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SUMMIT 2019

Accelerating Progress on the SDGs:
Whole of Nation Approach

6th & 7th November 2019



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In September 2015, all 193 member countries of the United Nations unanimously adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its implementation framework, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that charts in detail a way forward to ensure a future that is sustainable for people, planet, peace and prosperity – with the understanding that it can only be achieved through a spirit of partnership between government, private sector, and civil society. The 2030 Agenda is the most transformative and ambitious plan ever crafted by the global community with 17 goals, 169 targets and 232 indicators – that balance the economic, social and environmental pillars of development. These global goals and targets are universal in nature – they apply to all countries, developed and developing and they are interconnected. The key measure of their achievement will be in having no one left behind and a planet that is future proof for generations to come.

Malaysia is fully committed to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. The key principles and imperatives of these goals are reflected in the Manifesto of the Government and well incorporated in the *Mid-term Review of the 11th Malaysia Plan: New Priorities and Emphases* and the 2019 National Budget that sets out the development direction of the country moving forward. The YAB Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, in his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2018, stated the following:



"The new Malaysia will firmly espouse the principles promoted by the UN in our international engagements. These include the principles of truth, human rights, the rule of law, justice, fairness, responsibility and accountability, as well as sustainability."

~ YAB Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad

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Malaysia is progressing well on many of the goals and targets of the SDGs and is intensifying efforts on priority areas such as institutional and governance reforms, which is one of six pillars in the Mid-term Review of the 11th Malaysia Plan: New Priorities and Emphases, in line with Goal 16. Nevertheless, there remain pockets of poverty and environmental and other areas of development that need attention - as is the case globally. SDG progress reports reveal that the world will not achieve the SDGs by 2030 unless efforts are accelerated at all levels, particularly at the national and subnational levels. The 2018 SDG Report found that issues of inequality, climate change and conflict are seriously hampering progress and stressed the need for disaggregated and timely data towards evidence-based policymaking for achievement of the SDGs. United Nations Secretary-General states the following in the 2018 Report:

The Sustainable Development Goals Report
2018



“With just 12 years left to the 2030 deadline, we must inject a sense of urgency. Achieving the 2030 Agenda requires immediate and accelerated actions by countries along with collaborative partnerships among governments and stakeholders at all levels. This ambitious Agenda necessitates profound change that goes beyond business as usual.”

~ Mr. Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

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In the last four years since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, Government has been working closely with the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) on mainstreaming, implementation, data, monitoring and evaluation of the SDGs as well as in mobilizing resources and partnerships for the SDGs. Some of these initiatives include the development of the National SDG Roadmap, Malaysia Voluntary National Report to the 2017 High-level Political Forum, Phase 1 of a National SDG Progress Monitoring System (<http://mysdg.dosm.gov.my/>), Malaysia Report on National Evaluation Systems and Capacities for SDGs, National SDG Portal (<https://mysdg.my/>) and crowd-sourcing of solutions, funding and innovations towards SDG-related priorities in the country through the National SDG Solutions Platform (*also known as the TogetherforSDGs or SEIRING untuk SDGs platform*).



TOGETHER FOR SDGs

Local Actions ~ Global Impact

SEIRING UNTUK SDG

Aksi Tempatan ~ Impak Global

1. <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/indicators-list/>
2. <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/files/report/2018/TheSustainableDevelopmentGoalsReport2018-EN.pdf>

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2.0 OBJECTIVES

The Ministry of Economic Affairs is therefore collaborating with the United Nations Country Team in Malaysia, supported by multi-stakeholder partners, to organise this inaugural **Malaysia SDG Summit**, in November this year with the following key objectives:



1

To review SDG progress in the country and share best practices

2

To showcase commitments, pledges and/or contributions by Government, private sector and civil society towards attainment of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs

3

To provide a multi-stakeholder platform to identify strategies to accelerate efforts towards addressing key bottleneck issues that could be incorporated in Malaysia's development planning and budgeting

4

To set in motion a whole of nation approach involving all parts of Government – ministries, agencies at federal, state and district levels; private sector and civil society

5

To deepen horizontal and vertical policy coherence vis-à-vis the 2030 Agenda and SDGs

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3.0 HIGH-LEVEL OPENING OF THE SDG SUMMIT

It is proposed for this inaugural SDG Summit in Malaysia to be officiated by **YAB Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia**, to reflect Malaysia's strong commitment to the 2030 Agenda and SDGs at the highest levels of Government, to showcase progress made and action taken to address bottleneck issues.



