

SINGAPORE MUST CONTINUE TO MOVE TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUTURE

The fight against climate change will continue despite US decision to withdraw from Paris Agreement

Singapore, June 2, 2017: The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) said the decision by the Trump Administration to withdraw from the Paris Agreement would not stop Singapore taking action against climate change.

Ms Isabella Loh, Chairman of SEC said Singapore must move ahead with its plans to create a sustainable energy future based on more energy efficient industries and the development of clean energy technologies.

“The key to the success of the Paris Agreement is for individual countries to implement policies that will achieve their nation’s targets. Three quarters of the world’s nations have ratified the agreement, including China and India.”

“We welcome the announcements by the Governments of Singapore, China, India, France, Germany, Italy and other nations to reaffirm their commitment to the Paris Agreement following the US decision to withdraw.”

“The US decision to withdraw from the Green Climate Fund will set back important funding for innovative investments in low-emission and climate-resilient projects in developing countries.”

“Singapore has pledged to take action on climate change by agreeing to reduce its emission intensity by thirty six per cent from 2005 levels by 2030. To achieve this, the Government announced it will put a price on carbon. This is the most efficient and cost-effective way for Singapore to meet our obligations under the Paris Agreement.”

“Over the long-term a carbon price will transform the Singapore economy by encouraging industries to be more energy efficient which could lead to a further reduction in pollution,” Ms Loh said.

* For more information on the science of climate change see <https://www.ipcc.ch/>. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a scientific and intergovernmental body under the auspices of the United Nations, set up at the request of member governments, dedicated to the task of providing the world with an objective, scientific view of climate change and its political and economic impacts. It was first established in 1988.

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Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is an independently managed, non-profit and non-government organisation (NGO). We influence thinking on sustainability issues and coordinate environmental efforts in Singapore.

We are also an approved charity and offer tax exemption to donors. SEC continuously engages all sectors of the community by formulating and executing a range of holistic programmes, such as the Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards, Asian Environmental Journalism Awards, SEC-StarHub School Green Awards, Singapore Green Labelling Scheme, Project: Eco-Office, Project: Eco-Shop and Project: F&B. In addition, we build a pool of committed volunteers under our Earth Helpers programme. Our Training and Education arm provides the people, public and private sectors with the opportunity to develop awareness, knowledge, skills and tools in order to protect and improve our environment for a sustainable future.

Strong partnerships with corporations, government agencies and other NGOs are valued by us. These partnerships are vital for sustaining our programmes, leading to positive action and change. Over the years, SEC has given strength and direction to the environmental movement in Singapore.

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