

# **Singapore's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution**

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# National Circumstances

- Small (716km<sup>2</sup>) island city-state, low-lying, flat coastline
- Highly urbanised, densely populated - 7,540 people per km<sup>2</sup>
- Rising temperatures and sea levels, increasing frequency of days with intense rainfall
- Development constraints
  - Singapore's lack of natural resources and hinterland required the development of a strong export-oriented manufacturing base
- Import almost all our energy needs
  - High dependency on fossil fuels
  - No fossil fuel subsidies





# Constraints in harnessing Alternative Energy

**Low wind speeds**



**Nuclear energy technologies not yet suitable for deployment in Singapore**



**Lack of conventional geothermal resources**



**Unlikely to provide base-load because of intermittency & limited land**

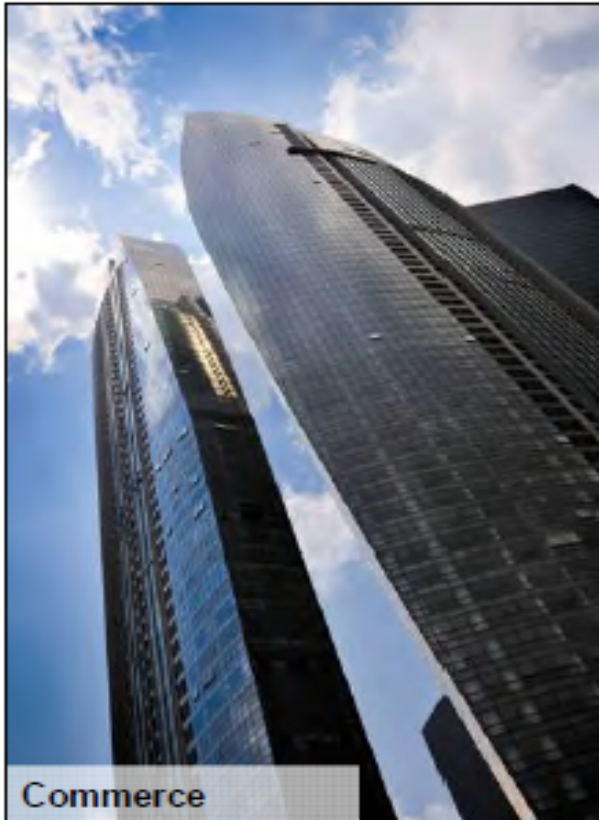


