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Welcoming our new Programme Lead

As we near the end of the second year of the Programme, I am saddened to see our Global Programme lead, Elizabeth Milson, leave to pursue new opportunities with the UK government. Liz, like all of us, probably expected a much more hectic travel experience, but many of us have also enjoyed our time working together.

Liz expressed her feelings to us, saying, "I'm really sad to be leaving, but very proud of what we've achieved on the Programme so far." We wish Liz the best of luck in her new role with Mission Innovation, where she will be focusing on Zero Carbon technology.

With Liz's departure, we welcome Peter Turner as our new Global Programme Lead for the FCDO. Peter was previously the Head of the Prosperity Fund Global Infrastructure Programme Team. We wish Peter the best of luck in his new position.

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Surabaya, Indonesia

Putat Jaya MSMEs receive entrepreneurial guidance to further promote economic growth in the area

In April 2021, the Surabaya Urban Delivery Partnership teamed up with Gendhis Goods - a Surabaya local product brand – to organise an entrepreneurship training and mentoring session for Putat Jaya MSMEs. The workshop focused on encouraging collaboration between different MSMEs to create gift hampers for the Lebaran holiday during the Eid Festival. The aim was to increase product sales through effective marketing. Rather than create a brand-new product, the session raised awareness about the existing entrepreneurs skills in the community and promoted Putat Jaya MSME products.

The training workshop proved a success – and the Putat Jaya Lebaran hampers all sold out. Orders were received from customers in Surabaya, but also other cities in Indonesia. This initiative has helped Putat Jaya MSMEs to increase their revenue and gain knowledge in product innovation. It has helped to broadcast the Putat Jaya brand across Surabaya and Indonesia – and will encourage future collaboration between MSMEs in Putat Jaya and Surabaya.



Hari Raya hampers in collaboration with Putat Jaya MSMEs and Surabaya Local Products

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Surabaya, Indonesia

'Megengan' event brings community together to revive the local culture

Surabaya Urban Delivery Partners, together with the local community, organised a megengan (pre-Ramadhan) event in the late April and early May period. The aim was to revive local traditions in the neighbourhood, which had been hampered due to previous localisation activities. The event was held on a Sunday afternoon at Jalan Kupang Gunung Timur VII, in accordance with social-distancing and hygiene guidelines.

Megengan is a community tradition to forgive one another before entering the month of Ramadhan. The event was also organised to conserve the religious heritage artifacts in the area. Members of the community, particularly young people, became aware of the tomb of 'Mbah Kapiludin' (an elder who spread the religion of Islam in the Putat Jaya region), which has been neglected for a long time.

Following the Megengan event, the Putat Jaya community agreed to take care of the religious heritage artefacts to preserve their own history and traditions. Street food for the event was coordinated with MSMEs (Micro Small Medium-sized Enterprises) in Putat Jaya – from the community for the community.

This is a significant step forward for the Surabaya Urban Transformation programme and demonstrates the intervention's capacity to promote participation and ownership within local communities.



Megengan (pre-Ramadhan) event at Jalan Kupang Gunung Timur VII, Putat Jaya

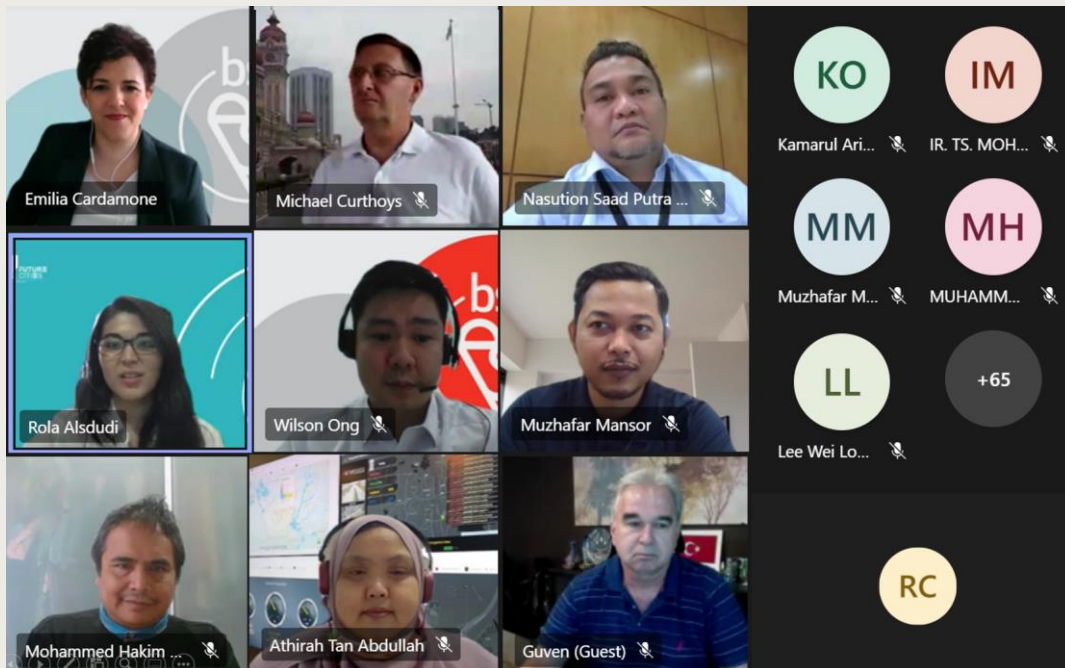
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Melaka and Iskandar Malaysia

