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MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019 REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The inaugural SDG Summit Malaysia 2019, themed on “The Whole of Nation Approach: Accelerating Progress on the SDGs” stood as a testament to Malaysia’s commitment, to bring together a broad range of stakeholders to take stock of SDG progress, gaps and explore ideas and solutions to bridge these gaps.

The Summit was launched by YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia on November 6, 2019. The Summit engaged over 2600 participants convening government ministries, agencies, district officers, civil society, business leaders, working youth and children for the SDGs.

The two-day Summit discussed numerous critical themes, from ideating on strategies to leave no one behind; ensuring that environmental sustainability is placed central in Malaysia’s development paradigm; highlighting the challenges and opportunities in unlocking the potential of women in Malaysia; to emphasizing the role of institutional reform and ensuring a whole of nation approach in order to accelerate our progress on SDG achievement.

Furthermore, the Summit witnessed the soft launch of the TOGETHERforSDGS Hub, designed to bring together alternative solutions and resource providers from private sector, philanthropic foundations, civil society, academia and others to align to national priorities and needs for collective impact for targeted beneficiaries in line with the 2030 Agenda and SDGs and the launch of the the Malaysian SDG Academic Network, which is the space for public and private universities and other relevant stakeholders to share knowledge, capacity and evidence related to the SDGs.

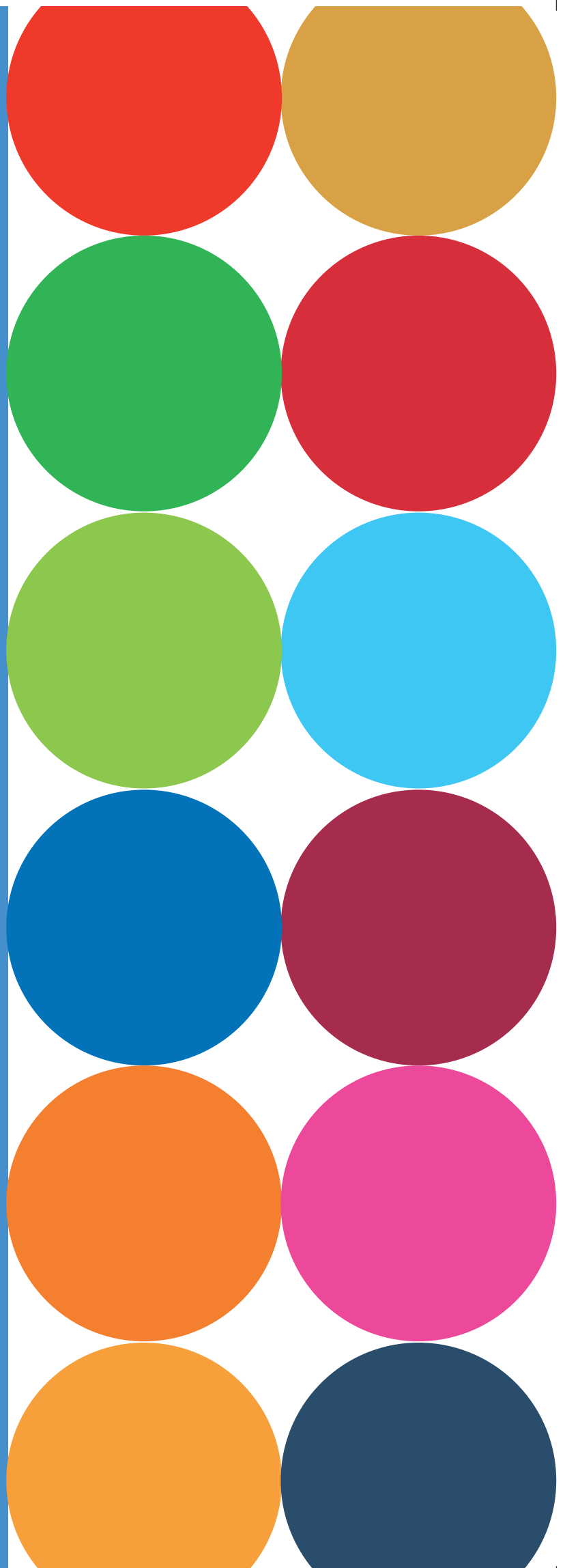


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Officiating the SDG Summit, the Prime Minister, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohammad, in his speech, stated the following:

"In moving forward with the SDGs, Malaysia recognises that the social complexity of resolving sustainable development problems will require coordinated action by a range of stakeholders. This will include government agencies at different levels of government, non-profit organisations, the private sector, academia, organised civil society and individuals."



