and practical lessons of transformation, through innovations, strategies, and ideas that shaped them over decades.</p>	 <p><a href="https://go.civicsliveable.com/2026">https://go.civicsliveable.com/2026</a></p>
14 June 2026, Mayors Forum	<p>Beyond Sustainability – Building a Regenerative Future for Our Cities</p>	<p>This publication explores how cities can remain liveable and resilient in a climate-changed, resource-constrained world. Drawing on CLC's research and multisectoral engagements with over 100 global experts, it identifies four paradigm shifts that explain how the regenerative</p>	 <p><a href="https://go.civicsliveable.com/beyond">https://go.civicsliveable.com/beyond</a></p>

		<p>approach builds on and goes beyond sustainability. The publication also introduces the Regenerative City Framework, and highlights insights and case studies from cities at the forefront of climate action, to make the case for regenerative urban development as a compelling next step forward.</p>	
<p>14 June 2026, Mayors Forum</p>	<p>Urban Systems Studies: Mandai – Balancing Development and Nature</p> 	<p>The development of Mandai Wildlife Reserve is an example of Singapore’s broader challenge of balancing the use of its limited land resources with the need to also protect its nature reserves. The five-decade evolution of Mandai’s wildlife attractions—from the Singapore Zoo to newer developments like the Bird Paradise and Rainforest Wild Adventure—is a journey of how leisure, education, and tourism objectives were pursued alongside environmental commitments.</p> <p>This Urban Systems Study describes how inter-agency planning, public engagement with stakeholders like nature groups, and the efforts of the private sector helped to mitigate impacts on the nearby Central Catchment Nature Reserve. It also underscores the importance of collaborative, science-based approaches in achieving development goals while protecting natural ecosystems.</p>	

<p>14 June 2026, Science of Cities Symposium</p>	<p>International Journal of Smart and Sustainable Cities (IJSSC) Vol 2025 Issue 1</p> 	<p>The International Journal of Smart and Sustainable Cities (IJSSC) is a biannual, open-access publication fostering global inter-disciplinary research at the nexus of urban science, sustainable development, and urban resilience, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. This volume arrives at a pivotal moment for urban futures. As urbanisation accelerates — with 1.2 billion new inhabitants expected in tropical regions by 2050 — cities face mounting pressure to shift from reactive planning to proactive, science-driven approaches. The contributions here explore Sustainable Integrated Districts, the transition from operational to embodied carbon, and the growing role of AI and digital twins in planning and ESG accountability. Together, they advance a vision of tropical urbanism that is resilient, carbon-conscious, and attuned to the communities it serves.</p>	 <p><a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijss.12000">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ijss.12000</a></p>
<p>15 June 2026, Cities for People Plenary 2</p>	<p>Creating Liveable Cities: A Cross-Domain Approach to Sustainable Mobility</p> 	<p>Aligned with the Liveability Framework developed by CLC, the publication introduces a cross-domain framework that enables cities to identify and maximise co-benefits of mobility interventions, from health and environment to equity and economic vitality.</p> <p>Featuring international case studies, it demonstrates how integrated planning and holistic assessment approaches can support outcomes-based strategies and strengthen decision-making and public communication.</p>	 <p><a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cic.12000">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cic.12000</a></p>

