

WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2014

# **POST SHOW REPORT**



LIVEABLE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES: COMMON CHALLENGES, SHARED SOLUTIONS

# A SUMMIT OF SIGNIFICANCE



The World Cities Summit is the exclusive and premier platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships.

The biennial World Cities Summit includes the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and Mayors Forum, and in 2014, the World Cities Summit Young Leaders held its inaugural Symposium.

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It's a wonderful opportunity to talk about the future of cities, which will not be like the past, and it's great that so many important businesses – technology, infrastructure, consultants – are supporting this Summit.

#### Stephen Yarwood

Lord Mayor, Adelaide, Australia The main value-add of this Summit is raising the profile of ideas, letting people swop and share ideas, and building a consensus about how cities need to evolve.

#### Dr Peter Williams

Chief Technology Officer, Big Green Innovations, IBM The concentration of talents, wisdom, skills and knowledge is all the more deeper, and that's very wonderful... all the people here are dealing with the big hairy problems of the world, and there are no easy solutions.

#### **Arun Jain**

Strategic Planning Advisor Karnataka, India



#### MAYORS FORUM

The World Cities Summit Mayors Forum is an annual by-invitation only global event for city leaders to discuss pressing urban issues and share best practices. The peer-to-peer platform for mayors allows for an insightful exchange and practical learning.

As a small country, we have a lot to learn... I really enjoyed listening to the types of problems bigger cities face... we can learn, for example, how to deploy technology to have better systems in place which will ultimately improve the safety of the city.

#### Kinlay Dorjee

Mayor, Thimpu, Bhutan

We learn how common the challenges are, whether you are a big city or little city, growing rapidly or not... but the solutions have to be tailored to each city. I've certainly learnt about the value of being realistic about what we can do.

#### Celia Wade-Brown

Mayor, Wellington, New Zealand



#### YOUNG LEADERS

The World Cities Summit Young Leaders is a new initiative to bring together young leaders from diverse sectors committed to shaping the urban development agenda. The inaugural Young Leaders Symposium in 2014 was themed "Seeding Change in my City".

At the Symposium, the richness of knowledge and expertise is very pragmatic... about how leaders are using technology to enhance their governance and service delivery, and how that is contributing to balanced economic, environmental and social development.

#### Dr Aisa Kacyira

Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General, UN-HABITAT

#### LEE KUAN YEW WORLD CITY O PRIZE

The Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is a biennial international award that honours outstanding achievements and contributions to the creation of liveable, vibrant and sustainable urban communities around the world. Visit www.leekuanyewworldcityprize.com.sg to find out more.

This Summit is very beneficial. We can learn about other cities, the newest technology and methods, and it gives us a platform to cooperate in future because there is a lot of inspiration.

#### **Zhou Naixiang**

Mayor, Suzhou, China Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate 2014



# THOUGHT LEADERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

The World Cities Summit 2014 provided thought leadership in urbanisation issues as it brought together renowned speakers and a record number of senior-level participants, including ministers, mayors, business leaders and heads of international organisations.



Angel Gurría Secretary-General, OECD



Dr Rashid Ahmed bin Fahad Minister of Environment and Water, United Arab Emirates



His Excellency Chen Lei Minister of Water Resources, China



Peter Bakker President, World **Business Council** for Sustainable Development

We have different countries, people, religion and tradition. That is why the exchange of experience and ideas is helping each city and each country.

Dr Gabur Bagdy Deputy Mayor, Budapest, Hungary

The quality of debate is truly remarkable.

Gianfranco Casati Group Chief Executive. Growth Markets. Accenture A problem shared is halfway to being solved... we can see this event as a huge expo where people can freely exchange ideas and experiences... this Summit is definitely useful; it is attracting very, very significant urban leaders.

