



Singapore FinTech Festival and SWITCH come together – to bring the global innovation community to Singapore

The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Enterprise Singapore and the National Research Foundation (NRF) on 12th June 2019 announced that the Singapore FinTech Festival (SFF) and the Singapore Week of Innovation and TeCHnology (SWITCH) would come together as SFF x SWITCH to synergise across the themes of FinTech and Deep Tech. SFF x SWITCH will run from 11 to 15 November 2019.

SFF x SWITCH will bring insights from global thought leaders, showcase innovative solutions, and engage entrepreneurs, investors and innovators from around the world. It will also provide rich networking opportunities for participants to collaborate on technological innovation across five key sectors – FinTech, Urban Solutions and Sustainability, Health and Biomedical Sciences, Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, and Digital Services. Participants can look forward to the following key events.

Participants can gain access to the three-day **Conference & Exhibition** of both events, which will take place from 11 to 13 November 2019 at the Singapore Expo. The Conference will feature for the first time the theme of sustainability and cover Financial Services; Industry 4.0 – Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cloud and Cybersecurity; Financial Inclusion; Green Finance; and Technology Beyond Finance. The Exhibition will feature country pavilions, industry exhibitors, financial industry showcase booths, and a start-up zone.

There will be three **Competitions** for the global innovation community:

- **Global FinTech Hackcelerator**, which matches innovative startup solutions to address industry's problem statements;
- **SLINGSHOT 2019**, an international startup pitching competition; and
- **FinTech Awards**, which recognises innovative financial technology solutions.

Finalists from the competitions will showcase their solutions at *SFF x SWITCH*.

Investors and companies can have access to two **Deal-Making Platforms**:

- **Deal Fridays**, curated deal-making sessions for facilitating investment into startups, that will run every Friday from 21 June to November 2019; and
- **TechInnovation**, a technology-to-industry matching marketplace which facilitates business matching within the industry, seeds licensing opportunities and fosters open innovation collaborations.

On 14 and 15 November 2019, workshops and events designed for the tech industry and an expanded **Innovation Lab Crawl** will take place at various locations across the island.

Mr Sopnendu Mohanty, Chief FinTech Officer, MAS, said, “The Singapore FinTech Festival is the world’s largest FinTech gathering and a marquee event for the global FinTech community. Our partnership with SWITCH this year allows us to engage technology ecosystems beyond FinTech, and to present a comprehensive showcase of innovations that benefit all segments of society. We look forward to welcoming players from the FinTech and wider technology community from all over the world to Singapore, to connect, collaborate, and celebrate innovation.”

Mr Peter Ong, Chairman, Enterprise Singapore said, “*SFF x SWITCH* is the foremost platform to bring together tech communities and start-ups around the world to bridge the gap between technology and finance for deep tech and FinTech. Singapore hosts a vibrant community of innovation enablers, enterprises and start-ups to drive co-innovation of new solutions relevant to global needs and modern challenges. Our strong connectivity to the region will serve as a gateway for enterprises and market-driven solutions to reach Asia and beyond.”

Dr Cheong Wei Yang, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, NRF, said, “This collaboration between SWITCH and the Singapore FinTech Festival will consolidate our national efforts to create value from science and technology – starting from the capabilities built in our research base, through to innovation and commercialisation by our enterprises. We will focus on deep tech areas relevant to Singapore’s growth as a Global-Asia node of technology, innovation and enterprise. We are excited to see more researchers, entrepreneurs, investors and companies coming together from all around the world, to benefit society and economy through innovation in new business models and novel technologies.”

Singapore FinTech Festival is organised by MAS, in partnership with The Association of Banks in Singapore, and in collaboration with SingEx Holdings. SWITCH is organised by Enterprise Singapore, NRF, and Intellectual Property Intermediary (IPI). Last year, the two events together drew close to 57,000 delegates from almost 130 countries. For more information on *SFF x SWITCH 2019*, please see the attached factsheet or visit www.SFFxSWITCH.com.