

PRESS RELEASE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

27 January 2025 – Singapore’s Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), and United Nations agency, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together on leveraging urban technologies and innovation, to address sustainable urban development challenges around the world.

2 The MoU was signed by Hugh Lim, Executive Director, CLC, and Marcos Neto, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support.

Objectives of the MoU

3 This MoU, a first between CLC and UNDP, builds on an ongoing collaboration between CLC and UNDP. The new partnership seeks to strengthen partnership by tapping on CLC’s expertise and networks in the urban sector and UNDP’s global presence, to enhance sustainable urban development. It aims to harness the potential of people-centred urban technologies and innovation to improve the lives and livelihoods of city dwellers.

4 Under this MoU, CLC and UNDP will build on the exchange of best ideas and practices to support efforts in building liveable cities that are dynamic, vibrant, cohesive and sustainable. This will include promoting sustainable urban development through knowledge sharing sessions, external symposiums, conferences and other national or global platforms. Key events include the World Cities Summit 2026, CLC’s Lecture Series and Science of Cities Symposium.

5 CLC and UNDP look forward to deepening our partnership through the mutual exchange and creation of knowledge with this MoU. This will build on existing and ongoing research and frameworks that city leaders can implement such as CLC’s refreshed Liveability Framework which was launched at the World Cities Summit 2024 in Singapore, as well as other topics of climate resilience, health and well-being.

6 Hugh Lim, Executive Director of CLC said, “CLC is honoured to deepen our collaboration with a global partner like UNDP. As Singapore’s knowledge centre for liveable and sustainable cities, CLC’s work aligns closely with UNDP’s mission as the operational arm of the United Nations, promoting sustainable development in cities worldwide.”

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About the 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

About UNDP

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. On the ground in some 170 countries and territories, UNDP supports their own solutions to development challenges and developing national and local capacities that will help them achieve [human development](#) and the [Sustainable Development Goals](#). UNDP's work is concentrated on three main focus areas:

- [Sustainable development](#)
- [Democratic governance and peacebuilding](#)
- [Climate and disaster resilience](#)

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Building Liveable & Sustainable Cities: A Framework for the Future

This e-publication presents the first refresh of the Liveability Framework since it was introduced in 2014. Taking into account today's challenges for cities, this e-publication proposes an updated understanding of liveability outcomes for cities, as well as the supporting planning, governance and collaborative systems that enable them, while incorporating views from both within and outside government. This new book also spotlights the tensions and synergies that arise from delivering liveability and sustainability for cities. Finally, it showcases case studies from around the world that illustrate the global applicability of the framework.

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