**No large river systems**

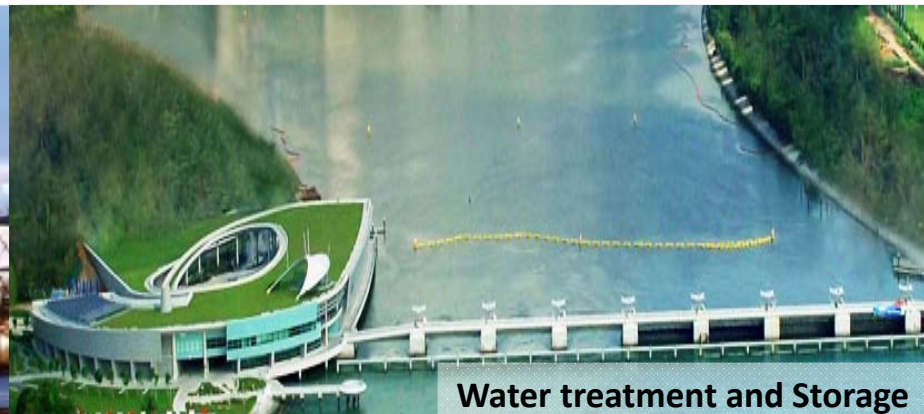




# Long-Term Integrated Planning

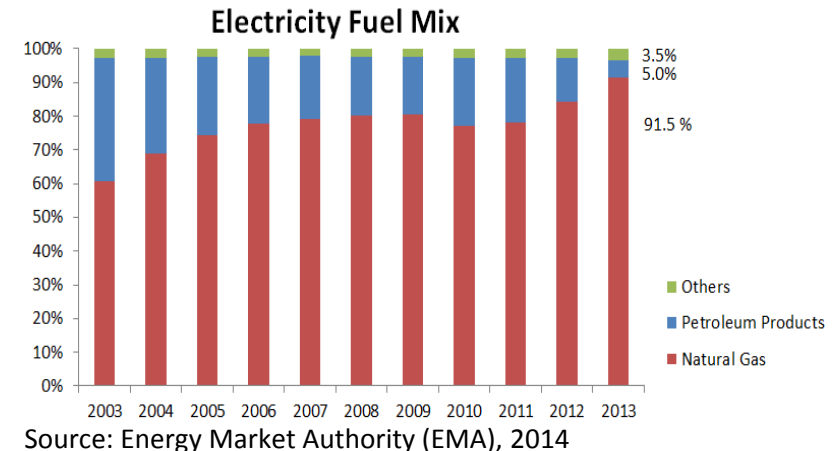


**Sustainable Growth:  
Balancing Economic,  
Social and  
Environmental Needs**



### Early Efforts

- Early switch from fuel oil to natural gas for electricity generation
  - Today, natural gas constitutes over 90% of power generation mix
  - LNG terminal commenced operations since May 2013
- Despite challenges, Singapore is significantly increasing deployment of solar PV systems
- Price energy at market cost to reduce usage and encourage energy efficiency
- Pollution control laws encourage industries to switch to cleaner fuel sources



Solar panels at Punggol Housing & Development Board (HDB) blocks.



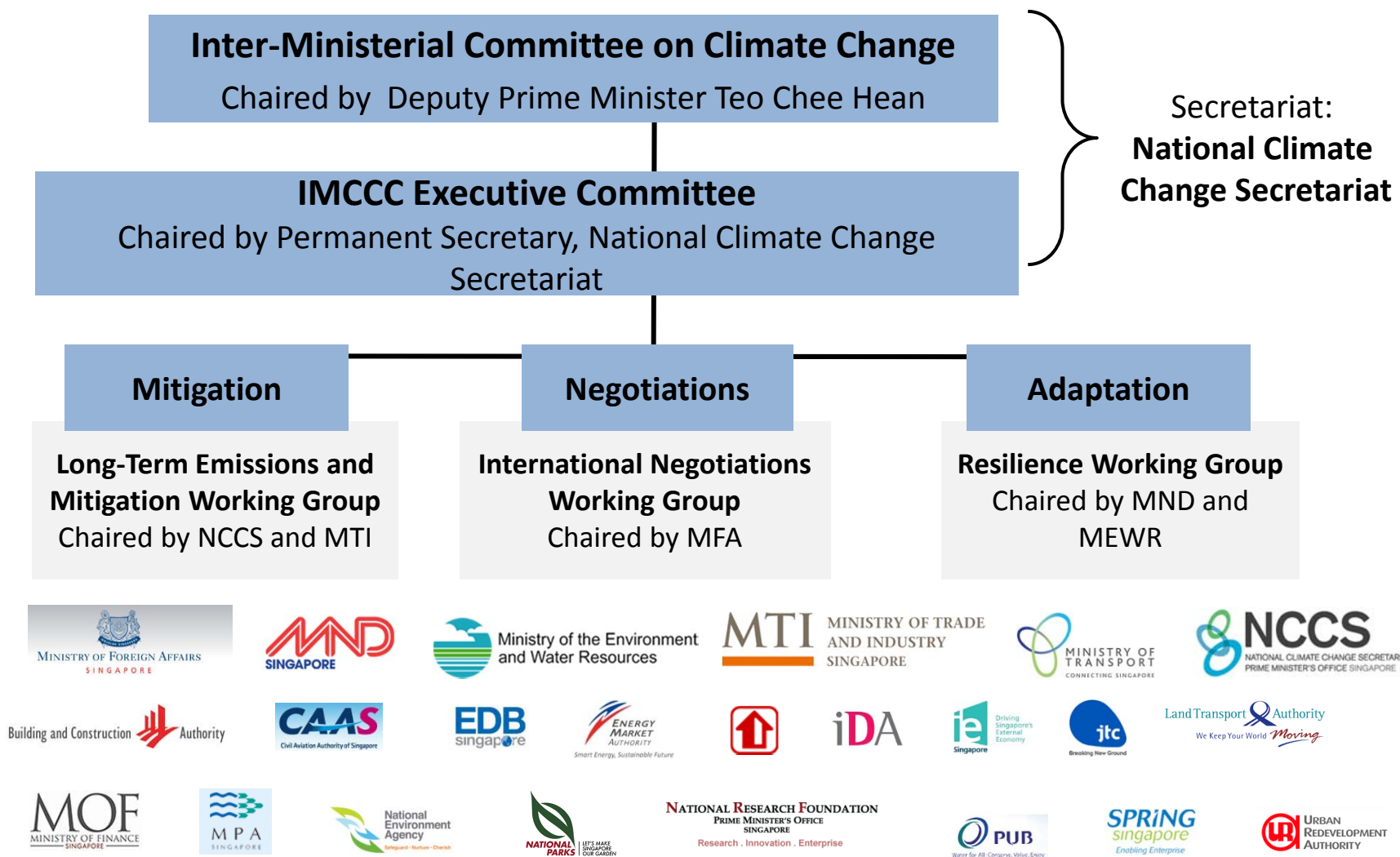
## Singapore's 2020 Pledge

To undertake mitigation actions leading to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 16% below business-as-usual (BAU) levels in 2020, if there is a legally binding global agreement

