

DIALOGUE SESSION

# SINGAPORE'S WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES BEYOND 2020

Singapore's vulnerability due to its small size, lack of natural endowments and high water dependence on external sources has been turned into a myriad of opportunities propelling its population to continuously higher levels of development. Singapore has had a glorious past, but the past is history. Singapore will face a future that is more uncertain, complex and turbulent. For a small city-state, it will have limited control of or say on the events and problems it is likely to face in the future, ranging from economic growth, global trade, reliable availability of resources like water and energy, environmental issues including climate change and fluctuations, advances in natural and behavioural sciences, technology, and management practices. Sustainable solutions will lie not only in any one specific issue or area but in the interactions among all of them. Water issues are cross-cutting. All the issues Singapore will face in the future will have a water component.

The seminar will be a robust discussion of future water, environment and development challenges that Singapore may face and policies it could consider to manage them.

GUEST OF HONOUR



**Mr Masagos Zulkifli**

Minister for the Environment and Water Resources

CHAIR



**Prof Kishore Mahbubani**

Dean,  
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EVENT INFORMATION

- 9:00am-9:30am:** Registration
- 9:30am-9:36am:** Welcome and Introduction by Prof Kishore Mahbubani
- 9:36am-10:10am:** Singapore's Water, Environment and Development Challenges Beyond 2020 by Dr Cecilia Tortajada and Prof Asit K. Biswas
- 10:10am-10:45am:** Discussion, questions and comments
- 10:45am-11:00am:** Reflections by the Guest of Honour and Concluding remarks by the Chair

**11:00am-11:30am:** Coffee Break and Networking

**Monday, 18 January 2016**

Auditorium, Block B, Level 3,  
NUS Bukit Timah Campus,  
469G Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259776

Admission is free.  
Please register at [lkyschoolevents@nus.edu.sg](mailto:lkyschoolevents@nus.edu.sg)  
Light refreshments will be served after the event.

DISCUSSION LEADERS



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