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Whole of Nation Approach...

6th & 7th November 2019



The broad multistakeholder engagement, helped the SDG Summit achieve its set outcomes:

OBJECTIVES OF MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019

- 1.** To create a shared sense of public ownership and greater awareness on how the different parts of government, business, civil society and youth can contribute towards SDG attainment;
- 2.** To create a better understanding of the SDG related issues and challenges that need to be overcome;
- 3.** To foster dialogue about new ideas and strategies to move the 2030 Agenda forward in Malaysia;
- 4.** And to create a conducive environment to energize partnerships and a whole of nation approach for the SDGs



OPENING AND LAUNCH OF THE SUMMIT

YAB Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, officiating the SDG Summit highlighted the timeliness and significance of the Summit, while reiterating Malaysia's commitment to institutionalizing the SDGs in its development plans. He noted sustainability and inclusivity as hallmarks of Malaysia's development, and the Shared Prosperity vision as being critical to increase harmony, unity and stability across the nation. In recognizing the complexity of the SDGs, he urged all stakeholders to coordinate their efforts, and called upon the private sector to step up and supplement financial gaps in order to achieve the ambitious goals. Highlighting climate change as a major global concern, he emphasized the need for an equilibrium between growth and measures needed to address climate change, environmental degradation and sustainable utilization of Malaysia's natural endowment. He reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to enact governance and institutional reforms to strengthen accountability and integrity across all sectors and all levels.

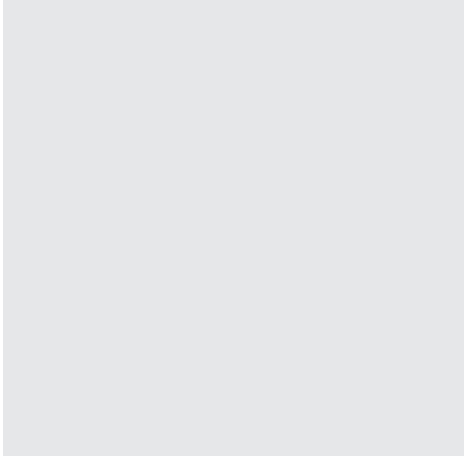


Mr. Stefan Priesner, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam reflected on the presence of the Prime Minister as a reflection of the highest level of commitment to the SDGs. He reaffirmed the commitment of the United Nations to continue working alongside the Government of Malaysia in achieving the SDGs and in translating the Shared Prosperity vision, to leave no one behind. He highlighted that even the most developed countries have not achieved the SDGs and hence it is critical that Malaysia focuses its energy on ensuring contributions from all segments of society, and to embrace a new growth model that is based on the foundational principles of the SDGs. Reminding us of the power of the global 2030 agenda - to change the world, he commended Malaysia for being an early starter and encouraged the pathway created to support an integrated suite of solutions, approaches and policies.

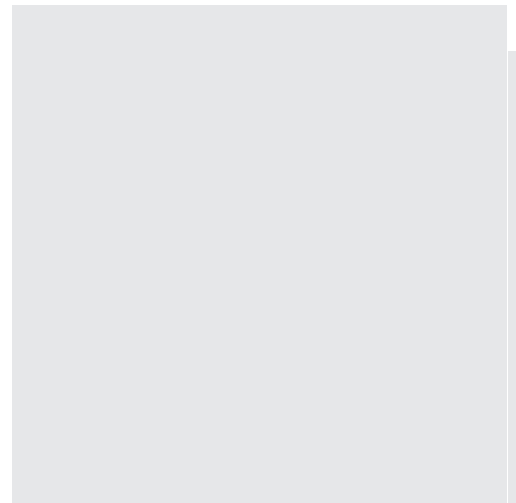
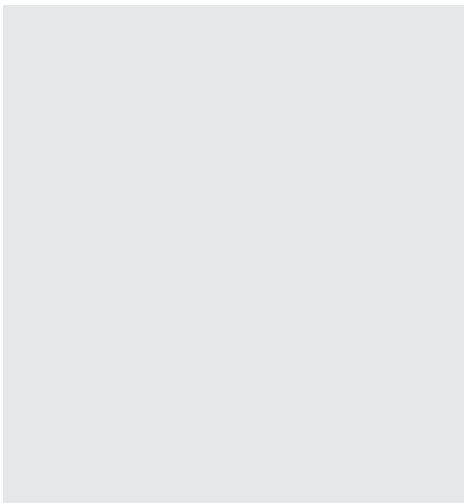


YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs (MEA) of Malaysia highlighted Malaysia's efforts on institutional reforms, in the areas of justice, peace and strengthening institutions. He also highlighted the Shared Prosperity vision as a paradigm shift that will enhance inclusivity and equality across the country. He shared MEA's initiatives such as the promise to build 1 million affordable homes in the 10 years through public and private partnerships, to boost agriculture and investments in up-skilling of human capital to optimize production, and to support smallholder farms to optimize production to achieve economies of scale, among several others. While appreciating the growth trajectory of Malaysia, he highlighted the need to recognize multi-dimensional poverty, as per the mid-term review of the 11th Malaysia Plan to take into account demographic factors, health, and education that will help better understand the extent of poverty and hence develop appropriate and relevant measures to serve those in most need.





The Summit was launched with the showcase of the TogetherforSDGs platform - also resonating with the Whole of Nation approach required for the achievement of the SDGs.



"What impressed me most about the SDG Summit were the speakers a veritable 'who's who' of key Malaysian influencers on each topic. That gives confidence that SDGs are not just talked about but genuinely embedded in Malaysia's policies."

H.E Hunter Nottage, High Commissioner of New Zealand.

"It was a true privilege to be able to spend two days reflecting on the SDGs, their importance, the status of progress and how my country and I personally can work to reach our common commitment. I was also inspired by the energy and commitment of UN Malaysia and the Malaysian government in setting joint goals and working together to incorporate the SDGs in national plans. Malaysia Boleh"

H.E Gunn Jorit Roset, Ambassador of Norway

The SDG Summit in Kuala Lumpur was an important forum, where Malaysia re-affirmed its commitment to achieve these development goals, which are in line with the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030. Similar to Prime Minister Mahathir's comments at the summit, I agree the need for more private sector involvement to contribute to sustainable development. Poverty reduction is only sustainable in the long term with more open trade and investment. The UK's Prosperity Fund initiatives in Malaysia are fully aligned with the SDGs.

H.E.Charles Hay MVO British High Commissioner

The SDG Summit was a major success in bringing all stakeholders together- government, civil society, private sector and academia. It reveals the tremendous interest and potential on localizing the SDGs. We now have the challenge of keeping the momentum going especially in enhancing effective and sustainable partnerships among all for ensuring no one is left behind.

YBhg. Prof. Datuk Denison Jayasooria, Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Co-Chair of the Malaysia CSO-SDG Alliance

KEY MESSAGES & OUTCOMES: PLENARY SESSIONS



Plenary sessions on the most critical issues and themes for SDG achievement in Malaysia were carefully designed and curated with thought leaders who represented diverse perspectives. Here you can read about some of the main highlights, messages and recommendations across these themes.

STRATEGIES TO LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

Malaysia's commitment to the SDGs is reflected in its development plan, and the Shared Prosperity vision highlights the alignment with the principle of leaving no one behind. Central to this vision is equitable and shared benefits for all, with strategies and interventions looking to address disparities by regions, income groups, ethnicities and minority groups. Nevertheless, persistent challenges and barriers still remain for the poor, minorities and marginalized communities.

