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8:30am
Registration & Light Breakfast

SETTING THE TONE

9:15am

An opening conversation introducing the day's conference blocks, key themes and intended outcomes. The hosts outline what participants can expect from each session, connecting the discussions ahead and setting a shared direction for the day.

LAr.
KHARIZA ABD KHALID
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BLOCK 1 MEASURING & PROVING NBS VALUE



MANUSHI JAIN
SPONGE
COLLABORATIVE
India

Dr. **YAZID NINSALAM**
RMIT
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9:30am

Feature Talk 1
Stop Guessing, Start Measuring
LAr. Khariza Abd Khalid / Malaysia

A case for hard data over intuition, showing how measurable NbS performance at the developer scale can de-risk investment and strengthen decision-making.

10:10am

Sharing Session 1
Scaling Nature-Based Solutions in India:
From Sponge Parks to Climate-Resilient Cities
Manushi Jain / India

An exploration of how a sponge-city model is being scaled across Indian cities to build climate resilience at the urban and high-rise level, turning water management into a tool for national-scale adaptation.

10:40am

Sharing Session 2
Nature Keeps the Score
Dr. Yazid Ninsalam / Australia

A site analysis framework that lets ecological performance, rather than assumptions, guide design decisions from the earliest stages of a project.

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BLOCK 2 WATER & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT THROUGH NBS



**CHUM
JIA XIN**
Henning Larsen
Singapore

11:10am

Feature Talk 2

Provelt: Water & Stormwater Management

Prof. Dato' Dr Nor Azazi Zakaria / Malaysia

A session connecting research and policy to show how evidence-based frameworks can strengthen water and stormwater management systems at scale.

11:50am

Sharing Session 3

20 Years On: The Putrajaya Lake & Wetland Story

Pn. Normaliza Noordin / Malaysia

A twenty-year retrospective on the Putrajaya Lake & Wetland system, offering a landmark case study in long-term NbS performance and the lessons it holds for future projects.

12:20pm

Sharing Session 4

Designing with Nature

Chum Jia Xin / Singapore

Practice-based insights from a renowned firm on integrating ecological design principles into large-scale professional work.

12:50pm - 1:50pm

Lunch Break / Prayer

Landscape Architect
PAUL CHAN
IFLA ASIA PACIFIC
PRESIDENT
Hong Kong



Assoc. Prof. Dr.
**AHMAD
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LESTARI, UKM
Malaysia

BLOCK 3 BIODIVERSITY & ECOLOGY: NATURE-LED DESIGN



LAr. Dr.
**SABARUDIN
BUANG**
Konsep Inovatis
Malaysia

1:50pm

Feature Talk 3

Hong Kong's NbS Guidelines

Paul Chan / Hong Kong

An insider look at Hong Kong's NbS guidelines, exploring how policy frameworks are shaping green-blue infrastructure practice in one of Asia's densest cities.

2:30pm

Sharing Session 5

Where the Forest Meets the Tide

Dr. Ahmad Aldrie Amir / Malaysia

An examination of the ecological dynamics where terrestrial and coastal ecosystems intersect, and what this means for species-sensitive design.

3:00pm

Sharing Session 6

Beyond Trees and Greenery

LAr. Dr. Sabarudin Buang / Malaysia

A look past the obvious benefits of trees and greenery to reveal the fuller range of ecological value that everyday landscape practice can deliver.

3:30pm

Documentary Showcase / Break



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**AFZAA FADINI
BINTI DATO' ABDUL AZIZ**



4:00pm

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Minister In The Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories)

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- **National Anthem: NEGARAKU**
- **DOA Recitation**

BLOCK 4 KEYNOTE BLOCK

Dr
ANUJ JAIN
BioSEA
Singapore



KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1

4:10pm

Nature Wrote the Brief

Dr. Anuj Jain / Singapore

An exploration of biomimicry that flips the conventional design process, letting natural systems rather than human intent alone define the design brief.