### Annex 3: MOUs and Agreements to be inked at the World Cities Summit 2026

Date	MOU/Agreement	Details
14 June 2026	Letter of Intent with Mexico City to host the Mayors Forum of the World Cities Summit 2027	Mexico City will host the Mayors Forum of the World Cities Summit 2027. A signed Joint Declaration will be presented between Mexico City's representative and the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC).
15 June 2026	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	The MOU between CLC and the UN-Habitat marks a strong collaboration focused primarily on knowledge sharing and capability building.
15 June 2026	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Google Asia Pacific	CLC and Google Asia Pacific will sign a MOU dedicated to knowledge sharing and capacity building; which will help both parties to establish deeper collaborations for capacity building on the application of the Science of Cities in the urban planning and governance domain.
15 June 2026	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and SJ Group	The MOU between CLC and the SJ Group focuses on strengthening collaboration in shaping the future of sustainable and resilient urban development.
15 June 2026	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Urban Land Institute	CLC and ULI have had a longstanding partnership since the first MOU in 2011. Building on this, the new MOU will provide a mutually agreed framework of cooperation and international collaboration for the benefit of future projects, research, publications and international knowledge sharing events, for purposes of driving impact and change in pursuit of more liveable and sustainable cities.
15 June 2026	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Arup Singapore Private Limited	<p>CLC and Arup will renew and extend its MOU till 2029 for collaboration in shaping the future of sustainable and resilient urban developments.</p> <p>The collaboration will focus on advancing thought leadership and practical approaches in the areas of Regenerative Cities and 24-hour Cities.</p>
15 June 2026	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Singapore-ETH Centre	<p>This MOU signed between CLC and SEC is dedicated to knowledge sharing and capacity building on the application of the Science of Cities in the urban planning and governance domain.</p> <p>It will allow both parties to leverage each other's academic and professional networks to connect with experts globally and access experts to create and share new knowledge on the Science of Cities approach to support liveable and sustainable cities.</p>

15 June 2026	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and GFA Consulting Group GmbH	<p>This MOU between CLC and GFA Consulting Group GmbH (lead consortium to implement the International Urban and Regional Cooperation Asia &amp; Australasia (IURC AA) programme), will run until 2027 for collaboration on activities to promote sustainable urban development.</p> <p>This MoU establishes a framework for both parties to build a culture of knowledge-sharing through publication of research initiatives on topics such as climate adaptation, urban regeneration, social cohesion, and affordable housing.</p>
15 June 2026	Arrangement between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Jakarta Capital City Government	<p>The Arrangement between CLC and the Jakarta Capital City Government (JCCG) will be inked by Minister Chee Hong Tat and Pramono Anung Wibowo, Governor of Jakarta.</p> <p>It will help both parties establish strategic cooperation and deeper collaborations to enhance knowledge sharing, capacity building and research in the areas related to the development of Indonesia's Capital City of Jakarta.</p>

## **Annex 3.1: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** – The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dedicated to knowledge sharing and capability building. The MoU will be inked at the World Cities Summit, held in Singapore, on 15 June 2026.

2 The MOU will be signed by the Minister for National Development, Singapore, Chee Hong Tat, and the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Anacláudia Rossbach.

#### **Objectives of the MOU**

3 This MOU will mark a strong collaboration between both parties that will focus on: (i) providing capacity building support to selected emerging cities from developing regions through, primarily, the Singapore UN-Habitat International Leaders in Urban Governance Programme (the “SGUNHiLUGP”), as well as through the World Cities Summit (WCS) hosted by the Government of Singapore and its attendant Mayors Forum, with a view to promoting the implementation of Goal 11 of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda; and (ii) promoting thought leadership through, but not limited to, the WCS and the Mayors Forum held overseas, and the World Urban Forum (WUF) sessions organised by UN-Habitat, with a view to promoting the understanding of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda, as well as best practices for sustainable urbanization.

4 The scope of the MOU includes:

- a. Co-organising the SGUNHiLUGP annually with an aspiration for up to 150 cities to benefit from the programme by 2030, up from 100 cities as initially hoped for in 2016; and
- b. Inviting each other at Executive Director-level to participate in and contribute to the respective platforms, including the WCS and the Mayors Forum, and WUF sessions.

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### **About the Centre for Liveable Cities**

Set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, CLC has as its mission “to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities”. CLC’s work spans four main areas – Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, CLC hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better. For more information, please visit [www.clc.gov.sg](http://www.clc.gov.sg) .

### **About the UN-Habitat**

UN-Habitat is the United Nations entity working for sustainable urbanization. With pro-grammes in over 90 countries, it supports policymakers and communities to create socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns. UN-Habitat promotes transformative change in urban areas through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance, and collaborative action. To know more, visit [unhabitat.org](http://unhabitat.org) or follow us on social media @UNHABITAT.

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## **Annex 3.2: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Google Asia Pacific**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND GOOGLE ASIA PACIFIC IN KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** – The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and Google Asia Pacific will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dedicated to knowledge sharing and capability building. The MOU will be presented at the 2026 World Cities Summit, held in Singapore, on 15 June 2026.

