



# SDG 16 CONFERENCE

## Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



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### SPEAKER BIO



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Aaron Maniam is currently Deputy Secretary (Industry & International) at the Ministry of Communications & Information. He is a civil servant by profession, having served postings in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Trade & Industry, the Public Service Division and Civil Service College; and was previously Founding Head of the Centre for Strategic Futures under the Prime Minister's Office Strategy Group. He has published two collections of poetry, is a trained facilitator of inter-religious and inter-ethnic dialogue, and co-founded The Birthday Collective. He served as founding Chairman of the National Youth Council Academy and the Singapore Indian Development Association Youth Club, and was President of Mendaki Club (a group of young Muslim professionals) from 2009 to 2011. He was recognised by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader in 2013, by the Asia Society as an Asia 21 Young Leader in 2007, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society for the encouragement of the Arts, Manufacture and Commerce (FRSA). He undertook a PhD at Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government on a Clarendon Scholarship, focusing his research on how governments and societies can most effectively deploy digital technology.