

# Sustainability+ 2017: Call for participants

7 September 2017 || TO NUS Students

Sent on behalf of the NUS BES Student Committee and ELSA@NUS Law

The term 'sustainable' is so frequently thrown around, in everyday and commercial use, that its meaning has become vague and indefinite. What does sustainable mean? And what is Singapore doing to realise sustainability?

The Bachelor of Environmental Studies (BES) Student Committee and Environmental Law Students Association (ELSA) are excited to invite you to the very first Sustainability+ dialogue – for students, by students.

NUS students from all faculties and years are welcome – whether you are wildly passionate or mildly interested in environmental issues. Your voice might just inspire someone else – so come down and be part of the conversation!

The question we are posing this year is, "*Is sustainability still possible?*". The purpose of the dialogue is not to find an answer, but to engage one another in multiple perspectives. The 6 focus areas are: Biodiversity Conservation, Environmental Education, Environment and Civil Society, Green Cities, Renewable Energy, and The Economy of the Future.

Sign up by 11 September 2017, 11pm at [bit.ly/splus2017](http://bit.ly/splus2017)!

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# SUSTAINABILITY+

a nus students' dialogue

Open to all NUS students – engage in stimulating student-led dialogues on topics relating to sustainability that are close to your heart, and share your views with other like-minded students!

Guest of Honour: Mr Desmond Lee  
Second Minister for National Development

Panellists:  
Ms Melissa Low, Research Fellow, Energy Studies Institute, NUS  
Mr N Sivasothi, Senior Lecturer, NUS Faculty of Science

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16 SEPTEMBER 2017, SATURDAY @ 9.30AM - 1PM  
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**The Future Economy**  
The global economy is set up to perpetuate material extraction to create value for our society.  
How might we become an economy that is genuinely sustainable?

**Renewable Energy**  
More than 90% of Singapore's energy demands are met by natural gas combustion. Though NG is termed the 'cleanest fossil fuel' on sale, the fact remains that it is still carbon-based and non-renewable.  
What is being done to realise a renewable energy landscape in Singapore, and what can be done differently?

**Green Cities**  
Singapore's existential crisis is also our main selling point. From Garden City to City in Garden, we tread this fine line between the urban and the natural.  
How do we strike this balance? In what way could we reimagine our built environment?

**Biodiversity Conservation**  
Much of our natural environment has been lost to redevelopment of land. Yet, Singapore is still home to over 4600 species of flora and fauna.  
Can conservation coexist with development? Is biophilia truly possible?

**Environmental Education**  
If we could recreate the education system in Singapore, what would environmental education look like?  
What will it prepare its students for, if we don't exactly know what our landscape will look like 1000 years from now?

**Environment and Civil Society**  
Our environment is not only within the control of government policy. What is the role of civil society in protecting the environment today, and where to from here?

Details of the programme are as follows:

**Date:** 16 September 2017  
**Time:** 9.00am – 1.00pm (light refreshments provided)  
**Venue:** NUS Faculty of Science  
Block S16, Level 3, Seminar Room S16-03-07  
6 Science Drive 2  
Singapore 117546

**Programme outline:**

0800: Breakfast & registration  
0930: Keynote address by Minister Desmond Lee, followed by a short dialogue  
1000: Focus group discussions  
1100: Tea & networking  
1130: Sharing session by participants  
1200: Panel discussion

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