Some key recommendations to close the gap include, reviewing and refining the measurement index for calculating poverty in Malaysia, and reforming to a more progressive and equitable taxation system and comprehensive budgeting and planning framework to recognize economic disparities and target equitable measures to close the gap. Establish special committees for Indigenous Peoples, in recognition of their right to self-determination and participation in development planning; and incentivize employers to invest in Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) as human capital in both public and private sectors. And finally for Malaysia to become a signatory of international conventions for refugees, and develop specialized and targeted initiatives on issues of migration and undocumented people.





PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES: THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

The government is committed to institutional reforms, and recognizes the challenges and gaps that remain. The focus of this reform process will run 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. Fair representation was highlighted as a core aspect of modern democracy wherein no one should be left behind from the benefits of development, placing a spotlight on Article 8 of the Federal Constitution which states, “every person is equal before the law”. Electoral processes were identified as an area where fairness needs to be integrated, especially to respect diversity and ensuring that racial rhetoric remains separated from political discourse.

Recommendations include the need to uphold human rights through law reform, such as, but not limited to abolishing the Sedition Act 1948, the Prevention of Crime Act 1959, Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984, and the mandatory death penalty; while also developing measures to eradicate racism in Malaysia; and upholding dignity for all, especially those unseen and invisible. Relevant and user-friendly communication of reform initiatives was recommended as an area that needs attention, to create greater levels of citizen awareness, ownership and engagement.

OUTCOME OF PLENARY SESSION

Peaceful and just societies as represented by SDG 16, are both an end and a means in ensuring the achievement of all other SDGs. In Malaysia progress is demonstrated, among others, through good governance reforms that have been initiated towards fostering more accountable institutions, fighting corruption and strengthening public participation and public engagement. Maintaining the momentum while ensuring a rights based approach to these reforms, that protect fundamental freedoms should be a key priority in the coming years and a central part of the 12 Malaysia Plan.





BALANCING ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Representatives from the energy, finance, climate change, and environmental sector shared experiences and insights on the imperative of balancing economic growth and environmental sustainability. Science and evidence were highlighted as important for guiding policymaking, as was the potential for scaling up work on renewables, and the role of the finance sector in nudging people towards green pathways. In this context, environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience and social wellbeing were presented as having a common shared objective.

Key recommendations put forward include, for the government to provide a comprehensive set of enabling conditions consisting of legislation and policy, subsidies and incentives, resource mobilization plans as well as behavioural change programmes. Secondly, to enhance the partnership between government, business and civil society in achieving this balance between growth and sustainability. Third, to embrace green technologies and IR 4.0 as enablers for achieving the green economy agenda. And lastly, to rethink and redefine how we measure inclusive growth and prosperity beyond GDP.

OUTCOME OF PLENARY SESSION

The achievement of the SDGs can be accelerated through Green Economy Pathway. In this context, environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, economic development and social wellbeing are common ambitions. Four key recommendations:

- Firstly, Government in participation with all stakeholders create enabling conditions consisting of appropriate and adequate regulations, policies, subsidies, incentives, resource mobilisation and societal behavioural change;
- Secondly, augment the partnership between government, businesses and civil society to engage in the collaborative and equitable transition to a green economy;



- Third, encourage Green Technology, IR4.0 and ethnoknowledge systems in achieving SDGs;
- Fourth, rethink and redefine on how we measure inclusive growth, prosperity and wellbeing.

UNLOCKING WOMEN'S FULL POTENTIAL

The legal framework in Malaysia was highlighted as being inadequate to respond to the rights of women, needing adoption of legislation to promote gender equality, including through making investments and tracking public allocations on this agenda. Discussions highlighted that ensuring full and effective participation and equal opportunities for women will accelerate the achievement of other SDG's mainly SDG 3 and 5, 2 and 16, and even 6, 10 and 13. Accelerating women's access to the economy and giving them equal rights to economic resources can be a significant game changer to advance the Zero Poverty goal, as well as goals 8 and 9, while contributing to overall economic growth of the country. Discussions identified the ending all forms of discrimination and violence and ensuring healthy lives as an enabler for attaining SDGs 4, 8 and 10; and viewing it as a key prerequisite for the development of a person's full potential. Finally, accelerating access to technology and innovation for women and girls, was seen as a contributor to gender equality and the economy.



