



**WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2022**  
***Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Emerging Stronger***  
31 July – 3 August 2022, Singapore

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**ABOUT THE WORLD CITIES SUMMIT (WCS)**

The biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Since its inauguration in 2008, WCS has been attended by over 250 global cities and supported by leaders from government, business, international organisations and academia. Jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities and the Urban Redevelopment Authority, the biennial WCS returns to a in-person conference in 2022 after a largely virtual Summit in 2021. WCS 2022 will be held in conjunction with our Key Partner, the Asia Infrastructure Forum. Highlights of the Summit include the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize, and the WCS Mayors Forum.

**ABOUT WCS 2022**

The theme of WCS 2022, *Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Emerging Stronger*, conveys the need for cities to remain liveable, sustainable and more resilient, in these times of prolonged and unpredictable disruptions that include pandemics and climate change. As the convening point for global mayors, business leaders and knowledge experts to exchange and co-create city solutions for liveable and sustainable cities, WCS will engage cities, businesses and experts at the highest levels to discuss how cities can emerge stronger through prolonged and unpredictable disruptions.

**EVENT FORMAT**

This eighth edition of WCS will be our first full-scale conference since 2018. The 4-day event will comprise the main conference, which includes plenaries and tracks, and other key events such as the Lee Kuan Yew World Prize Lecture, Award Ceremony, WCS Mayors Forum, WCS Young Leaders Symposium, and our expo. WCS 2022 will also see the inaugural in-person WCS Smart Cities Workshop, following the success of our virtual edition in 2021. WCS sessions, networking, physical co-located events and partner events will also take place on the sidelines of WCS, organised by partners and sponsors.

Through the plenaries and tracks of the main conference, delegates will engage with the theme on how cities can emerge stronger from contemporary disruptions across five tracks: sustainable financing, smart cities, development and planning, urban resilience and liveable future cities.

**ABOUT ASIA INFRASTRUCTURE FORUM**

The Asia Infrastructure Forum (AIF) is the foremost platform for infrastructure players and thought leaders to discuss key issues such as the future state of infrastructure, sustainable financing, technological innovation and collaboration.

## KEY PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

### WCS Plenary (ES)

#### *Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Emerging Stronger*

The ongoing pandemic, crises triggered by climate change and digital disruptions have intensified both the challenges and opportunities for creating more liveable and sustainable cities. In this plenary, global leaders share their visions and strategies for how our cities can emerge stronger.

This session includes a WCS 2022 Opening Address, a high-level panel discussion, audience Q&A and a Special Address.

### WCS Plenary (CC)

#### *Liveable & Sustainable Cities: Combating the Climate Crisis*

Cities are at the heart of the climate crisis. They generate over 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions and are especially vulnerable to climate risks, but are also home to the innovations and resources needed to address the climate crisis. How can cities do better and faster, for the future of our planet?

This session includes a panel discussion, followed by an audience Q&A, and a closing keynote.

### ::: Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Lecture and Forum :::

Delivered by the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate, the Prize Lecture celebrates the Laureate's achievements in the creation of liveable, vibrant, and sustainable urban communities with a high quality of life. The Prize Forum features the Special Mention cities, who will share their urban development experiences, highlighting their unique contexts, challenges faced, and urban solutions deployed.

### ::: WCS TRACKS :::

WCS tracks are thematic sessions that involve keynote addresses, panel discussions and audience Q&A.

#### *Sustainable Financing: A New Normal?*

Sustainable financing of cities calls for an integrated and systemic approach to how urban projects are funded. This requires us to holistically consider pertinent, inter-linked issues including ESG, resilience, and climate change, beyond the technicalities of infrastructure financing. This track shares insights from the ecosystem of stakeholders including city leaders, developers, financiers and international organisations.

#### *How Can Partnerships Transform the Development of Cities?*

Cities are increasingly divided along social and economic lines. The spatial separation of different groups threatens cohesion and even growth. How can collaborations between urban planners and the real estate industry better address this? This track seeks synergies across the value chain, harnessing all-of-society approaches to build better cities for people.