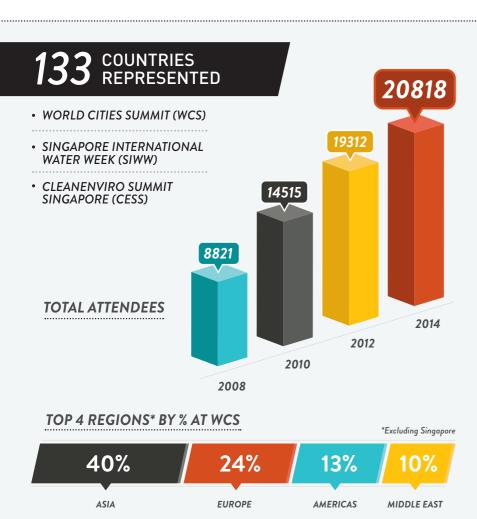


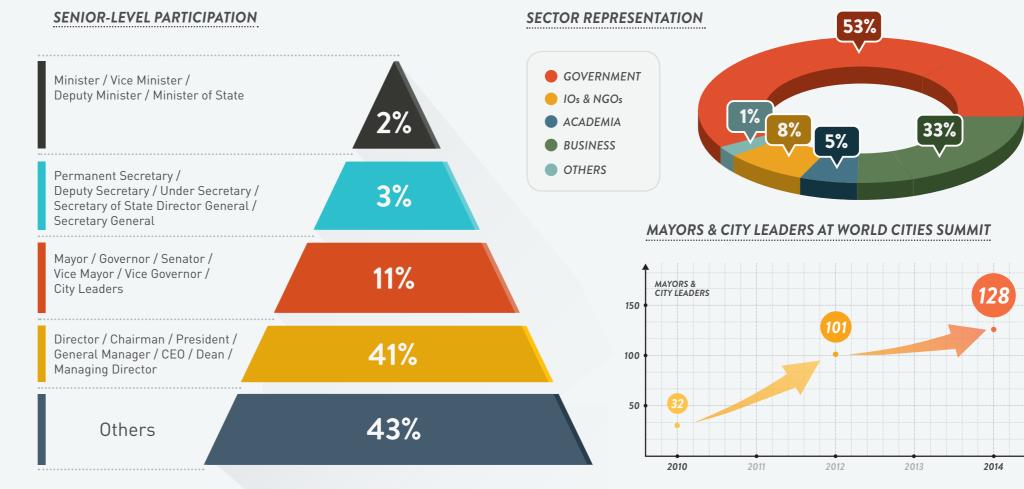
Administrator, United Nations Development Programme

■■ What makes the World Cities Summit different from other forums is that in every discussion we deal with solutions.



Patricia de Lille Executive Mayor, Cape Town, South Africa





# COMMON CHALLENGES, SHARED SOLUTIONS

#### SHARING KNOWLEDGE & SOLUTIONS

The World Cities Summit gathers and generates a wealth of shared solutions to the common challenges of how to make cities around the globe more liveable and sustainable. This year, five key themes emerged from the many insightful conversations and best practices shared at World Cities Summit 2014.



## CITIES OF THE FUTURE COLLABORATE AND CONNECT WELL

"Future-ready" cities will be empowered by globalisation to connect to other cities like never before, even as they strengthen independence and self-reliance. More collaboration between government, business and people will lift liveability all-round, from basic infrastructure to daily management of traffic, energy, waste and other city facets. Cities can install free wifi to connect everyone e.g. in Adelaide, Australia, or gather stakeholders e.g. in 24-hour "Design Storm" problem-solving sessions in Cape Town, South Africa. Drawing from networks such as the World Cities Summit will equip cities for longer-term challenges such as rural-urban migration and climate change.



#### TECHNOLOGY DRIVES LIVEABILITY

"Smart cities" are the wave of the future. Investing in technology pays off with higher quality of life today, and more sustainable resource use tomorrow. Technological innovations can be harnessed to install smarter infrastructure and integrated intelligent systems, to connect urban systems and people better. Using big data well will enhance city management of public safety, healthcare, education, mobility and large-scale events e.g. using online platforms for sharing cars and bicycles in Seoul, Korea. Social media allows cities to stay in touch with residents and to know their needs e.g. in Bandung, Indonesia.



#### **GOOD CITIES ARE INCLUSIVE**

Social resilience is found in equitable, inclusive and cohesive societies – those that foster a greater role for families and individuals in society, and equitable growth with benefits for all. Strategic, engaged leadership and greater transparency will help win the people's trust. This means bridging the digital divide and catering to potentially marginalised segments e.g. providing transport access to the city centre for rural communities in Medellin, Colombia. "High-tech" must always be balanced with "high-touch", where there is disparity in society, especially in access to information and services.