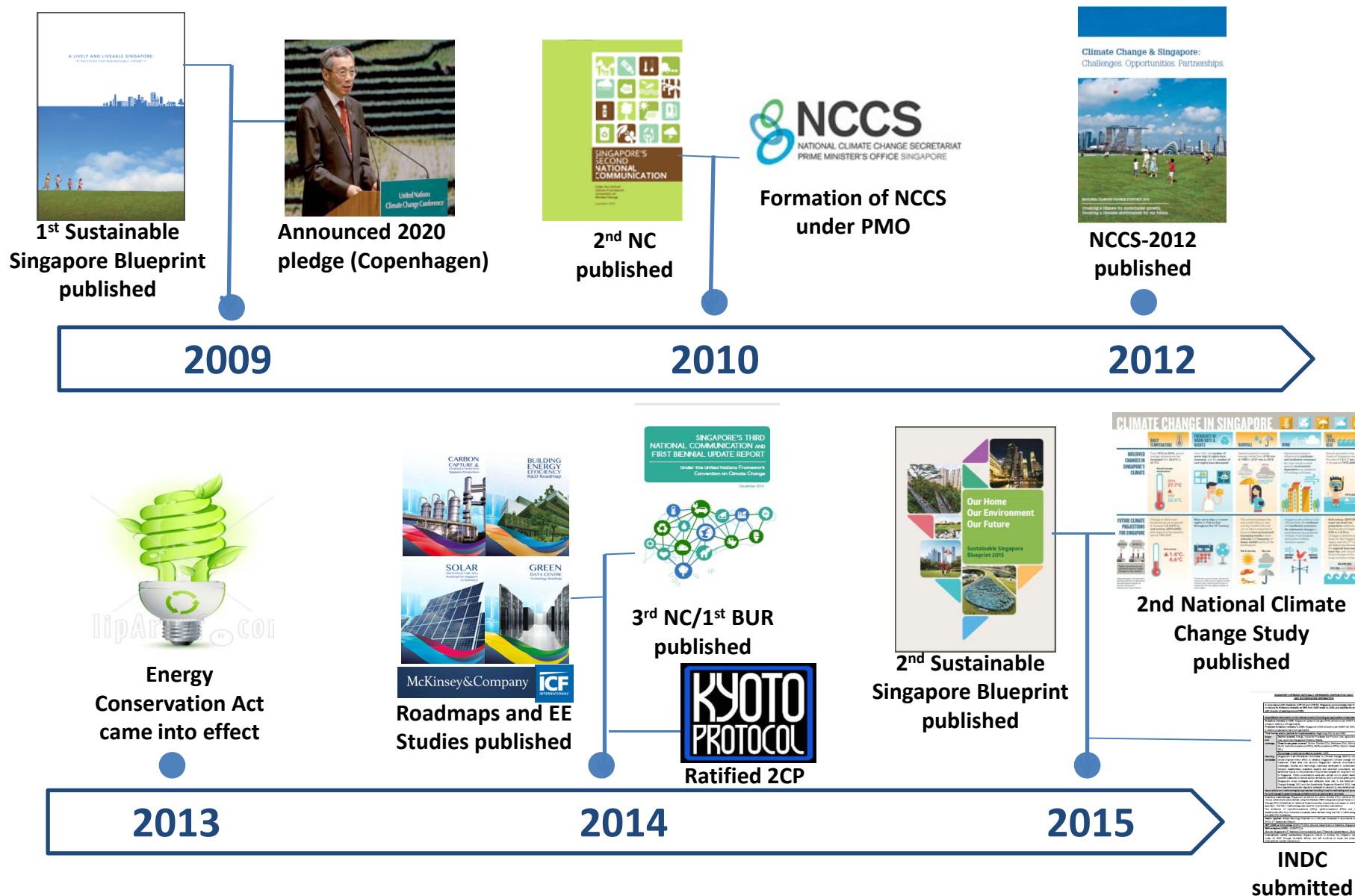
- In the meantime, Singapore is taking actions to reduce its emissions to achieve its unconditional pledge of BAU-7 to 11% by 2020.
- Singapore is on track to achieve its 2020 pledge.