4.0 THEME AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The theme proposed for the SDG Summit is

“Accelerating Progress on the SDGs: Whole of Nation Approach”

to promote multi-stakeholder partnerships and contributions towards achievement of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

Wide multi-stakeholder participation in this Summit is expected to yield the following outcomes:

- ***A sense of public ownership and greater awareness on how the different parts of government, business, civil society and youth can contribute towards SDG attainment.***
- ***Better understanding of the SDG-related issues that need to be overcome.***
- ***Development of ideas and strategies to move the 2030 Agenda forward.***
- ***Energizing of partnerships and a whole of nation approach for the SDGs.***

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5.0 DATES AND VENUE

This two-day Malaysia SDG Summit is planned to take place on the 6th and 7th of November 2019.

The event will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) as it can accommodate large numbers of people and is easily accessible to the general public.

6.0 DISCLAIMER

The programme and other details of the event are subject to change at the discretion of the organisers.

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7.0 PROGRAMME FOR THE MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019

DAY 1

Time	ARRIVALS AND REGISTRATION	
7.30 am	Registration of Participants & Welcome Coffee	
8.30 am	Arrival of VIPs	
9.00 am	Arrival of YAB Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia	
OPENING CEREMONY		
9.00 am	Negaraku and Malaysia Bersih	
9.10 am	Doa Recital	Ustaz Dr. Nurul Haq Shahrir
9.15 am	Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Stefan Priesner, <i>United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam</i>
9.25 am	Video Message	Mr. Antonio Guterres, <i>United Nations Secretary-General</i>
9.30 am	Opening Remarks: Malaysia's Progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs	YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, <i>Minister of Economic Affairs</i>
9.40 am	Keynote Address and Official Launch of the Malaysia SDG Summit 2019	YAB Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, <i>Prime Minister of Malaysia</i>
10.00 am	Symbolic Launch of Summit by YAB Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad with Malaysia's commitment to "Accelerating Progress on the SDGs: Whole of Nation Approach" Launch of TogetherforSDGs platform (3 mins) Photography session	
10.15 am	Walkthrough of the SDG Summit Exhibition and Press Conference By YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, <i>Minister of Economic Affairs</i>	Coffee Break