Recommendations include the need for new technologies to be inclusive, enabling every man and woman to be productive by ensuring equal opportunities through policy and programme interventions, as well as investments and budget allocations. Addressing harmful social norms emerged as a key area, without which sustained progress on gender equality will not be possible. This was seen as a societal goal which requires partnerships across all sectors and at all levels.

Finally, the need to fulfil complete implementation of the CEDAW recommendations for ensuring women's rights and empowerment was recommended as a key priority to take forward.

OUTCOME OF PLENARY SESSION

Malaysia recognises that the path to high income status can be accelerated with SDG5: empowering women to make choices to participate in the development of the country, including through equal participation in employment and by creating a safe enabling environment, free of discrimination and violence, and with full access to health and rights. Gender Equality is a game changer for sustainable development but requires strong leadership, political will and supportive legislative frameworks to address structural barriers. Recognition of intersectionality is critical; gender disadvantage is compounded by other factors such as poverty and indigeneity. New technologies and innovations hold promise to address challenges, and investments are needed to support future ready skills.



WHOLE OF NATION APPROACH

In establishing a whole of nation approach towards achieving the SDGs, mobilising local-level actors and partnerships was discussed as a key priority. Malaysia is institutionally well-placed to make important social changes through the collective participation of all voices of society. There is an openness in recognizing implementation gaps and seeing them as urgent opportunities to mobilize collective action - from gaining efficiencies in financial budgetary frameworks, to accelerating internal capacities and leveraging the diversity of human capital. Transparent coordination and localised incentive mechanisms based on a human rights framework would be critical for Malaysia to move beyond the measuring its progress in GDP terms to more holistic advancement of the country's social, political and environmental well-being.

Recommendations to achieve a whole of nation approach include firstly, the need for targeted resources- financial, technical and knowledge, to incentivize and motivate progress and local actions in all areas of society.

Secondly, the need for government to mainstream data collection and analysis for real-time SDG progress, through a process which is transparent and is able to provide granular and disaggregated data to support responsive and targeted interventions to needs on the ground. Finally, for the government to respond to the recommendations of the UN Special Rapporteur's recommendation on its poverty floor, and move beyond GDP-based growth, taking into account other critical developmental indicators.

OUTCOME OF PLENARY SESSION

Government, private sector, civil society, academia and individuals are joint custodians of the SDGs. Targets need to be set and embedded in development planning, with budgetary processes and SDG indicators as benchmarks; and disaggregated data should be available, to formulate relevant and effective policies and programmes. Such interventions should combine public investment, fiscal stimulus, and regulatory reform to 'crowd in' private sector to enhance scale of impact. For a whole of nation approach, meaningful participation is critical, so that multiple contributions across all levels can be combined; and integrated approaches and coordination structures should be institutionalized for vertical and horizontal coherence in mainstreaming, implementation and measurement of SDG progress, gaps and challenges.



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KEY MESSAGES & OUTCOMES: PARALLEL SESSIONS

TRANSLATING THE WHOLE OF NATION APPROACH: DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES AND ROLES

The theme of the SDG Summit on the whole of nation approach was reflected in parallel sessions that allowed unique perspectives from a cross-sector of society, highlighting their contributions, roles and expectations of the SDG agenda in Malaysia. Key highlights and recommendations from each of these sessions are outlined below.

The role of the local government is critical in delivering on the SDGs, and inclusiveness was discussed as an integral piece of localizing the SDGs across Malaysia. Promoting a sense of belonging among communities and citizens helps local governments in creating better lives for people that they are meant to serve.



STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

For local governments to be effective, their recommendations include the need for greater fiscal decentralization, participatory budgeting, public engagement and community participation in planning and decision making process. Efficiencies need to be gained by improving horizontal and vertical engagement and institutionalizing this coordination within the government system. Recommended initiatives also included for cities to do voluntary local reviews, and for the development of a set of localized indicators for SDGs that could help translate the national vision and development plans into real impact.

OUTCOME OF PARALLEL SESSION

We recognise that all stakeholders have a role to play in localizing the SDGs to ensure that the benefits of governance reforms are enjoyed by all. To achieve this, we will need strengthened local participatory planning and budgeting, enhanced and more inclusive public engagement, improved horizontal vertical interaction among subnational entities, localised indicators and Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs). Highlighting the need for medium term plans and funding allocations, coordination among all levels of government including with community leaders is essential for policy coherence and delivering integrated urban and territorial planning.

