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## **SINGAPORE DEEPENS COLLABORATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY**

1. Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry) S Iswaran attended the biennial International Energy Agency (IEA) Ministerial Meeting which was held in Paris, France from 7-8 November 2017. This is the first time Singapore is participating at the IEA Ministerial Meeting, since becoming an Association Country of the IEA in 2016.
2. Minister Iswaran was the lead speaker for the Government-Industry Dialogue on Digitalisation and Energy. He shared how Singapore was working towards the vision of a Smart Nation in the energy sector, and encouraged government and industry leaders to proactively approach the issue of cyber-security to address the risks associated with an increasingly digitalised and interconnected world.
3. At the plenary discussions, Minister Iswaran spoke about the strategies that Singapore and the region can adopt to enhance energy security, and how the IEA could work with ASEAN to promote a transparent and flexible regional gas market.
4. Minister Iswaran said, "It is important for Asia to collaborate closely with international organisations, such as the IEA, to facilitate capacity building initiatives and to attract energy investments to the region. As Singapore assumes the Chairmanship of the 36<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) in 2018, Singapore and the IEA will explore deeper collaboration to foster a resilient and sustainable energy community in ASEAN."
5. Singapore will be working with the IEA on a capacity building programme on energy investments and a workshop on Digitalisation and Energy for ASEAN in 2018.
6. The IEA Ministerial Meeting was attended by the 29 IEA member countries; accession countries Chile and Mexico; association countries Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Singapore and Thailand; and partner country South Africa. More than 30 CEOs from key global energy companies also participated in the discussions. Minister Iswaran was accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Energy Market Authority.

### **Annex A: Photos and captions**



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**Annex A: Photos and captions**



Caption: Minister Iswaran (second row far right) with representatives from the IEA countries.



Caption: Minister Iswaran speaking at the Government-Industry Dialogue on Digitalisation and Energy.