## Climate Change Institutional Structure



## Recent Policy/Institutional Foundations





## Planning process of Singapore's INDC



### Energy Tech Roadmaps



### Energy Efficiency Studies

- Economy-wide
- Industrial Sector



### Public Consultation

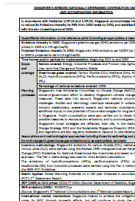
- Online Consultation
- Stakeholder/Sectoral Consultations



**Singapore's  
INDC  
Submission**

**Inter-agency technical analysis under IMCCC**

**WRI Open Book (Guide)**



# Public Consultation

1H 2015



Online Feedback



Stakeholder and Sectoral Consultations

***More than 1000 comments and suggestions received  
Representatives from more than 200 organisations participated in  
consultations***

- Many suggestions on opportunities across all sectors, and ways to achieve this (e.g. public education, incentives, regulation)
- Overview of feedback, and agencies' responses, have been published at <https://www.nccs.gov.sg/consultation2015>

# Planning process of Singapore's INDC



## BOX 2.3 SINGAPORE'S PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING AN INDC

The development of Singapore's INDC is a work-in-progress. It is supervised by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change (IMCCC), which is chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and supported by the National Climate Change Secretariat, the national coordinating agency for climate change issues under the Prime Minister's Office. This process involves a government-wide approach to discuss and develop an appropriate set of climate measures that takes into account Singapore's national circumstances and challenges. For example, what is the long-term mitigation potential for a small city-state of 5.47 million people with limited access to alternative energy sources? How does Singapore achieve energy security and environmental sustainability?

Under the IMCCC, a Long-Term Emissions and Mitigation Working Group (LWG) was formed to envision Singapore's post-2020 future in a carbon-constrained world. The LWG provides the planning framework for government agencies to work together to discuss and identify the mitigation actions through a combination of top-down and bottom-up analysis. An iterative process has been adopted whereby government agencies consider mitigation actions in their respective sectors and the possible measures are evaluated in terms of cost effectiveness and practicability. External consultants are also engaged to conduct independent studies on possible mitigation measures, taking into account Singapore's circumstances, international best practices and data on best available technology,

among other data and analysis. Technology roadmaps, prepared by the government in collaboration with industry stakeholders, academic experts, and technical consultants, serve as additional inputs for estimating the potential of future technologies for long-term mitigation in Singapore. Public consultations are also being carried out to obtain public feedback on possible further measures to reduce GHG emissions and to promote green growth. This process also helps to create greater public awareness and understanding of Singapore's climate actions. Inputs from these various channels are then analyzed by the LWG and considered for inclusion as part of Singapore's mitigation contribution under its INDC.

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## Singapore's INDC

**Reduce Emissions Intensity (EI) by 36% from 2005 levels by 2030, and stabilise emissions with the aim of peaking around 2030**

- EI projected to decline by 2.5% annually from 2021 to 2030, compared to 1.5% annually from 2005 to 2020

	Emissions Intensity (kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/S\$GDP)	
2005	0.176	
2030	0.113	

**36% reduction**

- Singapore's EI ranks favourably amongst the lowest 20% in the world (113<sup>th</sup> out of 140 countries) \*
- To achieve the 2030 Emissions Intensity level, Singapore's emissions are expected to stabilise at around 65 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e based on current projected growth.

\*Source: IEA Key World Energy Statistics, 2014.

# Accompanying Information on Singapore's INDC

- Timeframe: Beginning 2021 to end 2030
- Sectors covered: Energy, Industrial Processes and Product Use, Agriculture, Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry, Waste.
- Greenhouse gases covered: Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), Perfluorocarbons (PFCs), Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>).
- Fairness and ambition: Highlights Singapore's national circumstances, challenges and efforts.
- International market mechanisms: Singapore intends to achieve the mitigation objectives under its INDC through domestic efforts, but will continue to study the potential of international market mechanisms.

### **Carbon markets can help**

- Markets drive innovation
- Enhances existing carbon mitigation measures
- Shifts abatement efforts towards the lowest cost opportunities

### **Integration increases effectiveness**

- Linking markets help countries expand the range of abatement opportunities
- Greater liquidity
- Ensures a level playing field
- Greater convergence towards a global carbon price



# Accompanying Information on Singapore's INDC

- Adaptation challenges



- Adaptation planning is an ongoing effort



# Singapore's International Collaborations

- Singapore hosts international forums to share experiences



- Close international partnerships to share best practices and technical knowledge (Over **10,700 officials** have benefitted from climate change and sustainable development programmes)



BCA and UNEP established the BCA Centre for Sustainable Buildings (2011)



Regional Workshop on Scaling up Climate Finance in the Asia Pacific (April 2013)

# Summary

- Singapore's INDC is an ambitious pledge:
  - Limited access to alternative energy
  - Significant early mitigation actions
  - Further reduction in EI beyond 2020
  - Stabilisation of emissions with the aim of peaking around 2030
  - Not conditioned on international assistance
- Singapore's INDC is a result of careful planning, robust studies and extensive consultation
- Mitigation efforts to achieve the INDC will involve all sectors, with energy efficiency as key strategy
- Singapore intends to achieve the mitigation objectives under its INDC through domestic efforts, but will continue to study the potential of international market mechanisms.



Thank you