

# IMD-SUTD SMART CITY INDEX VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

Can technology protect citizens' well-being  
in a pandemic world?

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The COVID-19 global pandemic has dramatically changed the way we work, live and play. As the pandemic takes its toll on the global economy, cities around the world have shown varying success in dealing with the issues brought about by COVID-19.

But how did smart cities fare, as compared to other cities? Were the issues better managed, and did they deliver better outcomes during the pandemic? Are smart cities in a better position to recover faster economically and socially, and indeed to fight future pandemics or wider global crises?

The Institute for Management Development (IMD) and the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) are proud to present the second edition of the Smart City Index with an online webinar. The virtual roundtable will focus on these questions as well as whether "smarter" cities balance economic and technological aspects with societal ones, and whether cities are using technology to ensure that vulnerable groups are not forgotten.

Join us on Thursday, 17 September, at 8pm Singapore time (8am EDT, 2pm CEST) as our panellists discuss the findings from the updated Index, and share their experiences about how Singapore managed the issues brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## GUEST SPEAKERS



**Professor Arturo Bris**  
Director of the IMD  
World Competitiveness Center



**Dr Vivian Balakrishnan**  
Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs  
and Minister-in-charge of  
the Smart Nation Initiative



**Jan Vapaavuori**  
Mayor of Helsinki



**Bruno Lanvin**  
President of the  
Smart City Observatory

## MODERATOR



**Ambassador Chan Heng Chee**  
Ambassador-at-Large with Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
and chairperson of the Lee Kuan Yew Centre  
for Innovative Cities at SUTD