

## **World Cities Summit 2024 – strengthening collective action for resilient and regenerative cities**

**Singapore, 5 June 2024** – The **World Cities Summit (WCS)** 2024 concluded with about 3,500 delegates and trade visitors, from close to 100 cities, attending various WCS programmes from 2 – 4 June. The Summit brought together global leaders, industry movers and shakers, innovators, and up-and-coming young leaders and entrepreneurs to envision and shape the future of urban development.

2 Under this year's theme, "*Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Rejuvenate, Reinvent, Reimagine*", more than 40 exhibitors and presenters showcased a diversity of key projects and practical urban solutions through physical booths and concept pitches at the City Innovators stage.

3 Several recurring themes have emerged during various sessions in the Summit:

- Innovation enables cities to address complex urban challenges. Cities must invest in research capabilities to drive innovation, which will in turn translate into new and effective solutions to address common challenges.
- Embracing international collaboration is vital in shaping the urban landscapes of tomorrow. Cities must remain open to adapting and incorporating insights and best practices from around the world. Benefits from international collaborations can be leveraged upon to address common challenges and build a collective future of greater liveability and sustainability.
- Partnerships and collaborative ecosystems are key in addressing urban challenges. Cities must actively involve its citizens and stakeholders in the planning of its living environment and urban policies. A more engaged citizenry lays the groundwork for a strong partnership between Government and citizens, translating into better policy outcomes and stewardship of resources.

4 In addition to the extensive discussions and knowledge exchange, the summit provided opportunities for stakeholders from the public and private sectors to forge new alliances, cultivate strategic partnerships, and explore potential avenues for collaboration. A total of 8 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and agreements were inked at WCS 2024. Details on partnerships signed at the Summit are provided in the Annex.



5 WCS serves as a catalyst for collaborative engagement and knowledge sharing, and continues to be an important convening for cities around the world. The next World Cities Summit will be held in 13 - 15 June 2026, in Singapore. The World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2025 will be held from 2 - 4 July, hosted by the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize 2020 Laureate – the city of Vienna. For more information on World Cities Summit, please visit <https://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg/>

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### **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. For more information, visit [www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg](http://www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg).

#### **About Centre for Liveable Cities**

Set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the then-Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) aims to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities.

The CLC's work spans four main areas: Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, it hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better.

For more information, please visit [www.clc.gov.sg](http://www.clc.gov.sg)

#### **About Urban Redevelopment Authority**

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) is Singapore's land use planning and conservation agency. Our mission is 'to make Singapore a great city to live, work and play'. We strive to create an endearing home and a vibrant and sustainable city through long-term planning and innovation, in partnership with the community.

URA's multi-faceted role includes being the main government land sales agent. We attract and channel private capital investments to develop sites that support planning, economic and social objectives. We also partner the community to enliven our public spaces to create a car-lite, people-friendly and liveable city for all to enjoy. In shaping a distinctive city, URA also promotes architecture and urban design excellence. Visit [www.ura.gov.sg](http://www.ura.gov.sg) for more information.



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MOUs and Agreements inked at the World Cities Summit 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>MOU/Agreement</b>	<b>Details</b>
2 June 2024	Signing of Letter of Intent with Vienna to host World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2025	The City of Vienna will host the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2025. A Letter of Intent has been signed between Vienna's representative and the Centre for Liveable Cities.
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Singapore Management University	For collaborative research in the areas of Climate, Carbon, Infrastructure and Environment, Social-Behavioural Science and Science of Cities, while also leveraging on both parties' local and international networks of academics, industry leaders and professionals in the above areas. Both parties will also participate in respective knowledge sharing platforms (e.g. WCS, CLC Lecture Series, Urban Institute's Cities Dialogues) and offer capability development opportunities for staff (e.g. on case study writing and teaching by SMU).
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Department of Planning and Architecture, the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam, on Sustainable Development	This MOU allows Ho Chi Minh City and CLC to collaborate to share knowledge e.g. CLC will offer capacity building workshops for Ho Chi Minh City officials
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between Singapore Land Authority and Singapore Management University's College of Integrative Studies and Urban Institute on Geospatial Capacity Building & Supporting Urban Climate Change Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jointly collaborate on leveraging geodata to support research projects on climate change and urban challenges.</li> <li>• Enrich the geospatial talent pipeline through participation in co-led activities or collaborative research projects and undergraduate/postgraduate research opportunities, as well as events to promote greater</li> </ul>

		geospatial outreach and awareness.
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between Singapore Land Authority and the National Land Commission Secretariat of Bhutan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate on skills development in support of Bhutan's national development through the establishment of a comprehensive and robust land administration framework</li> <li>• Explore opportunities to deepen Bhutan's geospatial capabilities</li> </ul>
3 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and Arup	Arup has been collaborating with CLC in various workstreams including co-curation of World Cities Summit (WCS) plenaries and roundtable sessions. To deepen the collaboration moving forward, CLC and Arup Singapore have agreed to formalise the partnership through a signing of the MoU that will allow both parties to expand their knowledge sharing efforts on projects that contribute to the building of liveable and sustainable cities.
4 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the National University of Singapore	<p>CLC has built a strong partnership with the National University of Singapore (NUS) since 2017, collaborating on research, capability development and knowledge sharing.</p> <p>This new 3-year MOU between CLC/MND and NUS will allow both parties to continue collaborating on research projects, knowledge exchange and capacity building efforts that contribute to the building of liveable and sustainable cities.</p>
4 June 2024	Memorandum of Understanding between the Centre for Liveable Cities and the National League of Cities	The MOU will allow CLC and the NLC to cooperate on knowledge sharing via our mutual networks, conferences and activities.