

# CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

## United Nations Water Conference



Singapore's Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, and Minister for Sustainability and the Environment, Ms Grace Fu, attended the United Nations Water Conference from 22 to 24 March 2023. They participated in Interactive Dialogues and side events, and held meetings with other leaders.

In Singapore's national statement, Minister Fu pledged three voluntary commitments to the Water Action Agenda. First, reducing the carbon footprint of Singapore's water treatment processes. Second, capitalising on technology to enhance our water conservation efforts, and third, building Singapore's expertise in coastal protection and flood management.

Read Singapore's National Statement [here](#).



Top: Minister Fu delivering Singapore's national statement

Bottom (from left to right): Minister Fu (centre right) with PUB CEO Mr Goh Si Hou (left), SM Tharman (second left) and Singapore's Permanent Representative to the UN Mr Burhan Gafoor (right); Minister Fu meeting China Minister of Resources Mr Li Guoying (left); and US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate Mr John Kerry (right)

## Singapore World Water Day



Top: DPM Wong, Minister Fu and SMS Khor (centre) at the Singapore World Water Day Celebration event. Participants were treated to performances and showcases on the importance of water sustainability.



Bottom: Minister Fu at the water rationing exercise with Tanong Katong Girls' School and Kong Hwa School; SMS Koh at the water rationing exercise with students (left) and SPS Baey with youth environmentalists at Changi Water Reclamation Plant (right)

On 18 March 2023, over 2,000 participants from the community and corporates joined the Singapore World Water Day Celebration event, graced by Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister Fu, and Senior Minister of State (SMS) for Sustainability and the Environment, Dr Amy Khor. In his speech, DPM Wong highlighted that Singapore must plan ahead, build up its infrastructure, and invest in new technologies to have a sustainable water supply.

Minister Fu and SMS for Sustainability and the Environment, Dr Koh Poh Koon, also joined students for water rationing exercises. Over a hundred schools took part the exercise to promote water conservation and raise awareness of water security among students.

On 9 March 2023, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (SPS) for Sustainability and the Environment, Mr Baey Yam Keng, visited the Changi Water Reclamation Plant with youth environmentalists where they discussed about coastal protection and community partnerships.

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

## Copenhagen Climate Ministerial

From 20 to 21 March 2023, Minister Fu attended the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial in Denmark. Participating Ministers and representatives from select countries came together to discuss ways to accelerate the implementation of commitments made at previous climate conferences and set the course for a successful COP28.

At the Ministerial, Minister Fu shared Singapore's perspectives on key negotiation issues and moderated one of the key tracks on climate mitigation on how countries can work together on real-world decarbonisation solutions. Minister also reiterated Singapore's commitment to work with the COP Presidencies and all Parties to raise global climate action and achieve a successful COP28.

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



Minister Fu (front row, 4th from right) at the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial

## Meeting with New Zealand's High Commissioner Ms Gabrielle Rush



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On 8 March 2023, Minister Fu met New Zealand High Commissioner Gabrielle Rush at Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment. They discussed ways to further collaborate on areas including green labelling, stormwater management, as well as food science and technology.

At the meeting, Minister Fu also extended her condolences for the loss of lives and widespread disruption caused by the recent floods and Cyclone Gabrielle that hit North Island.

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

## Virtual call with Malaysia's Minister of Natural Resources, Environmental and Climate Change YB Nik Nazmi



Minister Fu in a virtual call with YB Nik Nazmi

On 15 March 2023, Minister Fu attended a virtual call with YB Nik Nazmi, Malaysia's Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change. Minister Fu and YB Nik Nazmi discussed about the recent floods in Malaysia. They agreed to explore how both countries can work together more closely on climate action, in areas ranging from coastal protection to decarbonisation.

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

## Meeting with Indonesia's Minister for National Development Planning Mr Suharso Monoarfa



Minister Fu (centre left) with Minister Monoarfa (centre right), and their respective delegations

On 18 March 2023, Minister Fu met Indonesia Minister for National Development Planning Mr Suharso Monoarfa and his delegation for a meal. They discussed the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Green and Circular Economy, signed at the 2022 Singapore-Indonesia Leaders' Retreat. They also discussed both countries' circular economy efforts and the exciting developments of Indonesia's planned future capital city, Nusantara.

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

## Geo Connect Asia 2023



Left: JIO-Spatia, from the Singapore Management University was awarded distinction for their project to match non-profit organisations with volunteers based on location, availability, and nature of assistance

Right: SMS Khor presenting the award to Ganesha Jogja from the Bandung Institute of Technology. To enhance food sustainability in agriculture, the group proposed the idea of mobile applications to assess land sustainability for crop production, and prioritise areas for irrigation development

On 15 March 2023, SMS Khor graced Geo Connect Asia 2023, themed "Advancing sustainable and resilient geospatial solutions for an interconnected world". In her opening address, SMS Khor highlighted that geospatial technology was being harnessed to help us monitor and understand the physical impacts of climate change on our surroundings, as well as address everyday challenges in our community.

SMS Khor also presented awards to the top two teams from the ASEAN Geospatial Challenge 2023, which brought together youths from the ASEAN region to solve real life problems using geospatial technology and information.

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