

Clean Energy Leaders Gather to Seek Solutions to Power Future Cities

The Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES) 2017 brings together regional business leaders, policy makers and researchers to share and co-create clean energy solutions that will help shape smart-sustainable cities of the future.

The region's largest event dedicated to sustainable energy management, the Asia Clean Energy Summit (ACES), will take place in Singapore from 24 to 26 October 2017. Now in its fourth year, ACES is expected to draw over 4,000 delegates — from industry, government and academia — who will gather to explore the latest technologies and solutions in the clean energy sector.

This year's theme is *Harnessing Clean Energy for the Future*, and ACES will provide a platform for delegates to discuss six topics currently trending in the clean energy sector: solar energy, smart grids, biofuels, energy storage, wind and hydropower, and converting waste to energy. Visitors can look forward to key highlights such as the inaugural International Floating Solar Symposium, where there will be workshops, a lab tour and a visit to the world's largest floating PV testbed held for the first time in ACES history; Clean Energy Leader's Dialogue, a high-level thought leaders' forum; Solarising Singapore and Asia, where regional business and technology experts discuss the opportunities in solar power); as well as the Financial Summit and Digital Transformation of Energy tracks, which examine, respectively, the financial aspect of renewable project development and how digitisation of energy can enhance efficiency.

Visitors to the exhibition, which takes place at Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, will also have the opportunity to discover trade and investment opportunities for their businesses, as they mix and mingle with colleagues from around the region. More than 70 companies — including REC Solar Pte Ltd, Conergy Asia & ME Pte Ltd, Energetix Pte Ltd, Kipp & Zonen, VDE-ISE Pte Ltd — will showcase their latest technology, products and services over two days.

The event consistently draws thought leaders from both the public and private sector. This year's key speakers include some of the best minds and key influencers in the clean energy and solar photovoltaic technology sector. They include Zhu Gongshan (Chairman of APVIA, Founder and Chairman of Golden Concord Group Limited), Ditlev Engel (CEO of DNV GL – Energy), Didier Holleaux (Executive Vice-President of ENGIE), Steve O'Neil (CEO of REC Solar), Gary Demasi (Director of Google Inc) and Thomas Zimmermann (CEO, Siemens AG)

ACES was first held in 2014, with the vision of creating a clean energy hub in Asia. "ACES is an event we look forward to every year because it brings together decision makers and thought leaders to discuss how we can harness clean energy so we can be future-ready," says Vijay Sirse, Founder and CEO of Red Dot Power. "It's undeniable that we need sustainable energy solutions to power smart cities of the future."

ACES 2017 is organised by the Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore (SEAS), the Energy Research Institute @NTU (ERI@N) and the Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore (SERIS). Partners of the event include the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Economic Development Board (EDB) Singapore, the Energy Market Authority (EMA), International Enterprise (IE) Singapore and VDE Renewables.