2 The MOU will be presented by CLC's Executive Director, Hugh Lim and VP of Government Affairs & Public Policy, Knowledge & Information Products, Cris Turner, Google.

#### **Objectives of the MOU**

3 This MOU will help both parties to establish deeper collaborations for capability building on the application of the Science of Cities in the urban planning and governance domain. It will enable both parties to share knowledge, experience, tools, and methodologies on platforms such as at the biennial World Cities Summit, Science of Cities Symposium, and other workshops and conferences. Furthermore, agencies in the MND family and partners of Google Asia Pacific will be able to leverage each other's academic and professional networks to connect with experts globally and tap on subject matter experts to create and share new knowledge on the Science of Cities approach to support liveable and sustainable cities.

4 The scope of the MOU includes:

- a. Capability Development and Training Programmes
- b. Joint Research, Knowledge Creation and Knowledge Sharing
- c. Academic and Professional Networking

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## **About Google**

Google's mission is to organise the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful. Through products and platforms like Search, Maps, Gmail, Android, Google Play, Chrome, and YouTube, Google plays a meaningful role in the daily lives of billions of people and has become one of the most widely-known companies in the world. Google is a subsidiary of Alphabet Inc.

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## **Annex 3.3: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and SJ Group**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND SJ GROUP**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** – The Centre for Liveable Cities Limited (CLC) and Surbana Jurong (SJ Group) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen collaboration in shaping the future of sustainable and resilient urban development. The MoU will be announced at the World Cities Summit, held in Singapore, on 15 June 2026.

2 The MOU will be signed by CLC's Executive Director, Hugh Lim and SJ Group's Group Chief Executive Officer of SJ Group, Sean Chiao.

#### **Objectives of the MOU**

3 This MOU establishes a framework for both parties to deepen cooperation through knowledge creation and sharing, joint research initiatives, and active participation in global platforms such as the biennial World Cities Summit. By leveraging each other's networks, the partnership will connect with leading experts worldwide, fostering innovative ideas and solutions to address pressing urban challenges.

4 The collaboration will focus on advancing thought leadership and practical approaches in the areas of Cognitive Cities, Regenerative Cities, and Climate Resilience. Through knowledge exchange and joint initiatives, both parties aim to build collective mindshare and accelerate the adoption of transformative urban strategies globally.

5 This partnership underscores a shared commitment to cooperation, innovation, and global engagement in building future-ready cities that are cognitive, liveable, sustainable, and resilient.

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## **About SJ Group**

SJ designs spaces and systems that unlock human potential, delivering connection and certainty on shifting ground.

For over 75 years, SJ and its member companies have turned foresight into form and function through urban, infrastructure and managed services consulting. Through its business lines, it builds clarity into complexity, identity into infrastructure, character into skylines and insights into the future.

SJ walks global expertise home in over 40 countries, with 15,000 specialists united by a culture of openness and excellence. As the next-generation partner for the built world, SJ pushes the boundaries of innovative design and technology — unlocking potential for Real impact, made together.

The group continues a collective legacy of creating futures worth inheriting, meeting the needs of today and the aspirations of generations to come.

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**Annex 3.4: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Urban Land Institute (ULI)**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE  
FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** - The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) will sign a three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dedicated to knowledge creation and sharing at the World Cities Summit 2026.

2 The MOU will be signed by CLC's Executive Director, Hugh Lim, and Global CEO of ULI, Angela Cain.

**Objectives of the MOU**

3 Recognising the need to exchange the best ideas and practices that support efforts in building liveable cities that are dynamic, vibrant, cohesive and sustainable, this MOU builds on the longstanding partnership between CLC and ULI. This is the fourth MOU between the two organisations since 2011.