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DAY 1

Time	PLENARY SESSION 1 – STRATEGIES TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND (PLENARY HALL)		
11.00 am	<p>The key themes of this session will be on leaving no-one-behind through inclusive growth and shared prosperity principles. The focus will be on exploring strategies to develop a comprehensive and holistic social protection floor which is inclusive of the most marginalized, and is able to reduce their vulnerabilities to shocks, alleviate poverty and remove any forms of discrimination.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Neil Buhne, Regional Director, United Nations Development Coordination Office (UNDCO)</p> <p><i>Keynote :</i> YB Senator Dr. Radzi Jidin, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YBhg. Dato’ Dr. Noor Zari Hamat, Deputy Secretary General (Policy), Ministry of Economic Affairs 2. YBrs. Dr. Muhammed Abdul Khalid, Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister 3. YB Jannie Lasimbang, Assistant Minister to the Minister of Law and Native Affairs Sabah 4. YB Senator Bathmavathi Krishnan, Ahli Dewan Negara, Parliament of Malaysia 5. YBhg. Dato’ Sri M. Ramachelvam, Migrants, Refugees and immigration Affairs Committee, Bar Council 		
12.30 pm	Lunch		
PLENARY SESSION 2 – PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONAL REFORM (PLENARY HALL)			
2.00 pm	<p>This session will bring in a cross-sector of speakers to highlight the government’s commitments to institutional reforms, the achievements thus far, and the challenges and gaps that remain. The focus will be on the reform process across the judiciary, the parliament and the public sector; as well as within the corporate sector, to curb corruption and inject high levels of accountability and transparency across institutions.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Niloy Banerjee, UNDP Representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam</p> <p><i>Keynote :</i> YBhg. Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Shad Saleem Faruqi, Professor of Law, University of Malaya</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YBhg. Tan Sri Abu Kasim Mohamed, Director-General, National Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC) 2. YBhg. Datuk Azhar Harun, Chairman, Election Commission 3. YBrs. Puan Latheefa Koya, Chief Commissioner, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) 4. YB Tuan Ahmad Fahmi Mohamed Fadzil, Member of Parliament for Lembah Pantai 5. Mr. Jerald Joseph, Commissioner of SUHAKAM 		
3.30 pm	<p>Special Address The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs in the context of Islam</p>	<p>YB Datuk Seri Dr. Mujahid bin Yusof, <i>Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department in-charge of Religious Affairs</i></p>	
3.45 pm	Coffee Break		
4.00 pm	<p>PARALLEL SESSION 1</p> <p><i>State & Local Government SDG Forum</i></p> <p>This forum will serve as a platform to discuss the common challenges faced at the subnational level, to share examples of the best practices across the globe and to develop a set of recommendations to accelerate progress on the SDGs at the state and local level. The key topics to frame the discussions will be on integrated urban and territorial planning, urban governance and basic urban services and provision.</p>	<p>PARALLEL SESSION 2</p> <p><i>Business Leaders SDG Forum</i></p> <p>This forum will convene private sector decision makers to share, be inspired and ideate concrete actions to drive and champion SDGs within their organizations through internal SDG alignment, SDG compliant investment, channeling corporate social responsibility towards SDG priorities and, developing innovative solutions & technologies for SDGs. The forum will unpack the impact measurement and build on the business case for the SDGs.</p>	<p>PARALLEL SESSION 3</p> <p><i>SDG Academy Network Forum</i></p> <p>This session will bring key insights from research developed across academic partners on a range of SDGs and their impacts. The session will also undertake an inclusive validation process to develop a strategic framework for the proposed SDG Academic Network/ SDG Academy.</p>
	6.00 pm	End of Day 1	

