

# CARBON NEUTRAL FUTURE THINK TANK

*Sharing innovations for sustainable development  
across cities and local communities around the world*

## WELCOME TO THE CARBON NEUTRAL FUTURE THINK TANK

The climate change debate has moved from *'Is it real?'* to *'How do we tackle it?'*. As cities and populations grow, the need for innovative solutions for buildings, transportation, energy, water & waste management is non-negligible.

Governments, cities, NGOs, institutions, companies and citizens around the globe look for new approaches to address the need for a more sustainable future. With the 'Carbon Neutral Future Think Tank' we want to inspire by sharing best in class innovations – on a global scale.

### Cities and companies don't know what they don't know

We believe that there are so many great innovations out there. Innovations that deserve a global audience. Locally, people have initiated new ways to address lower carbon footprint, green mobility, cloud burst management, resource optimisation, renewable energy, water savings etc. Many of these innovations, however, newer move beyond local communities. Not because people don't want to share, but because local communities tend to concentrate on their local context and issues.

The Carbon Neutral Future Think Tank will change this paradigm. We have already started scanning the world, and we will look for, identify and share new bold innovations across the globe. We will identify world class – *big or small* – ideas on how people, companies, cities and governments tackle sustainable development.

Our mantra is to break down silos.

## Initiated by Singapore and Copenhagen but intended for us all

The Carbon Neutral Future Think Tank is a joint-venture between the cities of Singapore and Copenhagen. We will have offices in both cities because:

Singapore has embarked on an ambitious plan to become the world's first and leading Smart Nation and Copenhagen has decided to become the first carbon neutral capital in the world by 2025.

Both cities' ambitions require radical innovation, new public-private partnerships and hard work across sectors, citizens, academia, public and private actors – and not least global inspiration and collaboration.

### The pipeline

In 2019-2020 we will have a special focus on challenges related to Energy, Transportation, Waste and Water. We will start by developing a white paper on **Green Buildings** to inspire cities globally:

What is the state of the art in green building materials and designs? Where are the biggest return on investments harvested when building green? How are sustainable energy, water and waste management systems integrated in and between green buildings?

The white paper will be presented late 2019 online and through ½-day conferences in Singapore and Copenhagen.

Following Green Buildings we plan to do white papers on **Energy, Water, Climate Adaptation and Transport**. More to follow on these white papers on our website which we will launch in April 2019.

The ambition along with the white papers and workshops is to create continuous debate, learnings, inspiration and impact through new global partnerships and innovation projects between cities, organisations and businesses across the world.

### Who are we?

The Think Tank is owned by Greenovation and Quercus Group in Copenhagen/Singapore and MiD in Singapore – and supported by the Danish Embassy in Singapore.

The Think Tank will work with experts and innovators across the globe – from researchers, city officials and private solution providers to journalists and citizens.

Read more on <http://www.carbonneutralfuture.org> (from April 2019)