4 The scope of the MOU includes:  
a. Knowledge Creation and Dissemination  
b. Technical Assistance and Learning Networks  
c. Events & Conferences

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## **About the Urban Land Institute**

The Urban Land Institute is a global, member-driven organization comprising more than 45,000 real estate and urban development professionals dedicated to advancing the Institute's mission of shaping the future of the built environment for transformative impact in communities worldwide. ULI's interdisciplinary membership represents all aspects of the industry, including developers, property owners, investors, architects, urban planners, public officials, real estate brokers, appraisers, attorneys, engineers, financiers, and academics. Established in 1936, the Institute has a presence in the Americas, Europe, and Asia Pacific regions, with members in 84 countries.

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## **Annex 3.5: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Arup Singapore Private Limited**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND ARUP SINGAPORE PRIVATE LIMITED**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** – Singapore’s Centre for Liveable Cities and Arup Singapore Pte Ltd (Arup) will renew and extend its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) till 2029 for collaboration in shaping the future of sustainable and resilient urban developments. The MoU will be announced at the World Cities Summit, held in Singapore, on 15 June 2026.

2 The MOU will be signed by CLC’s Executive Director, Hugh Lim and Arup’s Managing Director, APAC, Chew Tai Chong.

#### **Objectives of the MOU**

3 This MOU establishes a framework for both parties to deepen cooperation through knowledge creation and sharing, joint research initiatives, and active participation in global platforms such as the biennial World Cities Summit. By leveraging each other’s networks, the partnership will connect with leading experts worldwide, fostering innovative ideas and solutions to address pressing urban challenges.

4 The collaboration will focus on advancing thought leadership and practical approaches in the areas of Regenerative Cities and 24-hour Cities. Through knowledge exchange and joint initiatives, both parties aim to build collective mindshare and accelerate the adoption of transformative urban strategies. This partnership underscores a shared commitment to cooperation, innovation, and global engagement in building future-ready cities that are liveable, sustainable, and resilient.

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## **About Arup**

Arup is a global built environment consultancy delivering work in more than 130 countries. We guide, plan and design the future of the built environment, providing extensive technical and advisory expertise for clients. For more information, please visit [www.arup.com](http://www.arup.com)

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## **Annex 3.6: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Singapore-ETH Centre**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND SINGAPORE-ETH CENTRE IN KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** - The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Singapore-ETH Centre (SEC) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dedicated to knowledge sharing and capability building. The MoU will be inked at the World Cities Summit, held in Singapore, on 14 to 16 June 2026.

2 The MoU will be signed by CLC's Executive Director, Hugh Lim and Director of the Singapore-ETH Centre, Prof Dr. Manu Kapur.

#### **Objectives of the MOU**

3 This MOU will help both parties to establish deeper collaborations for capability building on the application of the Science of Cities in the urban planning and governance domain. It will enable both parties to share knowledge, experience, tools, and methodologies on platforms such as at the biennial World Cities Summit, Science of Cities Symposium, and other workshops and conferences. Furthermore, agencies in the MND family and partners of ETH Zurich and SEC will be able to leverage each other's academic and professional networks to connect with experts globally and tap on subject matter experts to create and share new knowledge on the Science of Cities approach to support liveable and sustainable cities.

4 The scope of the MOU includes:

- a. Capability Development and Training Programmes
- b. Knowledge Creation and Knowledge Sharing
- c. Academic and Professional Networking

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### **About the Singapore-ETH Centre (SEC)**

The Singapore-ETH Centre (SEC), established in 2010 as a partnership between ETH Zurich and Singapore's National Research Foundation, serves as a nexus for operationalising science-policy collaboration. The SEC synergises Swiss and Singaporean R&D capabilities to address pressing national and global challenges, focusing on sustainable urban systems, climate change, and human health and expanding towards emerging frontiers like AI for Science, High Performance Computing, and Education. As a platform for innovation test-bedding, the SEC aims to build scientific excellence in its research programmes, and integrate research with policymaking and agency practice to solution towards translation and impact. Close engagement with Singapore stakeholders — including planners, regulators, and practitioners — allows new technologies and frameworks to be piloted in real-world settings and scaled for potential societal adoption. For more information, visit <https://sec.ethz.ch/>

### **About CREATE**

The Campus for Research Excellence and Technological Enterprise (CREATE) is an international research hub, with nine overseas partner universities that collaborate with Singapore's universities and institutions in 15 interdisciplinary programmes. The partner universities include Cambridge University, the French National Centre for Scientific Research (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique; CNRS), ETH Zurich, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJ), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU), Technical University of Munich (TUM), University of California Berkeley (UCB), and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC).