DAY 2

Time	ARRIVALS AND REGISTRATION		
7.30 am	Registration of Participants & Welcome Coffee		
8.45 am	Arrival of VIP		
PLENARY SESSION 3 – ESTABLISHING A WHOLE OF NATION APPROACH TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE SDGS (PLENARY HALL)			
9.00 am	Special Address The Global Partnership for Development (SDG 17)	YB Dato' Saifuddin bin Abdullah, <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs</i>	
9.15 am	<p>This session will determine an inclusive process and robust multi-stakeholder mechanism, built on partnership and ownership of the goals for progress on the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. The emphasis is to showcase the need for awareness, adoption and scaling up of the goals across sectors, such that a whole of nation approach is leveraged for SDG acceleration.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Stefan Priesner, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam</p> <p><i>Keynote:</i> YBhg. Dato' Saiful Anuar Lebai Hussen, Secretary General, Ministry of Economic Affairs</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> YB Maria Chin Abdullah, Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya and Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on SDGs YBrs. Puan Zakiah Jaafar, Deputy Secretary General (Macro), Ministry of Economic Affairs YBhg. Datuk Noripah Kamso, Chairman of Bank Rakyat YBhg. Prof. Datuk Denison Jayasooria, Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Co-Chair of the Malaysia CSO-SDG Alliance YBrs. Puan Norliza Hashim, CEO, URBANICE Malaysia, Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Cities and Community Wellbeing 		
10.45 am	Speech	<i>By Mr Harith Iskander, Recipient of Asia's Best Stand-Up Comedian Award 2014 by Top 10 of Asia Magazine and Winner of the Funniest Person in the World competition 2016</i>	
10.55 am	Coffee Break		
PARALLEL SESSIONS			
	PARALLEL SESSION 4	PARALLEL SESSION 5	PARALLEL SESSION 6
	<i>Civil Society SDG Forum</i>	<i>Youth SDG Forum (Ages 18-30)</i>	<i>Children's SDG Forum</i>
11.15 am	This forum will bring together members of the Malaysia CSO-SDG Alliance to review the Shared Prosperity agenda and provide insights from a civil society and SDG perspective. Noting the intersectionality of the SDGs, this forum will emphasize the principle LNOB, the importance of disaggregated data and robust monitoring, and focus on operationalizing inclusive development, especially at the district level and local government level.	This forum will showcase examples of contributions from youth organizations across Malaysia towards the SDGs. The session will highlight the role of youth organizations and young active citizens in solving key challenges facing their communities. This will lead to the development of an e-publication on "Youth Guide to Advance the SDGs"	This forum will be led by children, and will allow for a diverse group of children from marginalized communities to interact with a larger audience and voice their ambitions, dream, and hopes for a healthier, more inclusive, and safer Malaysia for all children by 2030.
1.15 pm	Lunch		
1.45 pm	Arrival of VIPs		

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Time	PLENARY SESSION 4 – BALANCING ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (PLENARY HALL)
2.00 pm	<p>This session will highlight the interlinkages between the economy and the environment. The emphasis will be on how socio-economic progress has taken place at the cost to the environment, and what an alternative model of development looks like - one that balances economic growth with environmental sustainability and social consciousness.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> YBrs. Dr. Nagulendran Kangayatkarasu, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Climate Change</p> <p><i>Keynote:</i> YBrs. Puan Zakiah Jaafar, Deputy Secretary General (Macro), Ministry of Economic Affairs</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YBrs. Puan Hildah Hamzah, Group Head, Group Business Products, Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad 2. YBrs. Prof. Dr. Joy Jacqueline Pereira, Vice-Chair of Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report 3. YBrs. Mr. Mazuin Bin Ismail, Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy, PETRONAS 4. YBrs. Dr. Jason Hon, Head of Conservation, WWF Sarawak 5. Mr. Henrik Rytter Jensen, Chief Technical Advisor, Green Technology Application for the development of Low Carbon Cities (GTALCC)
PLENARY SESSION 5 – SDG 5: UNLOCKING WOMEN’S FULL POTENTIAL (PLENARY HALL)	
3.30 pm	<p>This session will focus on women and the economy in Malaysia, highlighting the missed opportunity and the need for increased investments to stimulate women’s active engagement in the economy. The session will identify structural barriers to gender equality and how new technologies and innovation can be leveraged towards addressing these.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Marcela Suazo, UNFPA Representative for Malaysia and Thailand</p> <p><i>Keynote:</i> YAB Dato’ Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Women, Family and Community Development</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. YBhg. Dato’ Suriani Ahmad, Secretary General, Multimedia and Communications Ministry 2. Mr. Johan Mahmood Merican, Director, National Budget Office, Ministry of Finance 3. YBhg. Datuk Nicol Ann David, Malaysian Professional Squash Player 4. Ms. Jasmine Begum, Microsoft Malaysia 5. Ms. Shanti Dairiam, Former CEDAW Committee Member, Vice President, Women's Aid Organisation (WAO)
CLOSING CEREMONY (PLENARY HALL)	
5.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Outcomes • Remarks by Ms. Marcela Suazo, UNFPA Representative for Malaysia and Thailand • Closing Address by YBrs. Puan Zakiah Jaafar, Deputy Secretary General (Macro), Ministry of Economic Affairs
5.30 pm	Coffee Break and End of SDG Summit

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