

Singapore's Inter-Ministerial Collaboration Efforts in Implementing the 2030 Agenda

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Sustainability at the heart of city planning

- Policies are designed with sustainability in mind and geared towards accomplishing the 17 SDGs.
- **Singapore is ranked the fourth most sustainable city in the world, and first in Asia** (Arcadis' 2018 Sustainable Cities Index) – People, Planet and Profit.



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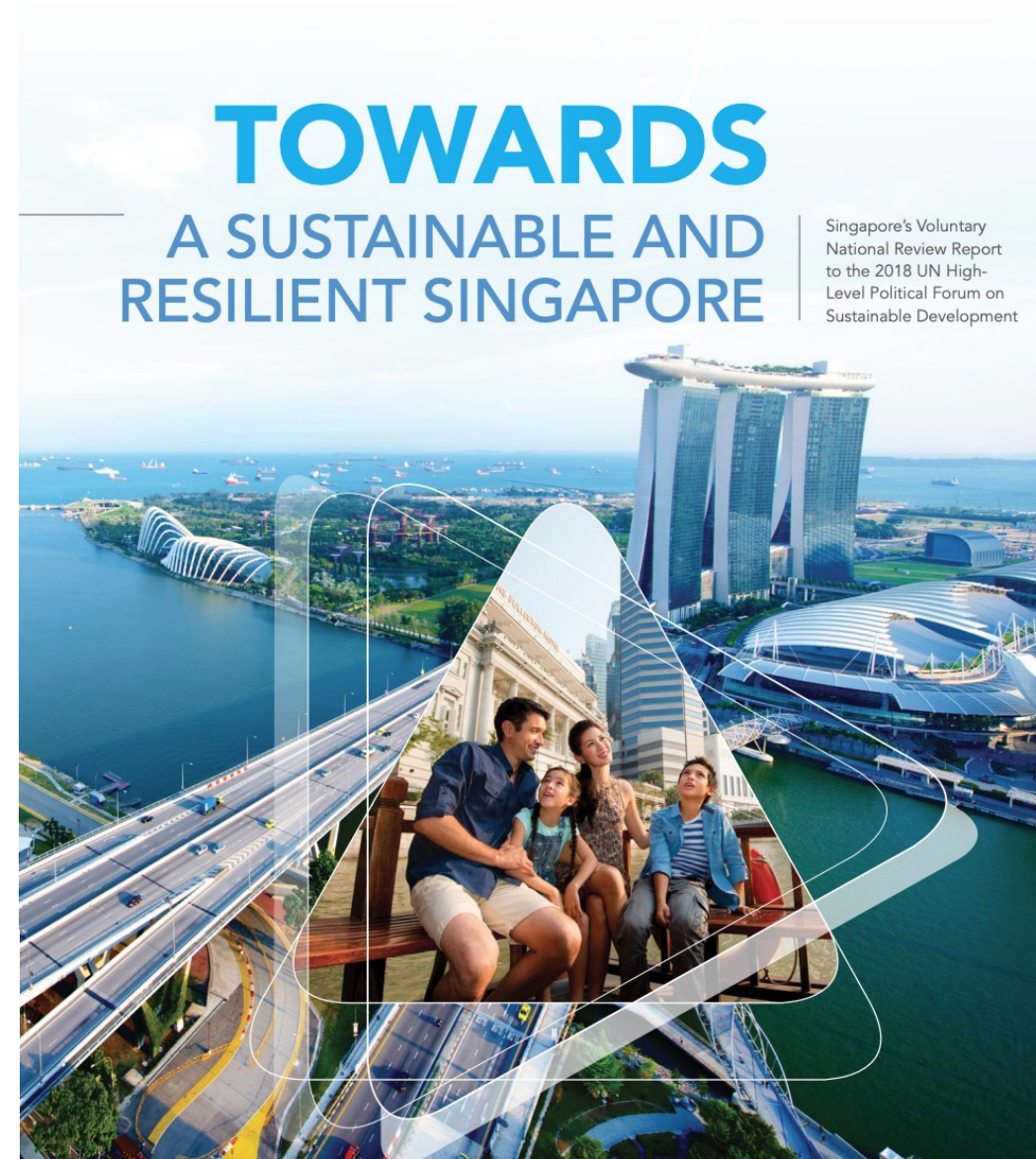
- **Key Principles for sustainable development**
 1. Long-term **planning**
 2. In-depth **understanding of unique circumstances & vulnerabilities** (e.g. lack of natural resources)
 3. Listening to **needs** (citizen-centric policies)
 4. Coherent, **integrated policies & objectives** across the Government
 5. Embracing change through **flexibility & innovation**
 6. Being **dynamic** to foresee and adapt to future challenges

Inter-Ministry Committee on SDGs (IMC-SDGs)

- Sustainable development guides our **Whole-of-Government (WOG) approach to policy-making.**
- An **Inter-Ministry Committee on SDGs (IMC-SDGs)** co-chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE) coordinates SDG-related efforts across a broad range of Ministries and Statutory Boards.
 - Efforts supported by Department of Statistics, our national statistical office.