BUSINESS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

The role of the private sector for achieving the SDGs is undeniable. The private sector provides the lion's share of employment, is a large contributor to the Malaysian economy, and should be leveraged as a potential financier to fund the SDG gaps. Businesses are a catalyst for innovations and can fuel growth in new areas like sustainable farming and renewable energy. Consumer expectations of businesses to be SDG compliant and demonstrate responsible business conduct is also on the rise. Discussions highlighted the case for the SDGs as the right thing to do, but also good for business and an important risk and reputational management measure.



Recommendations include for businesses to place top priority on sustainability within their business operations, and for citizens as consumers to create the demand for this by supporting businesses that demonstrate responsible conduct. Businesses should also have incentives that serve as enablers for them to find a fit on how their business can contribute through innovation and sustainable practices, to make their business practices compliant with SDG principles to gain broader credibility, and to channel corporate social responsibility portfolios towards the real needs on the ground. Businesses need to mirror the country's ambition to balance growth with social and environmental goals, thus embracing a balanced approach to return on investment and impact, through aligning the 3Ps of profits, people and planet.

OUTCOME OF PARALLEL SESSION

We need a paradigm shift in the way business is conducted, and given consumer expectations and global value chains, this is not just important for the achievement of the SDGs, but also important for business. We need to move from a grey to green economy; ensure decent work; promote gender equality in the workplace; and prioritize decarbonization. It is mission critical that corporate leaders strive towards creating a culture of making the SDGs part of their business agenda. This can be done via four main thrusts:

- Develop sustainability/SDG compliant business models and production processes
- Spur innovation and technologies to accelerate SDG achievement
- Channel sustainable financing mechanisms to resource the SDGs
- Upgrade CSR initiatives to be more strategic in enabling the SDGs
- The TogetherforSDGs Hub will be used for this purpose and to measure impact.



ACADEMIA

Academia partners discussed the need to work closely with each other, regardless of their institutional affiliation or background. This collaboration is critical to build a strong knowledge and evidence base and thought leadership in overcoming obstacles related to SDGs. To further this, there is also a need for the academia to collaborate with other sectors such as with the government in analyzing and informing policy making; and with local communities in ensuring that their needs are identified, documented and communicated. Academia holds the power to bridge the gaps between downstream/grassroots needs and upstream policy and decision making.



Recommendations emerged, especially for the ICT SDG nexus. Firstly, to further SDG 4 by improving the accessibility to the internet, by increasing trainings and raising awareness programmes in ICT, and revisiting the role of digital libraries. Secondly, to further SDG 9 by increasing the availability of infrastructure and providing distant reachable internet and digital facilities. And finally, recommendations to advance SDG 5 and 10 to ensure an inclusive digital policy that can bridge inequalities and disparities across gender and regional lines. The Malaysian SDG Academic Network was launched at this session to create a platform the academic sector other relevant stakeholders to share knowledge, capacity and evidence related to the SDGs.

OUTCOME OF PARALLEL SESSION

We are proud to launch the Malaysian SDG Academic Network. This Academy will provide the space for public and private universities and other relevant stakeholders to share knowledge, capacity and evidence related to the SDGs. We are committed to collectively share experience in localizing SDGs in the Malaysian context and provide thought leadership in such areas. We are duty bound and have the necessary expertise to assess the current and potential impact of national policies and programs on SDGs. We will work with all stakeholders to generate, translate and disseminate knowledge that identifies SDG priorities, assesses policy options and gives inputs for interventions by the relevant stakeholders.





CIVIL SOCIETY

The CSO-SDG Alliance led discussions with a representative set of civil society members who highlighted the need for greater accountability, inclusivity, openness, and strong partnerships among relevant stakeholders. The group highlighted the need for the Government to create transparent databases that encompass indicators relevant to gender inequality, climate change, and marginalized and vulnerable communities, including undocumented migrants, stateless Malaysians and Indigenous Peoples.

