



World  
Engineers  
Summit  
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## Singapore to Host First Ever World Engineers Summit

*Week-long summit to focus on innovative and sustainable solutions to climate change*

**Singapore – 15 July 2013:** Singapore will host the first-ever World Engineers Summit (WES) 2013 from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre. Themed “Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Climate Change”, the Summit will be held in conjunction with the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) General Assembly and committee meetings. WFEO is an international, non-governmental organisation representing the engineering profession worldwide; it brings together national engineering organisations from over 90 nations and represents some 20 million engineers from around the world. Furthermore, the Summit will be held alongside two other industry events – Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia 2013 and the International Green Building Conference 2013. Singapore’s Deputy Prime Minister and chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change, Mr Teo Chee Hean, will be the guest of honour at the joint opening ceremony.

This convergence of events will allow engineers from multiple disciplines to congregate and share innovative and eco-friendly solutions and best practices drawn from around the world. Organised by the Institution of Engineers Singapore and managed by Reed Exhibitions, the Summit is expected to draw more than 1,000 attendees, making it the largest international gathering of engineers in the history of Singapore.

Delegates attending WES 2013 can look forward to industry keynotes, panel discussions and over 12 concurrent breakout sessions all aimed at fostering dialogue among industry, academic and government leaders whilst providing insights and analysis on hot topics related to climate change and sustainability.

Luminaries who will be delivering keynote addresses on 11<sup>th</sup> September represent sectors ranging from governments to corporations to NGOs, and regions from Asia to Europe to Latin America. They include **Mr Bindu N Lohani**, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asia Development Bank, **Dr Noleen Heyzer**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, **Dr Suzana Kahn-Ribeiro**, Green Economy Sub-Secretary, Rio de Janeiro State Secretariat of Environment, Brazil, and **Dr Roland Busch**, CEO, Infrastructure & Cities Sector, Siemens AG.

## **WES 2013 Sustainability Leadership Forum**

An integral part of the summit is the WES 2013 Sustainability Leadership Forum that will see government and industry thought leaders from across the globe convene to discuss strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The forum will be moderated by Singapore's ambassador-at-large **Prof Tommy Koh** with a speaker line-up that includes **Dr Vivian Balakrishnan**, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore, **Mr François Guibert**, Executive Vice President & President, Greater China & South Asia Region, STMicroelectronics and **Dr Selda Gonsel**, Vice President, Global Commercial Technology, Projects & Technology Group, Shell.

"It is a well-known fact that climate change has impacts that pose a serious threat to human lives. But through technological innovation and sustainable solutions, we can quickly mitigate and adapt to these environmental changes before it is too late. The engineering profession is ideally suited to provide the necessary thought leadership and keen insight to bring technology-led solutions to the world", said Er. Tan Seng Chuan, Chairman, WES 2013 Steering Committee, and Vice President, WFEO.

### **Lead Up Event: Dialogue on Sustainability & Climate Change**

As part of the lead-up to WES 2013, a dialogue session on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 will be held with a focus on topics related to sustainability and climate change. Dr Chris Gordon, Director, Centre for Climate Research Singapore (CCRS), will discuss the scientific challenges to future climate change in Singapore, while JTC Corporation's Assistant CEO (Technical & Professional Services Group), Mr David Tan will share his insights on JTC's approach to environmental sustainability as well as some of the green technologies used to help JTC and its customers achieve resource efficiencies in land, energy and water usage.

"As Singapore's leading industrial infrastructure specialist, JTC is committed to environmental sustainability and seeks to address environmental challenges in a pragmatic manner. JTC will continue to explore and step up on our efforts to integrate innovative green practices and eco-friendly features in our existing and upcoming industrial developments. We look forward to the opportunity to share and exchange sustainability and green technology ideas at the upcoming WES 2013 lead-up event", said Mr David Tan, Asst CEO (Technical & Professional Services Group), JTC.

"Climate change is a reality and being able to come up with robust long-term projections will help Singapore towards climate resilience. I look forward to sharing more of CCRS's work at both the lead-up event this month and again at WES 2013 in September. I think both events will be ideal platforms to show what we do and perhaps, to inspire others to do", added Dr Chris Gordon, Director, Centre for Climate Research Singapore.

Both Dr Chris Gordon and Mr David Tan will be participating at WES 2013 in September, in addition to speaking at the lead-up event. Admission to the event is free and attendees can register by sending an email with your name, company name, designation and contact number to [wes2013@reedexpo.com.sg](mailto:wes2013@reedexpo.com.sg).

For more information on WES, visit [www.WES2013.org](http://www.WES2013.org).

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### **About WES 2013**

The World Engineers Summit (WES) 2013 brings together engineers from different disciplines and from around the world to discuss, explore and share ideas on “Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Climate Change”. The inaugural Summit will be held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore, in conjunction with the World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO) General Assembly and committee meetings, and alongside industry events, Build Eco Xpo (BEX) Asia 2013, International Green Building Conference (IGBC) 2013 and the new World Engineering Expo 2013. For more information, visit [www.wes2013.org](http://www.wes2013.org).



### **About The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES)**

The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) was formally established in July 1966 as the national society of engineers in Singapore. IES is the premier engineering institution in Singapore and is called upon by the Government to provide feedback on professional engineering matters.

IES is well represented among the faculty members of the major engineering institutions of higher learning in Singapore. Through close collaboration with the local universities and polytechnics, IES organises courses, seminars and talks for engineers and IES members to advance the continuous development of engineers.

The Institution maintains close links with professional organisations of engineers regionally and throughout the world. These include organisations in Australia, China, Japan, United Kingdom and the United States. The Institution also represents Singapore in the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (AFEO) and the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and the Pacific (FEIAP) in promoting goodwill and fellowship among all engineers in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific region.

Through its Engineering Accreditation Board (EAB), IES obtained full signatory status in the Washington Accord (WA) in June 2006. The entry grants IES the authority to represent Singapore, the first country within the ASEAN region, which has obtained full signatory status in the WA, to vet education systems under the WA mutual recognition framework.



### **About Reed Exhibitions**

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