

## **MAYORS AND CITY LEADERS WILL DISCUSS HOW TO BUILD A HIGH TRUST CITY**

The 10<sup>th</sup> World Cities Summit (WCS) Mayors Forum and 6<sup>th</sup> Young Leaders Symposium will be held in Medellín, Colombia, from 10 to 12 July 2019. The city of Medellín was named the 2016 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate and will host the event. The event will bring together over 200 participants from around the world, including mayors, city leaders, and senior leaders from the industry and international organisations, with representatives from all regions of the world.

2 Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for National Development and Second Minister for Finance, Singapore will chair the Forum, and will deliver the opening and closing addresses on 11 and 12 July 2019. The host city will be represented by Mr Federico Gutiérrez, Mayor of Medellín City.

### **Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Building a High Trust City**

3 Themed "Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Building a High Trust City", the discussions at the WCS Mayors Forum and WCS Young Leaders Symposium will explore the latest innovations and good practices in city governance that help build confidence in cities' societies and institutions, and how cities should plan for economic and environmental security in an age of unpredictable economic fluctuations and extreme weather events.

4 Notable attendees will include the Governor of Jakarta Anies Baswedan, Deputy Minister of Moscow City Government Ilya Kuzmin, Chairman of Muscat Municipality Mohsen Bin Mohammed Al-Sheikh and Mayor of Seoul Park Won-soon. Interactive sessions amongst participants will provide opportunities for in-depth discussions on these issues. The synopses of the Mayors Forum sessions are provided in [Annex A](#).

## Programme Highlights

5 Participants will go on site visits to Commune 10 and Commune 13 to witness the urban transformation in Medellín, which was made possible by high levels of trust between citizens and the government, residents' empowerment through community action and strengthened trust through public spaces. Key initiatives that have been implemented as part of Medellín's urban transformation are provided in Annex B.

6 There will also be several exhibitions for participants to visit at the Plaza Mayor. The Singapore-Medellín Exhibition will showcase projects from both Singapore and Medellín, which focus on the central theme of building trust. The efforts of both cities will be showcased through an integrated exhibition which provides the visitor an immersive walk-through experience. The City Portraits – a digital exhibition profiling the mayors and city leaders and their efforts in building greater trust in their cities – will also be showcased.

7 A community art jamming project, led by Singaporean artist Sun Yu-Li, in partnership with the local artist community Deúiniti, will take place from 7 to 11 July. The mayors and city leaders, together with local community groups, will also have an opportunity to participate in this art jamming. The co-created art pieces will be installed at public spaces in Medellín after the event.

8 Five publications by the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) will also be launched at the event and the full list can be found in Annex C. For more details on the programme and speaker line-up, please visit [www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/event-guide/wcs-mayors-forum](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/event-guide/wcs-mayors-forum).

### **About the World Cities Summit**

The biennial World Cities Summit (WCS) is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. Jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), key highlights of the Summit include the WCS Mayors Forum, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the WCS Young Leaders Symposium.

The next edition of the World Cities Summit will be held from 5–9 July 2020 in Singapore, with Keppel Corporation as the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize sponsor, Dassault Systèmes, OUE and ST Engineering as Patron sponsors, Envision as Platinum Sponsor, and Temasek Foundation as the WCS Young Leaders Partner. For more information, visit [www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg).

### **WCS Mayors Forum & WCS Young Leaders Symposium**

The WCS Mayors Forum is an exclusive by-invitation-only, global platform for mayors and city leaders to discuss pressing urban challenges and share best practices. Since its inception in 2010, the annual Forum has grown into a calendar highlight for global mayors and city leaders. The WCS Young Leaders Symposium brings together change makers and leaders from diverse sectors who are shaping the global urban agenda. The Mayors Forum and Young Leaders Symposium are key highlights of the biennial World Cities Summit held in Singapore and is jointly organised by Singapore's CLC and URA.

### **About the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize**

Inaugurated in 2010 and named after Singapore's first Prime Minister, the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize is a biennial international award that honours outstanding achievements and contributions to the creation of liveable and sustainable urban communities around the world. The lecture and forum discussions will focus on four key pillars of every city's success: liveability, vibrancy, sustainability and quality of life. Past prize Laureates include Bilbao City Hall, Spain (2010), New York City, United States of America (2012), Suzhou City, China (2014), Medellín, Colombia (2016) and Seoul, South Korea (2018). For more information, visit [www.leekuaneyeworldcityprize.com.sg](http://www.leekuaneyeworldcityprize.com.sg).

### **2016 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate: Medellín, Colombia**

For its sustained efforts in tackling the city's socio-economic challenges, the city of Medellín was named the 2016 Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize Laureate. Medellín's successful transformation from a notoriously violent city into one that is upheld as a model for urban innovation within a span of just two decades was possible through the government's investments in a multi-modal public transport and creating public spaces. Public spaces allow relationships based on empathy through communication to be built. It is where the seed of trust is planted, at the local level.

## Annex A

### **Synopses of the Mayors Forum sessions**

#### *1) Mayors Forum Session 1: “Strengthening Social and Institutional Confidence”*

Highly unequal, segregated or divided cities, reduce trust and diminish joint endeavour. The experience of cities like Medellín and Singapore suggests that social, physical and institutional integration can mend these divisions, when underpinned by dynamic urban governance and a long-term vision. Participants will discuss the latest innovations in city governance that help build confidence in a city’s society and institutions.