Discussions included the need to incorporate environmental justice into the federal constitution, while highlighting the need to create more platforms where civil society can interact, provide insights, and highlight the needs and concerns of marginalized and vulnerable groups. Political will at all levels of government was noted as a crucial ingredient to ensuring that the principles of SDGs are implemented with due consultation, in order for impact to be achieved, measured and monitored.

And finally, it was recommended to include participation and engagement of marginalized groups in development planning, as part of the government's institutional reform.

OUTCOME OF PARALLEL SESSION

We as CSOs jointly recognize the multi dimensional nature of SDGs encompassing economic, social and environmental concerns, including human rights. In this context, CSOs play a major role in localizing SDGs and reaching out to the most vulnerable sections of our society. We affirm the need for the government to create an enabling environment for the institutionalization of stakeholder engagement and the formulation of a national policy for this purpose. In addition, we recognize the need for access to information through a Freedom of Information Act and access to justice which will further enable greater citizen's action in public interest litigation.



YOUTH

Youth need to play an active role for SDG achievement- from advocacy, to actions and mobilizing others around them. Youth groups discussed real-life SDG challenges, ideated on potential solutions and how the power and reach of social media can be leveraged to create larger impact and influence of the SDGs. The inputs from this exercise would be compiled into an action guide for youth organizations and young active citizens who are motivated to implement SDG-related projects in their local community.

Recommendations include the need to look beyond youth as beneficiaries and recognize the agency of youth, as the next generation of influencers and decision-makers in the country. Globally there is a momentum among youth to hold governments and other stakeholders accountable for inaction towards the global climate crisis; and the same energy and activism needs to be mirrored in Malaysia. It was recommended to capitalize on this, and ensure that Malaysian youth have a seat at the table, as a key stakeholder in discussions and decisions about the future of the country.

OUTCOME OF PARALLEL SESSION

We, the youths and the leaders of the country recognize our role in mobilizing the people. As active citizens, we are ready to act together on the SDGs, and commit to educate our local community on the 17 UN SDGs; to promote positive actions towards the SDGs in our community and nation; to work towards creating more collaboration with the government agencies, private sectors and local community to produce programmes related to the SDGs; and to uphold the principles of inclusivity, fairness, equality and leaving no one behind





OUTCOME OF PARALLEL SESSION

We, the children, call upon everyone's commitment towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals - because we dream that every child in Malaysia lives in a safe, inclusive, and healthy environment, by 2030. Fifty two children are here today, from across Malaysia - we are all different, but we all share the same dream. We urge all decision makers to hear our voices on what action needs to be taken for a better future for EVERY child. We call upon all of you today to ensure that EVERY child in Malaysia gets a quality and inclusive education; that EVERY child lives in a safe, clean and healthy environment; and that NO child lives in poverty. We are the present, AND, the future of this country. We will do OUR part. Will YOU join us in making this dream come true?

CHILDREN

More than 50 children representing different ethnicities and regions of the country led discussions to highlight their key SDG priorities - for all children to have access to high education quality; addressing climate action; ensuring no poverty; and for each child to have good health and well-being. The discussions highlighted the lack of quality education, bullying and unhealthy eating habits as challenges that children of Malaysia are faced with on a daily basis.

The recommendations were aimed at the government to focus on critical areas that will impact the future of children. Firstly, to tackle unemployment and ensure that future education and teaching integrate life skills. Secondly, to tackle inequalities and eradicate poverty. And finally, for the government to invest in environmental preservation and address the impacts of climate change as the future of this generation and the generations to come depends on our actions today.



SPECIAL ADDRESSES

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs in the context of Islam.

