



Global Environment Outlook-6

Outreach and Media event: High level Panel Discussion

Climate action in cities: Creating a liveable environment for the people

Date/time: February 19, 2018 from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm

Venue: Regent Hotel, Singapore

Live Web-Cast link: www.youtube.com/environment



The High-level panel discussion is a milestone of the broader UN Environment core initiative, the Science-Policy-Business forum, recently launched in December 2017, right before the 3rd Environmental Assembly. The forum aims to strengthen the wider interface between science, policy, business and society by building consensus around key issues and by tearing down traditional barriers among these sectors.

The High-level panel discussion in Singapore will help ensure not only that stakeholders feel that they have a role to play in the Global Environment Outlook process, but also that they are part of a broader environmental context necessary to guarantee effectiveness and sustainability of the key messages and recommendations delivered by the assessment. In this context the Global Environment Outlook event will discuss key relevant recommendations coming out from the World Urban Forum 2018 (Kuala Lumpur, 7-13 February 2018) and will produce an outcome document to be presented during the Cities and Climate Change Science Conference: Fostering new scientific knowledge for cities based on science, practice and policy (5-7 March, Edmonton, Canada, hosted by IPCC) and the Resilient Cities 2018 meeting (26-28 April, Bonn, Germany, hosted by the International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives). We will also explore presenting the outcomes at the Special ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Meeting on Climate Action on 10 July 2018, Singapore.

The High Level Panel Discussion will examine how rapid urbanization and climate change are unsustainably impacting the use of natural resources and the environment. On the other end, a better global future lies in innovation and action. Cities and citizens represent the real solution to climate change. The High-level panelists will be invited to discuss key environmental sustainability issues in the broader context of climate change and to present innovative solutions for cities and that can be scaled up at reasonable costs. The discussion will also focus on concrete case studies from Singapore on creating a more liveable and sustainable future for its people. In line with the Global Environment Outlook assessment, the panel discussion will also consider some key cross cutting issues such as the direct effects on health, equity and gender and their relationship to sustainable development.

Panel Discussion

Panelists



Mr Ronnie Tay, Chief Executive Officer of *National Environment Agency, Singapore* – Environmental Sustainability: A Singapore Case Study



Dr Jian Liu, Chief Scientist, *UN Environment* - Sustainable cities and climate change, the role of science



Prof Diego Martino, GEO Author – GEO-6 in the global context: the role of cities in the sustainable development



Ms Megan Meaney, High Level Intergovernmental and Stakeholder Advisory Group representative from *International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives* - Best practices from cities around the world



Dr Lena Chan, Senior Director (*International Biodiversity Conservation Division*) of National Parks Board, Singapore – Urban biodiversity and Singapore



Mr Kevin Teng, Executive Director (Sustainability) of *Marina Bay Sands, Singapore* – Role of non-government actors in driving innovative solutions



Prof Rajasekhar Balasubramanian, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, *National University of Singapore* - Healthy Planet-Healthy People: the key role of liveable cities

Moderator



Moderator: **Dr Simone Targetti Ferri**, *UN Environment*