WANG DONG
TURENSCAPE
China



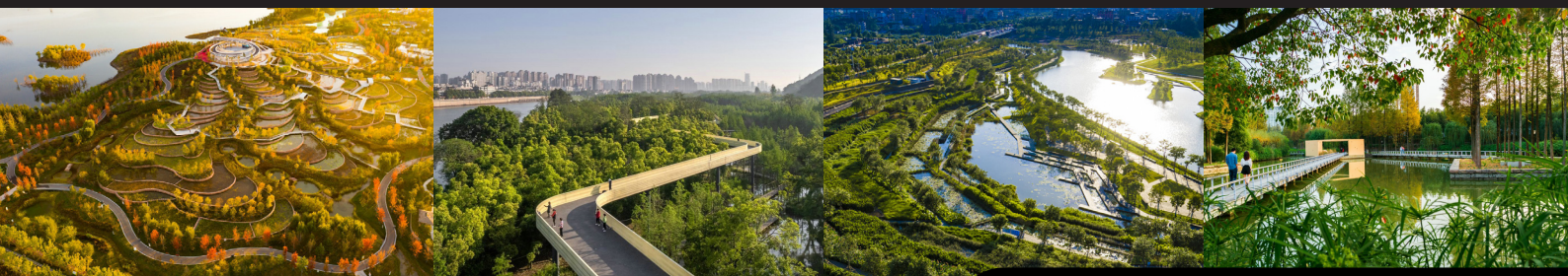
KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2

4:50pm

From Sponge City to Sponge Planet

Wang Dong / China

The evolution of China's Sponge City movement into a planetary-scale ambition, reimagining stormwater and urban water resilience as a global design imperative.



Dato'
**HAMDAN
ABDUL MAJEED**
THINK CITY
Malaysia



MOU SIGNING SESSION

5:30pm

MOU Signing Ceremony
ILAM x Think City

Gift Presentation
Photography Session

SPECIAL REMARKS

5:40pm

Nature is Not a Cost

Dato' Hamdan Abdul Majeed / Malaysia

The economic implications of climate change, and why financing adaptation is an investment in resilient, liveable cities rather than a cost to be minimised.

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**HANNAH YEOH
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MINISTER IN THE
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(FEDERAL TERRITORIES)



BLOCK 5 CLOSING BLOCK

6:00pm

- **Video Showcase:**
Reimagining Malaysia Through Nature-based Solutions
- **President Speech**
Assoc. Prof. LAr. Dr. Nor Atiah Ismail
ILAM President
IFLA Asia Pacific - Climate Change and Biodiversity (CHAIR)
- **Minister Speech / Closing Remarks**
YB Puan Hannah Yeoh Tseow Suan
Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories)

Gift Presentation

6:30pm

- End of Programme / Tea Break

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Day 1 (6 October 2026) - Tuesday

10:00am

Master Class 1

Biomimicry in Landscape Design

Dr. Anuj Jain / BioSEA, Singapore

Discover how nature's forms, systems and processes can inspire innovative, resilient and regenerative approaches to landscape design.

11:30am

Master Class 2

Climate Data Analysis for Site Design

Dr. Yazid Ninsalam / RMIT, Australia

Learn how climate data can inform site planning and support responsive, comfortable and climate-resilient design solutions.

1:00pm Lunch Break

2:00pm

Depart for Site Visit

(Ayer Panas Retention Pond & Sungai Bonus River Corridor)

Explore a river corridor and stormwater retention pond within a green space planned as a future green lung and recreational park in Kuala Lumpur. Participants will observe the site and its surroundings, gathering information to develop Nature-based Solutions during the second-day master class.

6:00pm

End of Day 1

Day 2 (7 October 2026) - Wednesday

10:00am

Master Class 3

River Corridor Design for Flash Flood Resilience

Wang Dong / Turenscape, China

Explore Nature-based design strategies for restoring river corridors, managing stormwater and strengthening resilience against flash floods.

12:00pm

Group Work

Participants will work collaboratively to apply the knowledge gained and develop practical Nature-based Solutions for a selected site challenge.

1:00pm Lunch Break

3:00pm

Group Presentation

Each group will present its proposed solutions, exchange ideas and receive constructive feedback from the master class experts.

6:00pm

End of Master Class

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