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## **Annex 3.7: Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and GFA Consulting Group GmbH**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND GFA CONSULTING GROUP GmbH**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** – Singapore’s Centre for Liveable Cities and GFA Consulting Group GmbH (lead consortium to implement the International Urban and Regional Cooperation Asia & Australasia (IURC AA) programme), will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) running until 2027 for collaboration on activities to promote sustainable urban development. The MOU will be announced at the World Cities Summit in Singapore on 15 June 2026.

2 The MOU will be signed by CLC’s Executive Director, Hugh Lim and GFA Consulting Group GmbH’s Pablo Gándara, Team Leader of the IURC AA programme.

#### **Objectives of the MOU**

3 This MOU establishes a framework for both parties to build a culture of knowledge-sharing through publication of research initiatives on topics such as climate adaptation, urban regeneration, social cohesion, and affordable housing. Through this partnership, both parties will participate in a range of events from lectures and webinars to major events such as the biennial World Cities Summit. By leveraging each other’s networks, the partnership will connect with leading experts worldwide, fostering innovative ideas and solutions in support of more liveable and sustainable cities.

4 The collaboration will draw on CLC’s expertise and networks in the urban sector, alongside IURC AA’s case studies, best practices, and relationships with city leaders globally, with the shared aim of driving greater climate ambition in cities worldwide.

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## **About GFA Consulting and IURC AA**

GFA Consulting, headquartered in Hamburg, leads the EU-appointed consortium implementing the IURC AA programme — an EU initiative that connects cities and regions worldwide to collaborate on sustainable urban development challenges such as affordable housing, environmental sustainability, and urban planning. For more information, please visit <https://www.iurc.eu/asia-australasia/>

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## **Annex 3.8: Arrangement between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Jakarta Capital City Government**

### **ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES (MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT) AND JAKARTA CAPITAL CITY GOVERNMENT**

**Singapore, 15 June 2026** – The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), a Division of the Ministry of National Development (MND) and the Jakarta Capital City Government (JCCG) will sign an Arrangement dedicated to knowledge sharing and capability building. The Arrangement will be inked on 15 June 2026 at the World Cities Summit, held in Singapore.

2 The Arrangement will be signed by Mr Chee Hong Tat, Minister for National Development, Singapore and His Excellency, Pramono Anung Wibowo, Governor of Jakarta. The Arrangement will be valid for two years.

#### **Objectives of the Arrangement**

3 This Arrangement will help both parties establish strategic cooperation and deeper collaborations to enhance knowledge sharing, capacity building and research in the areas related to the development of Indonesia's Capital City of Jakarta, based on the principles of mutual respect and benefit. This Arrangement formalises ongoing collaborations between CLC and JCCG.

4 The scope of cooperation in knowledge sharing, capacity building and research of this Arrangement includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- (a) Integrated Master Planning;
- (b) Smart City Development and other Initiatives;
- (c) Sustainable Urban, Water and Waste Development;
- (d) Integrated Transport and Infrastructure Development;
- (e) Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities;
- (f) Planning for High-Growth and High-Density Cities; and
- (g) Greening, Climate Mitigation and other Adaptation Efforts in Urban Planning/Development.

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### **About the Jakarta Capital City Government**

Jakarta is one of the most important cities in Southeast Asia and plays a major role on both the ASEAN and global stage. As Indonesia's largest city and economic centre, Jakarta serves as the heart of the country's government, finance and trade. Jakarta accounts for 16.6% of Indonesia's national GDP and about 6 to 7% of ASEAN's total economic output.

The Jakarta Capital City Government has had a good working relationship with CLC for the last 10 years and both parties have frequently sent delegations to visit each other's city to carry out site visits, knowledge sharing and capacity building initiatives.

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## Annex 4: World Cities Summit 10th Edition timeline

### Through the Years: World Cities Summit – the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition Special

In 2008, the inaugural World Cities Summit (WCS) was launched to address the challenges of liveable and sustainable urban development. The Summit has since attracted participation from more than 250 cities and launched key events such as the Mayors Forum and the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize.