#### *2) Mayors Forum Session 2: “Enhancing Economic and Environmental Security”*

Cities’ long-term plans should prioritise climate sustainability and resilience, so that people know that their habitat has a future. Environmentally secure cities manage water, food and energy resources sustainably, and minimises pollution. Planning is also key to efficient, reliable and disaster-resilient infrastructure. Meanwhile, the business climate, enterprise development and regulations can keep an economy both dynamic and resilient. An inclusive economy with equal opportunities for all is also critical to socially sustainable growth. Participants will discuss how cities can plan for economic and environmental security in an age of unpredictable economic fluctuations and extreme weather events.

**Annex B**

**Key initiatives implemented as part of Medellín’s urban transformation**

**Commune 10**

Also known as the Downtown of Medellín, Commune 10 is one of the most important sectors of the city with 1.2 million people passing through daily. The integral plan of the Downtown area prioritises human mobility, and the creation of public spaces encourages social interaction and promotes environmental sustainability.



*Metrocable*



*Public space*



*Metro*



*Tram*

*Photo credit: Alcaldía de Medellín*

## Commune 13

The iconic escalators lining Commune 13's hillside are arguably one of the most famous escalators in the world – and rightfully so. By connecting the hillside neighbourhood to the city below, these escalators not only improved connectivity - they also built confidence and trust between the residents and the government. Once labelled the most dangerous commune in Medellín, inclusive and collaborative governance has transformed the commune, and galvanised the community. Public spaces have been created through purposeful urban planning. The public art and installations now brighten up the once dangerous Commune, and provides a way for the residents to be connected to the past and give hope for the future.



*Escalators*



*Street Art*



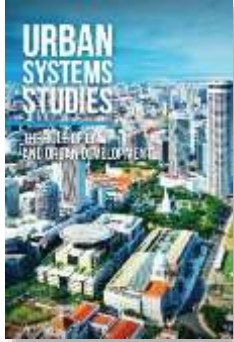
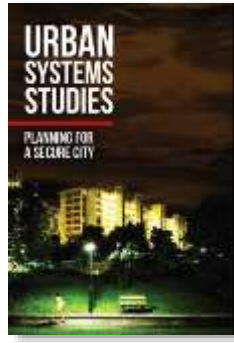

*Residents using the escalators for daily commute*



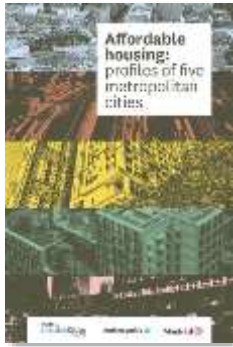
*Public space*

*Photo credit: Alcaldía de Medellín*

### List of publications launched

	<p><b>Urban Systems Studies: The Rule of Law and Urban Development</b></p> <p>“The Rule of Law and Urban Development” gives an overview of how the rule of law played a role in Singapore’s urban development since independence. It covers the key principles that characterise Singapore’s application of the law, and reveals deep insights from several of the country’s eminent urban pioneers, leaders and experts. It also looks at what ongoing and future developments may mean for the rule of law in Singapore.</p> <p><i>Download from: <a href="https://rebrand.ly/uslaw">https://rebrand.ly/uslaw</a></i></p>
	<p><b>Urban Systems Studies: Planning for a Secure City</b></p> <p>Undergirding the perceptible dimensions of a liveable city is its ability to provide its people the confidence that their personal safety is ensured and safeguarded. Yet, at times, balancing security and urban design needs presents unique, though not insurmountable, challenges. “Planning for a Secure City” charts the critical role that security planning and urban design have together played in Singapore’s transformation from being a crime-ridden city some 50 years ago to one of the safest places in the world today.</p> <p><i>Download from: <a href="https://rebrand.ly/usssecure">https://rebrand.ly/usssecure</a></i></p>
	<p><b>Urban Solutions Issue 15: High Trust Cities</b></p> <p>Trust is fundamental to partnership, which is crucial for liveable and sustainable cities. With distrust growing in urban communities in recent decades, this issue of Urban Solutions explores the importance of trust in interactions between citizens and governments, and how urban communities can and have developed trust at multiple levels.</p> <p><i>Download from: <a href="https://rebrand.ly/urbsol15">https://rebrand.ly/urbsol15</a></i></p>





### **Affordable Housing: Profiles of Five Metropolitan Cities**

As cities across the globe are faced with a growing urban populace, the provision of affordable housing is of paramount importance to a city’s sustainability and survival. Jointly produced by CLC, the City of Montreal, and Metropolis, “Affordable Housing: Profiles of Five Metropolitan Cities” highlights the endeavours of Berlin, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, and Montreal, in providing inclusive and affordable housing for their people.

Download from: <https://rebrand.ly/affordablehousing>



### **Visionary Partnership, Knowledge Innovation**

This first joint publication between CLC and Suzhou Industrial Park administrative Committee (SIPAC) documents the transformation of the SIP, and commemorates SIP’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary,

Since its establishment in 1994, the Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) has been a successful model and pathfinder for China-Singapore bilateral cooperation and a platform to build strong people-to-people ties.

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