Smart City Standards Webinar

The United Kingdom's national standards body, the British Standards Institution (BSI), recently led a webinar on the Smart Cities Standard Framework, ISO 37106:2018, which is the international standard for building sustainable cities and communities. Organised by the GFCP Malaysia Project Team, close to 100 participants attended the interactive session, including stakeholders from Iskandar Malaysia, Melaka, and the private sector.

Emilia Cardamone, the BSI Digital Construction Stream Programme Manager, conducted the webinar with support from Wilson Ong, the BSI Built Environment Sector Lead. The session presented an in-depth analysis of how standards help support digital transformation in cities. Attendees were also shown how standards provide guidance for local authorities to develop working operation models for a smart community. The webinar featured an interactive board which captured participants' views on how standards can help shape smart cities.



Screen capture of participants at the Smart City Standards webinar

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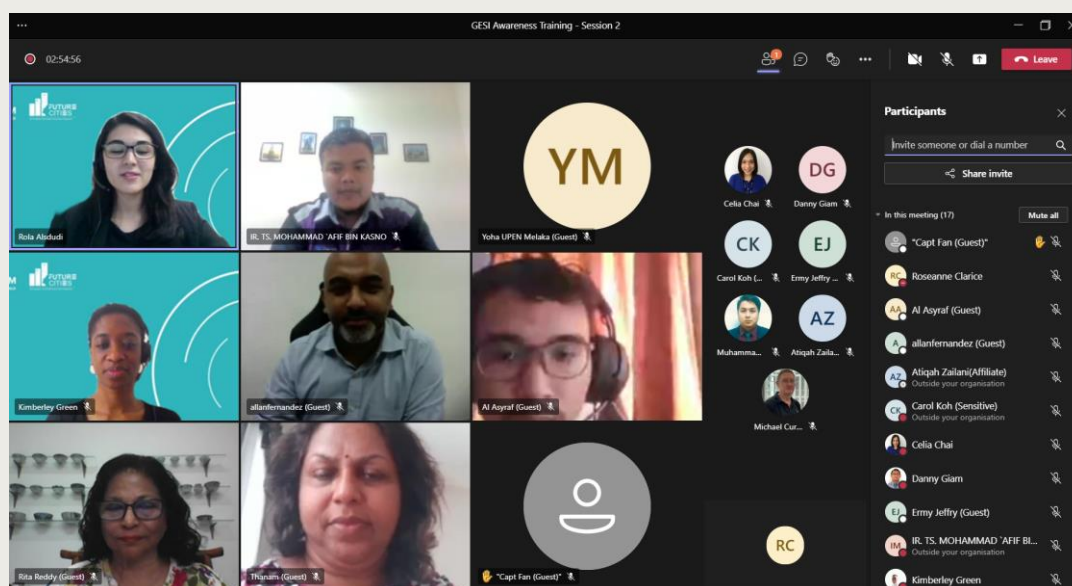
Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Training 2

The second installation of the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Training for the GFCEP in Malaysia took place recently. The session on Strategies for Inclusive Project Design, Planning and Implementation was attended by key stakeholders from both the Iskandar Malaysia and Melaka interventions.

GESI Programme Manager, Kimberley Green and Malaysia GESI Technical Lead, Rita Reddy conducted the session which introduced principles of mainstreaming GESI, as well as overviews of GESI integration principles and socioeconomic analysis approaches to adopt into local context. The session communicated the key objectives of the GESI Consultative Groups, alongside ideas on developing a GESI action plan for organisations in Malaysia. Participants were guided in making informed decisions towards supporting GESI groups' strategic requirements within their respective organisations.