The biennial event is a global platform for government leaders and industry experts to share innovative urban solutions and forge partnerships. As cities' needs evolve, the open dialogue at WCS remains a vital catalyst for ideas that enable the cities of tomorrow to remain vibrant, inclusive, and resilient.

**2008**



What makes a city successful? Then-Prime Minister of Singapore, Lee Hsien Loong, opened the inaugural WCS with a special address. He examined the factors contributing to a city's liveability (good environment, infrastructure and quality of life) and its vibrancy (economically competitive and culturally rich) to explore how cities can thrive as urban populations grow worldwide.

**2010**



In the wake of the 2009 global financial crisis and the increasing threat of climate change, critical topics discussed included balancing community needs, making public housing accessible, and celebrating diversity in a globalised world. The inaugural WCS Mayors Forum was attended by more than 50 mayors.

**2012**



The Summit celebrated cities that are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable, people-centric and underpinned by public-private partnerships. Delegates further considered methods to increase connectivity,

**2014**



What does the ideal city look like? Key discussion themes put forward at the Summit ranged from advocating for integrated infrastructure and strengthening community bonds, to increasing civic engagement. The first WCS Young Leaders

mitigate the effects of climate change on urban landscapes, and support ageing societies.

Symposium was held, paving the way for the next generation of leaders to shape the global urban agenda.

**2016**



Discussions centred on long-term planning through inclusive development amid rapid ageing and growing inequality. The Summit also emphasised the importance of public education on sustainability, and the need to build social capital. City leaders were urged to seize opportunities for collaborative dialogue.

**2018**



High-level speakers included Kristalina Georgieva, former Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank Group, and Ranil Wickremesinghe, former President and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. To encourage people-centricity, they proposed adding a fourth “P” (people) to the traditional “3P” (public-private partnerships) to reflect an increasingly active and vocal citizenry.

**2021**



Delegates brainstormed on how cities could adapt to an increasingly volatile world, and shared insights on policies and strategies to ensure a resilient future. This was a hybrid edition held during the COVID-19 global pandemic, with over 4,700 delegates participating remotely.

**2022**



The COVID-19 pandemic and climate-induced crises intensified urban challenges but created greater impetus for building more resilient, liveable cities. This edition explored how cities could achieve sustainable growth while remaining cohesive and collaborative. Notable attendees included city and country leaders Oh Se-hoon, Bart De Wever and Patricia de Lille.

2024



Against the backdrop of stressors arising from social, economic and climate change, city leaders examined balanced and forward-looking urban governance approaches, and stewarded initiatives for ground-up innovation to develop inclusive, future-proof solutions for cities.

2026



This milestone 10th edition underscores the value of knowledge-sharing among cities, advances the importance of innovation for urban development, and encourages collaboration and partnership to shape liveable and sustainable cities of tomorrow.

## Annex 5: World Cities Summit 2026 Orchid

### *Dendrobium* World Cities Summit



This striking free flowering hybrid produces upright inflorescences approximately 50 cm in length, each bearing up to 16 long-lasting, flowers measuring 3.8 cm across. The sepals and petals are a brilliant chartreuse-gold in colour, with the petals held upright and delicately twisted. The flowers open progressively upward along the inflorescence, creating a graceful display that symbolises progressive growth and forward-looking vision. The lip is light mauve, attractively suffused with vivid purple towards the centre, adding depth and vibrancy to the flowers.

This orchid was created by the Singapore Botanic Gardens to celebrate the continuing success of the 10th edition of the World Cities Summit (WCS) which sees its milestone 10<sup>th</sup> edition in 2026. It was officially unveiled on 15 June 2026 at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre by Prime Minister Lawrence Wong. Bearing long-lasting flowers in vibrant gold and green hues, the launch of the orchid marks the spirit of the World Cities Summit – a symbol of innovation, growth and the collective commitment of cities to build more liveable and resilient futures.

Pollination date: 18 February 2022

First flowering date: 6 May 2025

Breeder: Whang Lay Keng