#### *Smart City Priorities: What's Next?*

COVID-19 is an opportunity to reinvent cities. The pandemic has accelerated digitalisation and strengthened the case for smart cities, but it has also surfaced concerns ranging from data security to digital inclusion. How will our smart city priorities change as we prepare for the next disruption?

#### *Cities Facing Extremes: How Do We Adapt?*

50oC heat waves, 1-in-100 year storms and prolonged droughts are just some of the extreme events projected to impact cities more frequently as the world heats up. Understanding the interplay of disruptions in our cities is key to adapting for greater resilience. How can cities do this?

#### *What Does the Future Hold for Cities?*

Before COVID-19, cities were widely acknowledged as engines of growth and innovation, with increasing influence on the global stage vis-à-vis states. How has COVID-19 impacted the liveability, and the future of cities?

**WCS 2022 PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE** (As of 27 April 2022)  
 31 July – 3 August, Sand Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore

Please refer to [www.worldcitysummit.sg](http://www.worldcitysummit.sg) for the latest programme updates.

	8:30 – 10:00	10:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 14:00	14:00 – 15:30	16:00 – 17:30	18:00 onwards	
Sun 31 Jul			WCS Mayoral Lunch	11th WCS Mayors Forum		WCS-AIF Reception	
	2nd WCS Smart Cities Workshop		Lunch	Co-located events	Break		Co-located Events
	8th WCS Young Leaders Symposium			WCS SoC Symposium			WCS SoC Symposium
WCS Exhibition (open to WCS delegates)							
Mon 1 Aug	WCS Plenary: Emerging Stronger (ES)	Break	LKY World City Prize Lecture & Forum	WCS Hosted Lunch	WCS Track: Sustainable Financing	Break	WCS Track: Development
			Co-located events		Co-located events		Co-located events
WCS Exhibition (open to WCS delegates and trade visitors)							
Tue 2 Aug	WCS Track: Smart Cities	Break	WCS Track: Future Cities	WCS Plenary: Climate Crisis (CC)	Lunch	WCS Site Visits	
	Co-located events		WCS Track: Urban Resilience			Co-located events	Break
						WCS KC Meetings	Break
WCS Exhibition (open to WCS delegates and trade visitors)							
Asia Infrastructure Forum							
Wed 3 Aug	Asia Infrastructure Forum						

  

WCS By-Invite Meetings	WCS Plenaries, Tracks + Site Visits	WCS Sessions (partner-curated)	Co-located events	Programmed or networking meals	WCS Exhibition	WCS-AIF Joint Event
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## Key highlights of the World Cities Summit

- **Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize:** Inaugurated in 2010 and named after Singapore's first Prime Minister, 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.
- **WCS Mayors Forum:** The WCS Mayors Forum is an exclusive, by-invitation-only, global platform for mayors and city leaders to discuss pressing urban challenges and share best practices. WCS Mayors Forum 2022 will comprise a lunch programme and the Mayors Forum roundtable in the afternoon.
- **WCS Young Leaders Symposium:** WCS Young Leaders are select change-makers from diverse sectors who shape the global urban agenda at the annual WCS Young Leaders Symposium.
- **WCS Smart Cities Workshop:** The inaugural physical WCS Smart Cities Workshop will be held as part of the World Cities Summit 2022 on 31 July 2022. It aims to matchmake smart city projects with potential technological solution providers and funders through deep dive clinics
- **Plenaries:** Insights sharing by high-level speakers from governments, international organisations and industry sectors on cross-disciplinary policies, management strategies and solutions.
- **Tracks:** City leaders and practitioners share and discuss case studies and best practices. This takes place across five themes – Smart Cities, Urban Resilience, Sustainable Financing, Planning and Development and Liveable Future Cities.
- **WCS Sessions:** WCS Sessions are curated by our partners and add depth and range to the Summit in the form of deep-dives into how cities can emerge stronger from disruptions across different topics.
- **Co-Located Events (in-person) and Virtual Partner Events:** Physical Co-Located Events and Virtual Partner Events are organised by our partners and can range from closed door meetings and workshops to public lectures and webinars. These complement the main programme of the WCS.
- **Exhibition:** WCS provides a platform for cities, corporations and business associations to showcase their innovations through expo booths and pavilions. Key highlights include the Singapore Pavilion and booths by the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2020 laureate and top-tier sponsors.
- **Delayed Telecast and Virtual Programme:** A telecast of our physical events will be played on our virtual conference platform from 10 – 19 August 2022, along with original curated virtual content such as Special Addresses, Spotlights and Virtual Site Visits.

