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Association of Singapore (EMAS)

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Events and Activities



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Interclean



The EMAS Singapore Delegation this year was led by **Senior Minister of State, Dr Janil Puthucheary, from the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment**. The delegation comprised more than 30 representatives from 21 EMAS member companies from Singapore. **Interclean Amsterdam** took place from 14 April to 17 April 2026.

The learning journey aimed to give participating companies valuable exposure to the latest equipment and technological innovations emerging from Europe, with opportunities to explore their adoption in enhancing operational productivity and efficiency.



On the first day, the delegation received a warm welcome from Ms Annette Bos, Director of Markets at RAI Amsterdam. This was followed by a series of booth visits and product demonstrations by Metabots, LionsBot International, and Kärcher.

On the second day at InterClean Amsterdam, the Singapore delegation continued their visits to booths hosted by Diversey, i-Team Global, and Nilfisk.



EMAS looks forward to welcoming you to join us in 2028 as we continue to explore new innovations and advancements in the cleaning industry.

Upcoming!	
19 May 2026 From 1.30pm	Building a Resilient Workforce – Environmental Services Industry Productivity Forum (ESPF), organised by the National Environment Agency and Workforce Singapore Lifelong Learning Institute
17 June 2026 From 3pm	CESG Catalyst 2026, organised by the National Environment Agency Marina Bay Sands Singapore Level 3 Begonia Ballroom

Industry News



NEA-Industry Scholarship Award supports ITE and Polytechnic students interested in the Environmental Services (ES) industry.


This year's award ceremony was held on 12 Mar 2026, with EMAS represented by Mr Ang Kin Yong, Assistant Honorary Treasurer.

Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) presents the Digital Leaders Programme (DLP) and the Digital Leaders Accelerator Bootcamp (DLAB)! These empower progressive local enterprises to bridge the gap between strategic planning and impactful, hands-on implementation.

More details are shared below and [HERE!](#)

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[New] Digital Leaders Accelerator Bootcamp (DLAB)



Designed to help enterprises turn digital goals into actual business results through emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, DLAB provides structured guidance and equips participants with relevant know how and actionable insights.

Uplift leadership mindset	Building self sustaining competencies	Instil confidence to design and deliver
<p>Receive Expert Guidance, from Planning to Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with your team to design a clear digital roadmap aligned with business needs. Gain practical know-how to sustain transformation efforts and execute the roadmap. 	<p>Solve Specific Business Problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distil business challenges to prioritise specific pain points. Design targeted solutions and understand how to harness emerging tech to maximise efficiency and growth. 	<p>Execute Hands-On Quick-Win Projects with Real Business Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build and implement real AI solutions that deliver quick wins for business. Walk away with working solutions that demonstrate ROI and boost your confidence to execute AI projects.

The QR code to scan is for EMAS members who are keen to join DLAB briefings , they **can click here to express the interests** and our team will inform them of the upcoming DLAB briefings by our DLAB partners.

Organised by the **Singapore Business Federation (SBF)** and supported by government and industry partners, the **TAC Summit** returns for its 2nd edition on 9 April 2026 at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel.

Themed Future Ready TACs: People. Purpose. Partnerships, TAC Summit is the premier platform for association leaders across Singapore and the region to convene, learn and shape the future of the TAC ecosystem.



Across both days, TAC Summit 2026 delivered actionable insights, proven frameworks and high-quality networking, equipping TACs with the strategic clarity and practical capabilities needed to lead with confidence, strengthen organisational relevance and accelerate future-ready growth.

Dialogues, Briefings and Engagements

EMAS refers to the feedback previously received on challenges faced by cleaning companies in relation to Outcome-Based Contracting (OBC) and IFM-led contracts. EMAS has since engaged the relevant agencies to highlight these concerns.

Following this, the 2nd Edition of NEA's OBC Guide was reviewed, and EMAS worked collaboratively with relevant agencies to improve and enhance the OBC Guide.



The latest Outcome-based Cleaning guide in its 3rd edition adopts a lifecycle approach to describe the procurement process for outcome-based contracting (OBC) for cleaning services by outlining the various stages **from early planning of tender to contract management and renewal**.

The guide defines the roles and responsibilities for service buyers (SBs) and providers (SPs) to **build an effective and collaborative working relationship**, thus enabling the industry to adopt and apply OBC in their tenders with clarity.

For enquiry on OBC, please contact the OBC Helpdesk at NEA_Cleaning_OBC_Helpdesk@nea.gov.sg.

[Download the guide HERE!](#)

An engagement session was held on 28 April 2026 between the management team of Science & Technology Planning Division, **Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE)**, and EMAS.

EXCO Meeting (Salient Points)



NEA's **ESplore Learning Journey** will take place on 20 May 2026 at Chye Thiam Maintenance. The industry sharing session will have up to 25 Ngee Ann Polytechnic students; from the Diploma in Environmental Science & Sustainability (ESS) faculty.

CESG Catalyst 2026 will take place on 17 June 2026 at Marina Bay Sands.

It was discussed that 3 Trade Association and Chambers (TACs) will conduct a joint afternoon session; EMAS, WMRAS and SPMA will present for 30 minutes each. Topics will be related to the theme of "Innovating Towards a Sustainable Future".

A registration link to attend "CESG Catalyst 2026" will be shared with members once it is available.

NEA shared an update that the related departments are looking into the proposals that EMAS submitted for certification and training for **EMAS' future plans**.



Past engagement formats were reviewed for **Members Day**. There was a proposal to introduce more intimate social settings (e.g. wine-tasting with tapas) without added pressure on members. Further discussions will continue offline, with a sub-committee to be formed and updates to be revisited at the May EXCO meeting.

Skills Development and Training



ETIH@TP Course on **Outcome Based Contracting (OBC) for Cleaning Services: Effective Implementation with Digitalisation and Automation [TP-NC-E0046-F]** was held on 9 and 10 April 2026.

Referencing Singapore Standard 694:2023 and a successful eco-campus case study, the course equipped participants with practical knowledge on OBC contract clauses, cleaning outcome benchmarks, and service buyer-provider partnerships.



Participants also received hands-on guidance in planning and drafting OBC contracts for cleaning services; application and deployment of digital and automation technologies, etc.

Upcoming!	
<i>Tentative</i> 20-21 July 2026	Outcome Based Contracting (OBC) for Cleaning Services: Effective Implementation with Digitalisation and Automation [TP-NC-E0046-F] Register your Interest HERE! ETIH@TP Temasek Polytechnic

Welcome New Members

Please join us in warmly welcoming two new members to our Association! We are excited to have them on board and look forward to their active contributions as we grow together as a community.



We continue to welcome new members to be part of our community. If you know someone who will enjoy being part of us, [just click here and share the invite](#).





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