Citizens are at the heart of cities. Cities should be planned for people, not places. Strong community bonds are a crucial foundation for physical resilience, to enable cities to recover well from shocks and natural disasters. Also, engaged citizens make for successful cities in every other aspect. Co-creation is the only way forward, as no government is in a position to manage cities alone. This means involving people more in city management, whether in something as abstract as enhancing the social fabric with Neighbours Day in Wellington, New Zealand, or as concrete as managing waste with home composting in Kuching, Malaysia.



## CULTURE IS CRUCIAL FOR CHARACTER

Culture is cherished in the most attractive cities – those that foster social, cultural and natural capital. They do more in place-making to connect residents deeply e.g. Project Minato Mirai 21 (Future Port 21) turning an old shipyard into a seaside art museum at Yokohama, Japan. Nothing boosts civic pride more than smart investment in culture e.g. two new arts centres in Malaga, Spain, city of Picasso's birth. Heritage extends beyond the concrete and cultural to embrace the cultivation of nature e.g. Singapore's nationwide park connector network and over 700 community gardens boost green spaces to unify the people.



Sustainable Urbanisation 58.1%

Maintaining Competitive Advantage

**5.4**%

Balancing National and

Governance 24.3%

Effective Urban

Regional Development

2.7%

Exploiting Technology for Development

9.5%

Results of polling the audience at WCS 2014

#### THE NETHERLANDS: Us and the Oceans



Will climate change drown the Netherlands? Probably not, as the Dutch have been tackling this issue since the 1950s. They believe in concerted prevention against potential crisis. Flexibility helps prepare for an unpredictable future. Partnership between government, private sector and citizens makes possible a delta programme and water policy for the next 50 years. Because the same oceans touch all of us, other river delta cities must act too, before it is too late. They can draw from the experience and solutions shared at the World Cities Summit.

■■ Interconnected problems require interconnected solutions.

#### Melanie Schultz van Haegen

Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment, the Netherlands Opening Plenary of WCS, SIWW and CESS

#### MEDELLÍN, COLOMBIA: Total City Makeover



Medellín might well be the mother of all city makeovers. Once the world's most dangerous city, Medellín is now among the 50 least violent. From extreme poverty in the 1990s, its Human Development Index now improves one point a year. The key is redressing inequality on a moderate city budget. The poorest neighbourhoods get amenities from day care to music centres. Urban development innovations create equitable public spaces. A new mountainside cable car connects suburban residents to the city centre.

What is the meaning of Medellín? Yes, there is hope; we can escape darkness, poverty and violence.

## Aníbal Gaviria Mayor, Medellín, Colombia Special Mention, Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2014

#### BANDUNG, INDONESIA: A Happiness Experiment



Creating a "happy city" is about keeping a balance between economy, ecology and social equity, through innovation and collaboration with "happiness index projects". Bandung's 30 localities promote street art and diverse festivals for the people. Urban farming communities make residents producers, not just consumers. Residents take ownership of public parks. Technology is an enabler everywhere with public wifi, and all government departments communicate using social media and mobile apps. The bike-sharing culture aspires to reach New York City standards.

People are ultimately at the centre of the city...
A service-oriented government is the way to go.

#### Ridwan Kamil

Mayor, Bandung, Indonesia World Cities Summit Young Leaders Symposium 2014





# PUBLIC, PRIVATE, PEOPLE COLLABORATIONS

The World Cities Summit is more than just a mega conference. It is the catalyst for a myriad of co-located events that includes government-to-government collaborations, public-private partnerships and project announcements, site visits and community activities.

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic partnerships were established at WCS 2014 through numerous Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremonies and announcements. Some of these include:

- JTC Corporation and Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore (SEAS) to collaborate on **energy efficiency solutions for industrial buildings**.
- Announcement by announcement by Land Transport Authority (LTA), SMRT Corporation, StarHub and IBM to create a state-of-the-art public transport system.
- MOU to develop **Cross Border Combi Card** between Singapore's EZ-Link and Taiwan's EasyCard.
- MOU between the Housing & Development Board (HDB), Energy Market Authority (EMA) and Panasonic on a **Smart Home Energy pilot**.
- Announcement by Airbus Defence and Space and NCS to establish a Centre of Excellence for the research, development and commercialisation of safe city solutions.
- NEC completes the first **Safe City Test Bed** initiative spearheaded by the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) and Ministry of Home Affairs.
- This is an excellent platform because it brings together thought leaders who are interested in sustainability, PPP and city planning. Through this platform, there is a robust exchange of views and cross sharing of ideas that facilitates active and relevant discussions.