### WCS 2018: Key statistics

- WCS 2018 saw the attendance of 133 mayors and city leaders from 128 cities, and the signing of 16 Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and agreements. Over 1,800 senior level delegates attended the event from the government (50%), industry (34%), IO & NGO (8%) and academia (8%); across Asia (80.7%), Europe (8.6%), Oceania (3.3%), North America (2.8%), Africa (2.6%), Middle East (1.5%), and Latin America (0.5%).
- The event received global media coverage, at an Advertising Value Equivalent (AVE) of S\$10.5 million. 70% of the reports were published on international media platforms, 60% of the media coverage featured mayors and speakers, and 17% of media coverage featured WCS sponsors and MOU signings. In addition, our hashtag #WCSSG2018 was trending on Twitter.

### WCS 2021: Key statistics

- WCS 2021 comprised a hybrid event from 21 – 23 June, and webinars from July to November, and convened over 4,700 delegates from 566 cities. Over 1,100 senior level delegates attended the event from the public sector (41%), private sector (37%) and the sectors such as from international and non-governmental organisations and media (22%). 39% of our audience were overseas delegates.

# WCS Smart Cities Workshop 2022

31 July 2022, Sunday

Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

## Objectives of SCW

- (i) Exclusive networking event to advance city's smart city projects through one-on-one consultation clinics.
- (ii) Exchange of smart city development experiences and best practices by cities and partners from different sectors.

## Target Audience for SCW

### **50** City Project Teams

From:

- ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) member cities;
- Cities in the 18 East Asia Summit Participating Countries;
- Cities in Middle East, Europe, Africa, North America and Latin America.

Each city is encouraged to send a team consisting of one (1) Chief Smart City Officer/Chief Technology Officer or equivalent representative and one (1) technical expert for the workshop

### **75** Partners

From:

- Private Sector Technology Solution Providers
- Financial Institutions, including commercial banks, multinational development banks, Foundations etc.
- International Organisations and city networks
- Cities with smart solutions to offer to participating city project teams

Each partner is limited to 2 representatives per organisation

# WCS Smart Cities Workshop 2022

## Programme Overview

Time	Programme
0830	Registration & networking
0900	<b>5min Keynote address</b> by Guest of Honour
0905	<b>5min opening remarks</b> by WCS Smart Cities Partner
0910	<b>3 presentation sharings*</b> by 1 mentor city, 1 technological solution provider, 1 financial solution provider (5min each)
0925	<b>Matchmaking Clinic 1#</b> (4 x 20min clinic sessions for each city project team to meet with partners)
1045	Refreshment Break
1100	<b>3 presentation sharings</b> by 1 mentor city, 1 technological solution provider, 1 financial solution provider (5min each)
1115	<b>Matchmaking Clinic 2#</b> (5 x 20min clinic sessions for each city project team to meet with partners)
1255	<b>Closing Remark by CLC</b>

\* Presentations will focus on the successful implementation of smart solutions in the area of sustainable urban development in cities

#Matching of city project teams and partners will be done based on the preferences shared in the pre-event survey conducted and will weigh in match suitability and synergy. CLC will inform all city project teams and partners of their scheduled meetings for the Matchmaking Clinics, before the event is held. CLC will endeavour to match partners with their preferred city project teams as indicated in the survey but we do not guarantee so for all meetings scheduled.

[Each city will be seated at their respective tables throughout the workshop and partners will proceed to meet with respective cities at scheduled timeslots. CLC plans for each partner to meet with 6 cities at SCW.]

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