Through training sessions such as these, the GFCEP aims to provide

strategies that ensure stakeholders continue to uphold and support the GESI initiatives – not only in their organisations but also in the community.



Screen capture of GFCP Malaysia participants during GESI Training Session 2

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Melaka, Malaysia

Street Design Urban Planning Workshop

The GFCP Malaysia Project Team recently ran a workshop on design principles for streets in heritage areas. With Melaka as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this session was highly beneficial to the Melaka project and its stakeholders.

Urban Movement's Co-Founder and Director of Urban Strategy, Christopher Martin, and Design Council's Head of Architecture and Built Environment, Tom Perry, jointly presented key concepts on principles of designing people-friendly places within cities. They also introduced frameworks for establishing and reviewing urban visions of the future, as well as best practices on street typologies.

Think City – a Malaysian impact-focused organisation that is dedicated to making cities more liveable, people-friendly, and resilient – was also on hand to offer technical expertise. Dr. Matt Benson, the Programme Director of Think City, along with Programme Manager Aufa Abd Rahman, provided

local context on their contribution to the George Town UNESCO World Heritage Site in Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

This session was extremely timely and useful, especially as the team is developing a pilot project on pedestrianising the famous Jonker Street in Melaka. The speakers provided insights to inform the 'pedestrianisation toolkit' currently being developed by the project team. This toolkit could potentially be rolled out to other cities in the future for better informed urban planning.



Screen capture of participants at the Street Design Urban Planning Workshop

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Melaka, Malaysia

'Singgit Seposen' – Melaka Perjalananku application promoted at Green Initiative by Melaka Green Technology Corporation

On the 6th April 2021, the Melaka Green Technology Corporation (PTHM) hosted a green initiative called 'Singgit Seposen' that aims to incentivise more regular recycling in the city. Members of the public were requested to sell unwanted fabric, electronic waste, and leftover cooking oil from 10 cents (sepuluh sen) to 1 ringgit (seringggit), hence the name.

At the launch, the PTHM invited GFCP to promote the Melaka Perjalananku, a data collection initiative that aims to discover the transport

patterns of Melaka citizens. Mr. Ahlam Mokhtar, assistant project manager for the Melaka intervention, spoke with the local community on the purpose and importance of accurate data for transport modelling. He explained how data can enhance the overall efficiency of Melaka's transport system and create a green transport system in alignment with the intervention goals. The local community was fully engaged during the workshop and participated in the PerjalananKu survey almost immediately, showing their desire and support for an improved transport system in Melaka. On that day alone, the total number of registrations for the PerjalananKu application exceeded 1,000 contributors – an impressive milestone. The raw data will be used to populate transport modelling, which will reveal a clearer picture of the current condition of the transport system in Melaka.



GFCP Melaka Malaysia Assistant Project Manager, Muhammad Ahlam Mokhtar (left) and Project Manager, Celia Chai (right) engaging with community at 'Singgit Seposen' event.

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Melaka, Malaysia

Constructive meeting with Jonker Street Committee gains support for pedestrianisation project

In May, the GFCP Melaka team held an introductory meeting with

representatives from the Jonker Street Committee (JWC), regarding a pilot project to pedestrianise Jonker Street. The main objectives of the meeting were to seek community feedback and co-operation on the latest proposals. The GFCP Melaka Project Manager presented detailed information regarding the background, objectives, goals, and proposals of the project. The JWC were also consulted on wider details, including timelines, phases, road closure options and alternative traffic routing options. The JWC expressed their support for the pedestrianisation, although they shared concerns regarding local community co-operation, associated political impacts and potential economic consequences. Additionally, the JWC proposed alternative routes and times for road closures. The project team will act on the feedback and concerns regarding the pilot project, including the use of surveys to increase community engagement and better involve the local community in the development phase of the pilot project. The JWC has agreed to provide support during the community engagement process as required.



Introductory Meeting with Jonker Street Committee (JWC) Representatives

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New Clark City, Philippines

Set-up of Sustainability Task Force

The New Clark City (NCC) delivery team, as part of the Global Future Cities Programme are currently working with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) to deliver an 'Integrated Sustainability Plan'

for New Clark City, with three sub-interventions including the participative design of a new city park and citywide public space recommendations and the development of an affordable housing strategy for the city.

