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PRESS RELEASE

IN DEPTH WITH GLOBAL INNOVATON FOR SOCIETAL IMPACT IN SINGAPORE

THE BEST OF DIGITAL GOOD ON A GLOBAL SCALE PRESENTED AT THE UNBASED WORLD SUMMIT AWARD SOCIAL INNOVATION CONGRESS

29 June – 1 July, Parkroyal Hotel on Beachroad

Salzburg, June 23, 2016.

The <u>WSA Social Innovation Congress</u> offers in depth perspectives and best practices of digital innovation for an impact on society and honours the investment in and deployment of digital innovation creating sustainable social change and impact world-wide. During the 3 days Congress in Singapore, the <u>selected best of digital start-ups</u>, young entrepreneurs and distinguished experts from around the globe offer outstanding examples and insights of how digital technologies drive the United Nations agenda for the <u>Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG's)</u>.

Dr. Janil Puthucheary, Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information of Singapore, H.E. Marta A. Tomovska, Minister of Information Society and Administration in Macedonia and H.E. Ahmad Alhendawi, the United Nations Secretary General's Envoy on Youth will welcome the versatile audience, followed up by an agenda of diverse keynote speakers and creative workshops.

With 500 expected <u>participants</u> from over 80 countries from the ICT sector, a global variety of governmental representatives, corporates, thought leaders and social entrepreneurs will join in this unique event. The focus set on real achievements in digital good and a perspective on sustainability, this Congress offers not only unique international knowledge exchange, but also hands on tools on driving digital social innovation.

<u>Corporate Partner Singtel</u>, the leading digital multimedia and solutions group in Asia, is collaborating to share the ins and outs of how to build more effective and impactful initiatives from the ground to achieve greater heights in your endeavours in the workshop <u>Engaging The Community For Impact</u> by <u>Larry Tchiou</u>.

The <u>Future of technology</u> workshop by <u>Janine Warner</u>, <u>Jean-Luc Scherer</u> and <u>Rudy Laddaga</u> focuses on Virtual Reality, Drones, Wearables, Internet of Things, 5G, providing playful insights on how new technologies will influence society, products and businesses. Strong stories are powerful. <u>Red Bull Amaphiko</u> will let the audience in on their secrets of Storytelling for Impact.

WSA Chairman Prof. Peter A. Bruck states: "The challenge is and remains worldwide: Do Good. Digitally. The WSA Social Innovation Congress honours the investment of attention and time of the top 40 of digital innovation creating sustainable social change and impact world-wide. With the participation in Singapore you are joining the selected best of digital content developers, start-ups and young entrepreneurs from around the globe. They are outstanding examples of how digital technologies are drivers for the United Nations agenda for the Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG's)."

The <u>World Summit Award Social Innovation Congress Singapore 2016</u> is organized in cooperation with the <u>Creative Alliance Group</u> and <u>EP-SI Social Venture Fund.</u> The event is supported by Qianhai International Liaison Services Limited, the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Walt Disney Group, <u>Singtel</u>, Intel Singapore, Dataprev Brazil, ICANN and the Global Incubator Network, companies focusing on innovation with a real impact on society.

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