

CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

Singapore International Water Week and CleanEnviro Summit Singapore successfully enabled partnerships for Climate Action



Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu speaking at the joint opening ceremony of the SIWW and CESG.

The Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) and the CleanEnviro Summit Singapore (CESG) held from 17 to 21 April 2022 drew over 15,000 attendees from around the world to collaborate on and advance climate action. Thought leaders, experts and practitioners across sectors exchanged ideas, generated new business opportunities, and co-created innovative solutions to climate change. The Water Expo and Environment Expo also featured over 300 local and international exhibitors, showcasing innovations in water and environment management.

Read the media release on the two events [here](#).



From left to right: Mr Ng Joo Hee (CEO of PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency), Mr Desmond Tan (Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment), Ms Grace Fu (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment), and Dr Amy Khor (Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment) at the launch of NEWbrew – a beer made using NEWater, Singapore's brand of clean, high-quality recycled water.



From left to right: Minister Fu joined the plenary session alongside Dr Yasmine Fouad, Egypt's Environment Minister (in virtual attendance), Mr Oliver Tonby, Senior Partner at McKinsey, Minister Fu, Mr Pang Yee Ean, CEO of Surbana Jurong, and Mr Rajeev Menon, Board of Director, US-ASEAN Business Council. The session focused on the critical success factors needed to meet our climate goals.

Official opening of the Jurong Island Desalination Plant

On 17 April 2022, Singapore's 5th desalination plant, the Jurong Island Desalination Plant (JIDP), was launched at the SIWW 2022. The plant is capable of producing up to 30 million gallons of potable water daily. It is 5 per cent more energy-efficient than conventional desalination plants, as its co-location with Tuas Power's Tembusu Multi-Utilities Complex (TMUC) allows JIDP to leverage TMUC's existing infrastructure for seawater intake.

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



Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat (centre) and Minister Fu with representatives from PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency at the official opening of the new Jurong Island Desalination Plant.



Johor Menteri Besar Onn Hafiz Ghazi and Minister Fu

Meeting with Johor Menteri Besar Onn Hafiz Ghazi

On 18 April 2022, Minister Fu met Johor Menteri Besar Onn Hafiz Ghazi and his team from Johor State Assembly, on the sidelines of the SIWW and CESG. Minister Fu shared the priorities in the Singapore Green Plan 2030 and reiterated Singapore's commitment to work with regional and international partners to advance climate action. They also updated each other on developments in the food sector.

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

Meeting with UK COP26 President Alok Sharma

On 7 April 2022, Minister Fu met with UK COP26 President Alok Sharma and discussed how Singapore and the UK can maintain the momentum for global climate action in the lead up to COP27. They also discussed ways to support the energy transition and adaptation needs in the region, including through capacity building, collaboration in renewable energy, and facilitating green finance/carbon markets. Singapore will continue to work closely with the UK COP26 Presidency, the incoming Egypt COP27 Presidency, and other Parties to advance global climate action and achieve a successful COP27.

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

Meeting with US Trade Representative Katherine Tai

On 5 April 2022, Minister Fu met with US Trade Representative Katherine Tai at the Singapore Botanic Gardens. They affirmed the close partnership between Singapore and the US, and the commitment to explore further cooperation on environmental sustainability. They also spoke on ways to incorporate sustainability into trade and economic activities, and the need to build capabilities in this area in the region.

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

4th Asia Pacific Water Summit

On 23 April 2022, SMS Dr Amy Khor spoke at the 4th Asia Pacific Water Summit (APWS), which was convened after a five-year hiatus. SMS Khor shared on Singapore's water story, including how we are investing heavily in water technology, infrastructure and research. SMS Khor also underscored the importance for countries to work together and learn from each other. For example, Singapore has benefitted from the submerged membrane bio-reactor (MBR) technology pioneered by Tokyo University Professor Kazuo Yamamoto. The MBR technology allows effective treatment of waste water while reducing energy consumption.

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



SMS Khor speaking at the APWS