

SPARK: Thought leadership panel discussion

Session Title: **Urban Sustainability – Making cities work for the world**
Date & Time: 18 January 2019, Friday, 13.15-14.45
Venue: JC Cube Auditorium, Tai Kwun

Summary / Description:

Making cities work sustainably will become increasingly important in our fast-urbanising world, and ‘alpha’ cities - such as London and Hong Kong, that disproportionately exert influence on global affairs - have a critical role to play.

The Natural History Museum, London is guided by a vision for a future where both people and planet thrive. This panel session brings leading commentators from across the world to ignite curiosity and foster informed debate on the topic of cities and sustainability.

Certificate of Attendance will be issued to Institute of Civil Engineers’ participants at the end of the panel session if requested.

Panel Speakers



Jenna Ho Marris, Cofounder, Tai Tam Tuk Foundation

Jenna went to international schools in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing before studying Biology at Imperial College London. She returned to Hong Kong to train as a lawyer specialising in life sciences and intellectual property law. In 2012 she and a few friends set up Tai Tam Tuk Eco Education Centre to pilot ideas for public engagement in nature conservation, at the site of Hong Kong’s smallest mangrove forest. Recent collaborative citizen science projects include Hong Kong’s first BioBlitz, Hong Kong's entry to the global City Nature Challenge and the Hong Kong Inter-School City Nature Challenge, bringing together schools, scientists and NGOs to explore and record the amazing biodiversity right on their doorsteps.



Fai Hui, Horticulturist, Go Green, Hong Kong

Fai Hui is the founder of [Go Green Hong Kong](#) and [Wildroots Organic](#). He is an environmentalist and Urban Farming specialist, growing organic vegetables on commercial rooftops and teaching workshops at HKU and PolyU. Fai earned his undergrad in economics at the University of Toronto, and law degree from the University of British Columbia.





Cecil Konijnendijk, Professor of Urban Forestry, University of British Columbia

Cecil Konijnendijk is a professor of urban forestry at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. He studies, teaches, and advises on the role of trees and other urban vegetation in cities and towns. Cecil’s career has taken him across the globe, and he has held positions in Denmark, Finland, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, and Sweden previously. He currently also holds several visiting professorships at Chinese universities. Cecil is editor-in-chief of the Future City book series (Springer) and of the scientific journal ‘Urban Forestry & Urban Greening’. He authored books like ‘The Forest and the City: the cultural landscape of urban woodland’ and co-edited the Routledge Handbook of Urban Forestry.

About his work:

Recent years have seen the emergence of a global urban forestry movement, with greater recognition of the crucial contributions of trees and green spaces to better, healthier, and more vibrant cities. I have been at the forefront of this global movement, emphasising the need to focus on better governance, planning, and management of urban forests. Another major interest I have is for the social and cultural important of urban nature, and the enhancing of links between urban people and urban nature. At the time I study, among other, the governance of urban forests in cities across the world, the various public health benefits of urban trees, the assessment of urban forest benefits at

	<p>large, and ways of better collaboration between different disciplines and professions.</p>
	<p>Ir Lee Chi Ming, former Council Member of ICE UK, former Chairman of the ICE Hong Kong Association, Board Chairman of CarbonCare InnoLab, Hong Kong</p> <p>Ir CM Lee is the former chairman of the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) Hong Kong Association (2013-2015) and the Hong Kong Representative in the ICE Council (2013-2017). Before his retirement from Water Supplies Department after 32 years of service, CM was the head of the Design Division, overseeing the design and construction of a portfolio of projects of over HK\$4 billion. He has extensive experience in project planning, finance and management, as well as EIA and sustainability studies.</p> <p>CM has been actively participating in voluntary work. He is the chairman of CarbonCare InnoLab, an independent community NGO dedicated to expanding the circle of people active on climate change innovation, education and action, with a strong focus on youth and students. He is also the vice-chairman of the local think-tank "Land Watch", which specializes in policy study on Hong Kong land issues.</p>
	<p>Moderator and Lead: Clare Matterson CBE, Director of Engagement, Natural History Museum, London, UK</p> <p>Clare is currently the Director of Engagement at the Natural History Museum, London. She is responsible for all aspects of the Museum's public offer – from high-level strategy through to temporary exhibitions, permanent galleries, learning programmes, digital output, marketing and communications.</p> <p>Previously Clare was Chief Executive of the EAT Foundation in Norway; and Director of Strategy and Director of Culture and Society at the Wellcome Trust. Here she led many initiatives including the Wellcome Collection and UK's National STEM Learning Centre.</p> <p>Clare is a member of the US National Academies of Science Public Engagement Advisory Board and a</p>

	<p>Trustee of the Horniman Museum. She founded and chaired the UK National STEM Forum for Public Engagement, was a member of a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Council on Food, Nutrition and Agriculture and serves on several boards including the Science Gallery International. Named as one of GQ's top influential women, she was also awarded the Queen's honour, CBE (Commander of the British Empire) for services to public engagement with science.</p>
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