IMC-SDGs: First Voluntary National Review (VNR)

- First VNR at the 2018 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) to review SDG implementation
- **3 tiered approach**
 1. **Internal stocktake** of our current progress on the SDGs
 2. **Consultative and iterative process** in producing the VNR report with agencies
 3. **Outreach to non-governmental stakeholders** to adopt a Whole-of-Nation approach





Follow-up and Monitoring of SDG Progress

- Exploring ways to strengthen institutional mechanisms for SDG implementation, improve stakeholder consultations and strengthen data collection, availability and monitoring of progress.
- **Singapore's Department of Statistics (DOS)** works with IMC-SDGs and relevant government agencies in collating SDG data and shares our findings and progress on SDG implementation at key international and regional fora
 - Chair of the ASEAN Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (2020-2021) – ASEAN SDG Indicators Baseline Report 2020

Monitoring SDG Progress – SDG Webpage

- In Sept 2019, Singapore’s Department of Statistics launched a [SDG webpage](#) which tracks Singapore’s progress according to the SDG indicators.
- Currently exploring ways to streamline data collection and monitoring efforts through a broad-ranging inter-agency effort.
- Ensuring that the data is meaningful to Singapore’s unique context, since countries have **flexibility** and can develop their own reporting formats, frameworks, and proxy indicators for SDG reporting.

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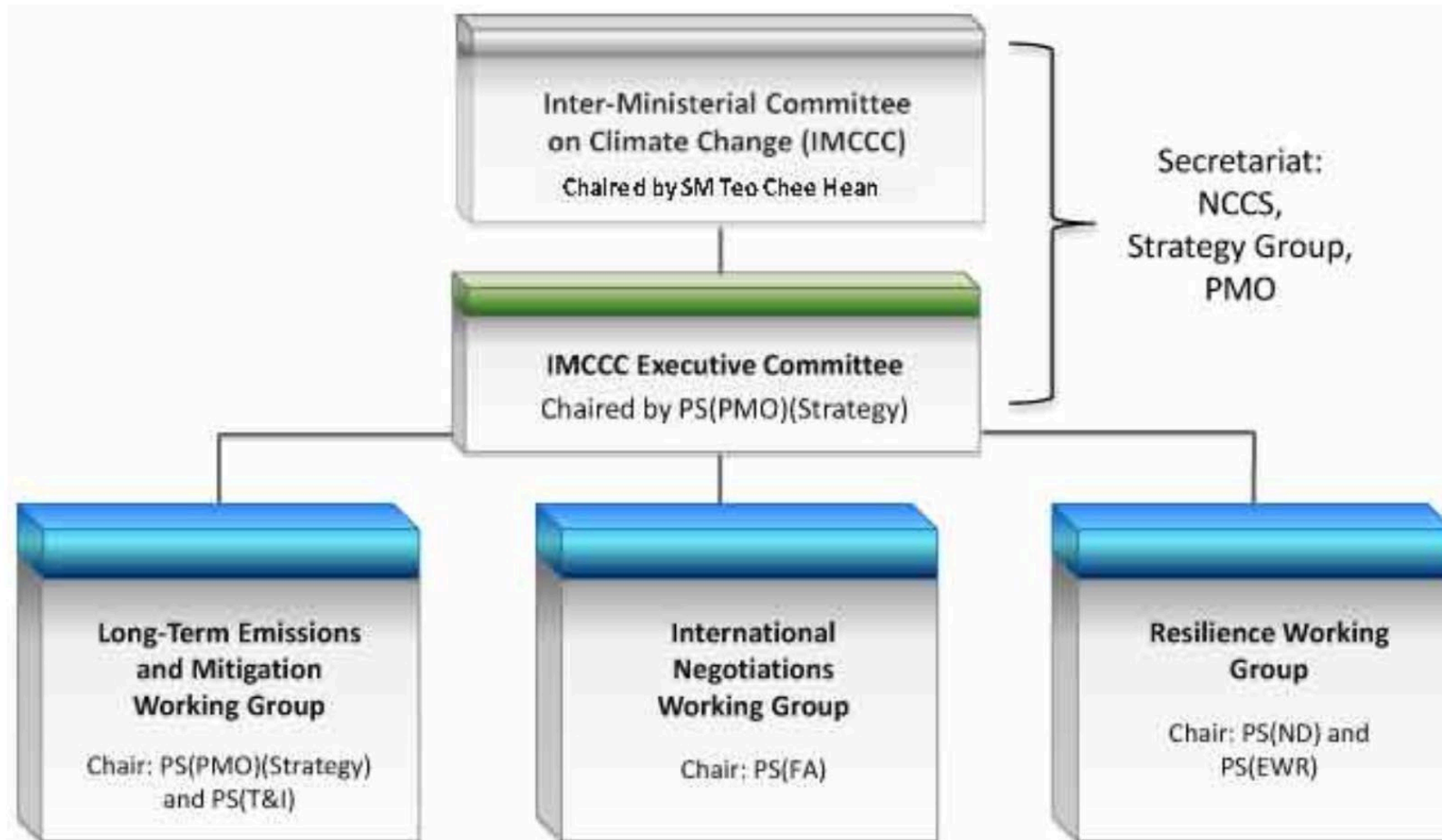


An aerial photograph of Singapore's skyline, featuring the Marina Bay Sands hotel on the left, the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay in the foreground, and a dense cluster of skyscrapers in the background. The water of Marina Bay is visible in the center.

Case Study: Inter-Agency Coordination on Climate Action (SDG 13)

Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change (IMCCC)

Committees and Work Groups Addressing Singapore's Climate Change-related Issues



Conclusion

- In sum, Singapore adopts a Whole-of-Government approach in achieving the 2030 Agenda. Institutions such as the IMC-SDGs and the IMCCC help to facilitate and coordinate the government's approach in order to find synergies and overcome challenges.
- We will aim to continually refine and improve upon these arrangements based on best practices from other countries.
- We will continue to support the efforts of other developing countries in Asia Pacific to implement the SDGs through our capacity-building efforts e.g. the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP).



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