The third sub-intervention is the setting-up of a 'NCC Sustainability Unit' within the BCDA. The goal is to further strengthen the internal organisation of BCDA, localize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and embed sustainability in its developments, based on Key Performance Indicators and benchmarks.

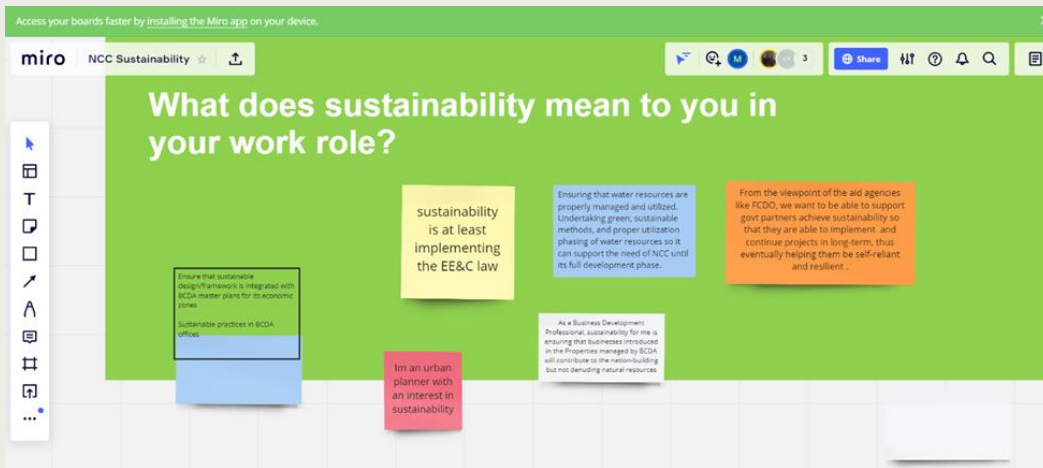
On 12 May 2021, the NCC delivery team engaged virtually with the Sustainability Task Force introducing the Global Future Cities Programme and the NCC interventions objectives. Topics on the planned activities and future collaborations between the delivery team and the Task Force in the coming months were also discussed.

During collective workshop discussions, members of the Task Force shared insightful thoughts on the meaning of sustainability to them in the context of their roles within BCDA and highlighted important sustainability focus areas. Interesting topics discussed were the considerations for energy conservation practices and water resource management, planning and integration of open spaces and biodiversity with the planned city, how to better implement sustainability within development controls and, improved institutional mechanisms for stakeholder engagement.

Moving forward, the Sustainability Task Force will further collaborate with the NCC delivery team to conduct an Institutional Self-assessment survey to help determine the current level of integration of sustainability in the governance and management of BCDA and, identify strategies and detailed programs to integrate sustainability within the organisation.



Artist's impression of NCC Central Park



Screen capture of discussion during engagement with the Sustainability Task Force

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GFCP Cross Cutting Advisor for Smart Technology and Data, featured in Vietnam Investment Review (VIR) article

Following a presentation on the role of digitalisation in urban resilience for a joint UNDP/UK Government event in Vietnam, Derek Murray, Global Future Cities Programme's Cross Cutting Advisor for Smart Technology and Data, was interviewed by Vietnam Investment Review (VIR) for an article published in April. VIR has weekly web traffic of 10 million visitors, and over 10000 physical copies are published.

As translated from the screen capture below, Derek shared with VIR his vision: "The 2021-2030 Mekong Delta regional planning, with a vision to

2050, should be built on the principles of protecting people, improving livelihoods, developing balance and protecting the environment.”.



Cửu Long, theo kịch bản này, đến cuối thế kỷ 21, nhiệt độ tăng khoảng 3,4 độ C và khi mực nước biển

TÌM GIẢI PHÁP CĂN CỐ
Nhìn nhận về câu chuyện biến đổi khí hậu và tác động tới các đô thị ở

ÔNG DEREK MURRAY
Cố vấn Công nghệ thông minh và dữ liệu Thành phố Tương lai, Mott MacDonald

Quy hoạch vùng Đồng bằng sông Cửu Long giai đoạn 2021-2030, tầm nhìn đến năm 2050, cần được xây dựng dựa trên nguyên tắc bảo vệ người dân, cải thiện sinh kế, phát triển cân bằng và bảo vệ môi trường. Theo đó, quy hoạch hướng tới phát triển bền vững trên cả 3 trụ cột kinh tế - xã hội - môi trường, lấy yếu tố con người làm trung tâm, trở thành chìa khóa cho tăng trưởng và phát triển, lấy thích ứng biến đổi khí hậu làm cách thức phát triển.

