

# CLIMATE ACTION IN SG

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

## 51<sup>st</sup> St Gallen Symposium



(Left) Minister Fu speaking at the Welcome Dinner; (Right) Minister with panelists on "When Investors Join Forces: the New Drivers of Political and Sustainable Change"

Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Ms Grace Fu attended the 51<sup>st</sup> St Gallen Symposium (5 - 6 May 2022) in Switzerland. At the event, she spoke on the need for a multi-stakeholder approach to spur effective climate action, and on the Singapore Green Plan 2030. In a panel discussion with Andreas Brandstetter, President of Insurance Europe, and Nina dos Santos, Europe Editor, CNN International, she discussed the growing role of investors in the green transition.

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

## Visit to the Netherlands

Minister Fu visited the Netherlands from 7 to 10 May 2022 to learn about the latest Dutch developments and explore potential cooperation in the sustainability space.

She visited the National Test Centre Circular Plastics (top photo), Omrin Ecopark Di Wierde, and the Shell Technology Centre Amsterdam, and viewed the plastics sorting and chemical recycling technologies there.

Minister Fu also visited the coastal protection features at Maeslantkering and Katwijk aan Zee, the Wageningen University & Research (WUR), the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Metropolitan Solutions - AMS Institute (AMS), and Growy. She met with the Nationale-Nederlanden (NN) Investment Partners and exchanged ideas on climate finance and Environmental Social Governance reporting.

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



Minister Fu with partners from the Hoogheemraadschap van Rijnland (Water Board of Rijnland).



## Ministerial Meeting on Implementation

On 12 - 13 May 2022, Minister Fu attended the May Ministerial Meeting on Implementation in Denmark virtually to discuss the progress of implementation of global climate action. The Meeting marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

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

## Sanitation and Water for All Sector Ministers' Meeting

On 18 May 2022, Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment Mr Desmond Tan attended the Sanitation and Water for All Sector Ministers' Meeting in Jakarta. At the Ministerial dialogue, he spoke on Singapore's efforts to build water resilience, and the integral role that partnerships play in achieving water sustainability.

During the trip, MOS Tan also met Indonesia's Minister of Environment and Forestry (KLHK), Dr. IR. Siti Nurbaya Bakar to discuss collaboration in environmental issues. Singapore and Indonesia recently signed several landmark MOUs on Sustainability and Climate Change as well as on Green and Circular Economy Development. These MOUs underscore our close ties and the importance that both countries place on environmental issues.

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



MOS Desmond Tan speaking at the Sanitation and Water for All Sector Ministers' Meeting



MOS Desmond Tan with Dr. IR. Siti Nurbaya Bakar



SMS Dr Amy Khor (centre) with the US-ASEAN Business Council

## US-ASEAN Business Council

On 25 May 2022, SMS Dr Amy Khor met with the US-ASEAN Business Council members, who shared on the wide-ranging initiatives they were implementing which supported the Singapore Green Plan 2030. In her remarks, she noted the importance of private-public partnerships as nations advance on sustainable development.

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

## Meetings with Brunei Ministers

MOS Desmond Tan was in Brunei Darussalam from 23 to 25 May, and met with Minister of Development Dato Seri Setia Ir. Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali Bin Apong, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy (Economy) Dato Seri Paduka Dr Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Deputy Minister of Development Dato Seri Paduka Ar. Awang Haji Mazruke bin Haji Mohsin, and Permanent Secretary of Land Use and Environment Dr Nor Imtihan binti Haji Abdul Razak.

MOS and the Ministers took stock of bilateral and regional environment cooperation under the long-standing MOU between Brunei's Ministry of Development and Singapore's Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment. As small countries, Singapore and Brunei are both vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and can learn from each other's approaches to overcome these challenges.

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

## Meeting with Lord Goldsmith

On 10 May 2022, MOS Desmond Tan met with UK Minister of State (Minister for the Pacific and International Environment) Lord Goldsmith during his visit to Singapore. They spoke on the important role that governments play in channeling private sector interest and resources, and in spearheading public-private partnerships.

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