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Melissa Low is a Research Fellow with the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore (NUS), having joined after working for ECO Singapore (a local NGO) in 2010. She has participated in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP) talks since December 2009 and is the Designated Contact Point for NUS's accreditation to the UNFCCC. In this role, Melissa tracks and researches international climate policy, focusing on UNFCCC negotiations, and helps facilitate dialogue among policymakers and stakeholders. She has published book chapters, policy briefs and in peer-reviewed journals such as *Energy Policy* and presents regularly at both the university and at high-level forums. Melissa holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in Climate Change Law and Policy (with distinction) from the University of Strathclyde and a Master of Science in Environmental Management from the National University of Singapore. For her NUS Master thesis on past and contemporary proposals on equity and differentiation in shaping the 2015 climate agreement, Melissa was awarded the Shell Best Dissertation Award 2013.

In May 2016, Melissa participated in a 5-week professional development exchange program sponsored by the US Department of State. She was selected as the only Environmental Sustainability Fellow from Singapore and was one of 99 Southeast Asian Fellows selected to participate in the Spring 2016 cohort. In this role, Melissa was one of 175 young Southeast Asian Leaders to partake in a Town Hall with President Barack Obama at Souphanouvong University in Luang Prabang, Laos on 7 September 2016.

Outside of work, Melissa started an eco-friendly/ social book swop movement in Singapore, called Books and Beer, which has been featured in *The Straits Times*, *The Business Times*, *Bangkok Post* and *The Wall Street Journal's* Scene Asia Blog.