

CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

Singapore Ratifies Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol

On 9 June 2022, Singapore ratified the Kigali Amendment (KA) to the Montreal Protocol to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transit towards net zero emissions. Singapore will phase down the consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) by 80 per cent over the next two decades to meet the obligations of the KA. The regulations to mitigate HFC emissions will come into effect in Singapore on 1 October 2022. These regulations will shift the market towards more climate-friendly refrigeration and air-conditioning (RAC) technologies and equipment, require the proper handling of refrigerants during servicing works, and mandate the collection and proper treatment of spent refrigerants from decommissioned RAC equipment.

Read the media release [here](#).

Stockholm+50

From 2 to 3 June 2022, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment (SMS) Dr Amy Khor attended Stockholm+50 in Sweden, where the 50th anniversary of the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment was commemorated. In her National Statement, SMS Khor emphasised the need for countries to remain committed to the sustainability agenda. As environmental challenges become increasingly complex and cross-cutting, countries must also enhance partnerships to strengthen global environmental collaboration.

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



Ms Vivianne Heijnen, the Netherlands' Minister for the Environment (left), and SMS Khor (right) met on the sidelines of Stockholm+50.

Sixth Ministerial on Climate Action

On 31 May 2022, SMS Dr Amy Khor attended the Sixth Ministerial on Climate Action (MoCA6). SMS Khor spoke about the importance of strengthening the multilateral framework of cooperation on climate change and strengthening our collective action on climate change. SMS Dr Khor also called on PRC Special Envoy for Climate Change, Mr Xie Zhenhua, to discuss how Singapore and China could strengthen cooperation in climate action and environmental sustainability. This includes introducing capacity building programmes in developing countries.

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



PRC Special Envoy for Climate Change Mr Xie Zhenhua (right) and SMS Khor (left) reaffirmed the strong ties between Singapore and China in climate action and environmental sustainability.

Temasek Ecosperity Week 2022

On 7 June 2022, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu attended the Opening Dinner at Temasek's Ecosperity Week 2022, which was themed "Accelerating Action at Scale". In her keynote speech, Minister Fu shared three reflections on Singapore's journey to accelerate action at scale through the Singapore Green Plan 2030. She highlighted that we must: (i) Catalyse action throughout society and spur investments and economic activities towards inclusive transition; (ii) Unlock more sustainable and decarbonisation solutions through collaboration within and across industries; and (iii) Build on our strengths and expertise to accelerate the implementation of sustainable solutions.

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



Minister Fu speaking at the opening dinner of Ecosperity Week 2022.

Visit by Malaysia's Health Minister to the Environmental Health Institute

On 3 June 2022, Minister of State (MOS) for Sustainability and the Environment Mr Desmond Tan hosted Malaysia's Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin and his colleagues at the National Environment Agency's Environmental Health Institute. MOS Tan shared how wastewater testing was used as a surveillance tool to monitor the trend of COVID-19 infections. During his visit, Minister Khairy was shown how samples were collected and tested at the lab for COVID-19 viral genetic fragments.

Read MOS Tan's Facebook post [here](#).



Minister Khairy Jamaluddin (centre-left) and MOS Tan (centre-right) at the Environmental Health Institute's wastewater testing facility.



MOS Tan (right) presenting a gift to Dato Dr Amin Liew (left).

Meeting with Brunei Darussalam's Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II

On 2 June 2022, MOS Desmond Tan met Dato Seri Setia Dr. Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew bin Abdullah, Brunei Darussalam's Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II, who was in Singapore for a visit. During the meeting, both Ministers took stock of their countries' developments in areas such as environmental sustainability, climate change, renewable energy, agri-food collaboration, green economy, and circular economy.

Read MOS Tan's Facebook post [here](#).