#### - PwC LLP

#### **SITE VISITS**

Specially designed learning journeys were hosted by Singapore's public sector agencies to allow delegates to experience and understand how polices are being implemented. There were 9 site visits organised along the themes of:

- SUSTAINABLE CITY
- UIVEABLE CITY CENTRE
- CONSERVATION IN A CITY
- O HEALTHY CITY
- GREEN CITY
- O GARDEN CITY







#### **EXHIBITION & SHOWCASES**

Over \$14.5 billion worth of deals were announced at the events. Companies recognise the value that WCS brings, and are actively participating during the week. The number of sponsors in 2014 is an increase of almost 40% from 2012.

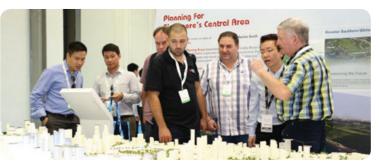
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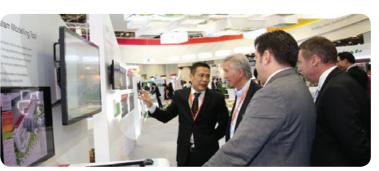
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- The WCS exhibition is a fantastic way to meet new people, reconnect with former partners and explore new ways on how to do things for cities, efficiently and effectively.
- Cities Development Initiative for Asia

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**



Hosted visit by the Mayor of South East District, Singapore, for international mayors and city leaders to experience a suburban heritage trail and the Neighbours for Active Living programme within the community.



Singapore Youth Challenge on Urban Governance: "Heroes" – to engage youths and encourage their deeper discovery of Singapore's journey in urban development. The winning entries were displayed during WCS 2014.

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# INTERNATIONAL COVERAGE

The significance of the World Cities Summit in bringing together government leaders, top business executives and experts attracted international media from to report on the summit, as well as to feature mayors and their cities.

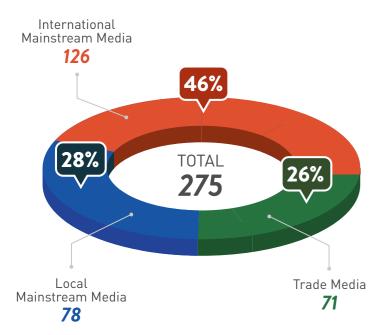
International broadcasters including CNBC, BBC and Bloomberg, as well as Channel NewsAsia from Singapore, were onsite to conduct interviews and do live crosses from the summit.

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 Stats and the City: why it pays to count your way around urban Britain
The Information Daily

#### SPAIN

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 Governor of Hidalgo presents paper: "Innovations in Urban Dynamics of Governance"

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#### COLOMBIA

• Barranquilla shares experiences
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#### INDIA

- The Singapore story: Lessons in innovative city governance and political commitment Hindustan Times
- Rapid Urbanization threatens overcrowded cities like Manila

Business Inquirer

#### CHINA

Chinese city Suzhou receives
 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize

CCTV Online

• 中国城市化初尝国际化 财经

#### **TAIWAN**

• EasyCard to be useable in Singapore in the near future The China Post

#### **JAPAN**

• International Projects at the World Cities Summit Jpubb

#### **RUSSIA**

Moscow urbanists sent to Singapore
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#### VIETNAM

 Planning the Cities of the Future

Vietnam Investment Review

#### **AUSTRALIA**

- Rivalry shelved as city heads focus on swelling population
- Australia's Capital City Lord Mayors meet in Singapore to discuss cities on world stage
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Lessons from Liveable Cities
 The Philippine Star

#### MALAYSIA

**UN-habitat deputy executive director** 

• Sultanate attends World Cities Summit

Tehran mayor confers with

Islamic Republic News Agency

 Invest In Transport Improvements, Cities Urged

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• Medellín's stunning success story New Straits Times

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Digital cities for digital citizens

The Business Times

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