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The online version of the article is available [here](#).

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Meet the team

Here are some of the lovely colleagues working on the Future Cities programme. If you would like to be showcased in this section, please use the [GFCP newsletter – submission form](#) to submit an entry.

Cerina Niken Anggraini



I am the Urban Pillar of the Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP) South East Asia, overseeing all interventions in relation to urban planning and design aspects of it. The programme is built upon three integrated pillars one of which is urban planning, and others being transportation and climate resilience pillars. It is designed to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) particularly SDG 11 to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. So urban planning and design considerations are fundamental in delivering the programme's

interventions.

As Urban Pillar, my role is to ensure that the interventions are aligned with the SDGs, having innovative and sustainable planning solutions, and conducting peer review, among other things. Joining the programme quite late after its inception made me miss out the initial stage and all the activities that entails. However, this provides me the opportunity to look at all interventions with fresh eyes.

I have been working as an urban designer in South East Asia region and the US for close to 25 years, being always fascinated with cities. I've handled and led various master planning and urban design projects located in the region, South Asia, the Middle East, and the US (New York). Townships, medical campuses, industrial and business parks, waterfront developments, are just some of the project types I've been involved in.

I love watching movies, playing online games, listening to music, and trying out cooking or baking recipes. Though generally a homebody, I love travelling and enjoy walking around in the cities in my spare time, exploring both its nature and built environment, and shots some photos while at it.

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Vijayeswary Rangasamy

I am the Transport Engineer of the Global Future Cities Programme (GFCP) Melaka which consists of two interventions, namely Green Transport / Green Bus Network Masterplan and Heritage Area Integrated Mobility Plan. In GFCP Melaka, my role is to support the project manager and the project team in terms of stakeholder management, preparation of project documents, project reporting, production of cad layouts, tracking of deliverables, meeting arrangements, project data collection, etc. Prior to assisting the GFCP Melaka Team, I also had the opportunity to work for GFCP Iskandar Intervention, focusing on stakeholder engagement activities and reporting of MREL activities. I am grateful for the opportunity to work on this programme and hope to learn in depth about the interventions of GFCP Melaka. I am excited to work with more of you as we deliver meaningful outcomes together.

Outside of work, I love listening to music, watching documentaries, and practicing yoga. I'm looking forward to explore further and see the positive transformations brought on by our programme.

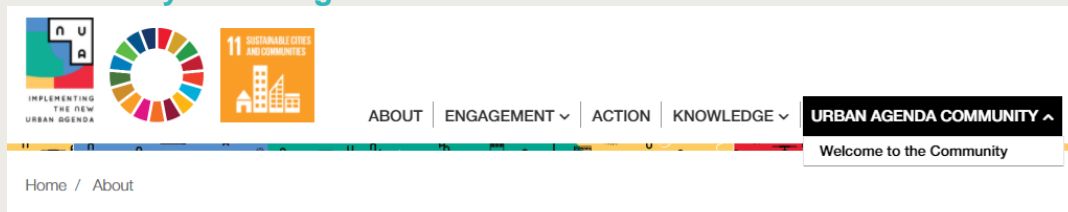
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Newsletter

Submitting your news

Please use the [GFCP newsletter – news submission form](#) to submit any announcements to be included in the next newsletter.

Community Urban Agenda Platform



The New Urban Agenda Platform is the knowledge portal for gathering voluntary reports, best practices, and data - both quantitative and

qualitative, for reviewing the progress made in implementing the New Urban Agenda to achieve the 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals.

This platform is for national governments, subnational governments, local authorities, civil societies, UN entities, private sector, regional organisations and all other key stakeholders to voluntarily share their contributions to the implementation of the global agenda from the global, regional, national and local level.

As a one-stop shop for both reporting and learning, the platform supports knowledge exchange, encourages interaction, and supports capacity development to establish communities of practice for sustainable urbanisation development.

We encourage you to sign up [here](#) and join the various groups for GFCP and post links to good news stories developed and published on the UN-Habitat knowledge platform to encourage discussions on relevant topics and promote engagement! This is a growing initiative aimed at creating and reinforcing partnerships among all relevant stakeholders and fostering collaboration, for transformative urban solutions and mutual learning.

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