YB Datuk Seri Dr. Mujahid bin Yusof,
Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of Religious Affairs

The Global Partnership for Development (SDG 17)

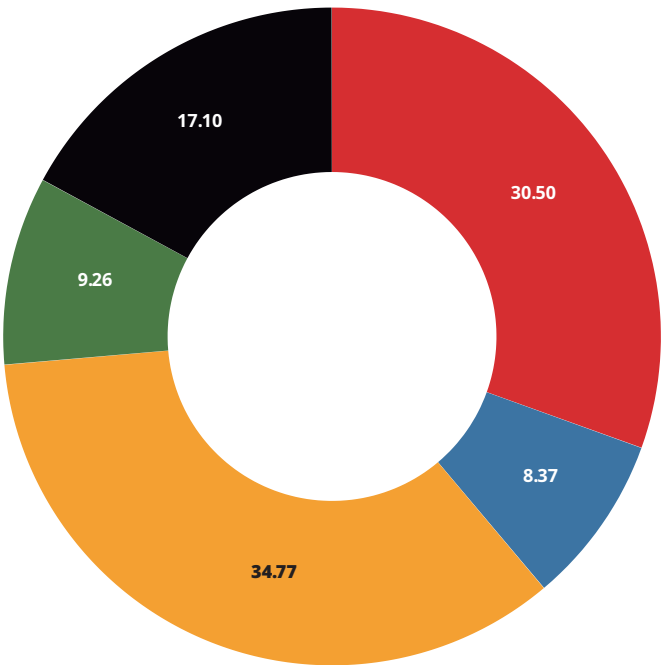
YB Dato' Saifuddin bin Abdullah,
Minister of Foreign Affairs

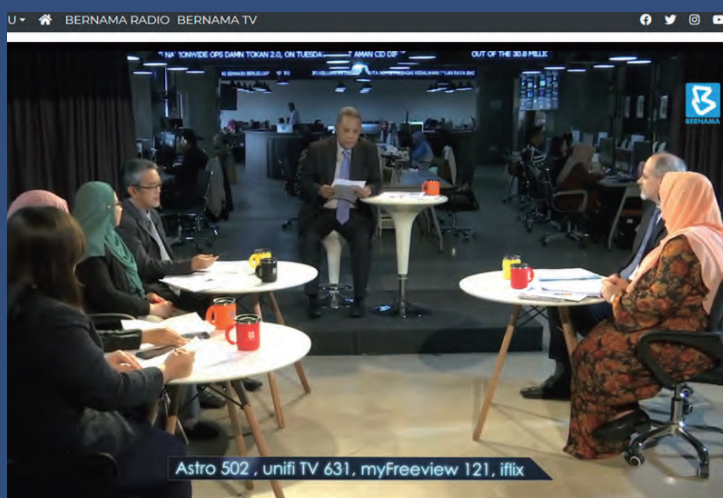
AUDIENCE PROFILE



2643
Participants

- Government (30.5%)
- UN and Diplomatic Corps (8.37%)
- Private Sector (34.77%)
- Academia (9.26%)
- Civil Society (Including youth) (17.1%)





SDG Summit 2019 concluded with a record-breaking attendance, as well as excellent media coverage. Over 75 news articles were generated over the main two days of the Forum from a Roundtable discussion with Bernama, interviews with sponsors and speakers.

The Summit welcomed more than 50 media attendees with Bernama appointed as the official Media Partner.



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



SOCIAL MEDIA



SPEAKERS

PLENARY SESSION 1

Strategies to Leave No One Behind

Keynote Address



YB Senator Dr. Radzi Jidin
Deputy Economic Affairs
Minister

Moderator



Mr. Neil Buhne
Regional Director, United Nations Development
Coordination Office (UNDCO)

Discussants



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Deputy Secretary General (Policy),
Ministry of Economic Affairs



Dr. Muhammed Abdul Khalid
Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister



YB Jannie Lasimbang
Assistant Minister to the Minister of
Law and Native Affairs Sabah



YB Senator Bathamavathi Krishnan
Member of Senate, Parliament of Malaysia



YBhg. Dato' Sri M. Ramachelvam
Migrants, Refugees and immigration
Affairs Committee, Bar Council

PLENARY SESSION 2

Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies: The Role of Institutional Reform.

Keynote Address



YBhg. Emeritus Professor
Datuk Dr. Shad Saleem Faruqi
*Professor of Law, University of
Malaya*

Moderator



Mr. Niloy Banerjee
*UNDP Representative for Malaysia, Singa-
pore and Brunei Darussalam*

Discussants



YBhg. Tan Sri Abu Kasim Mohamed
*Director-General, National Governance,
Integrity and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC)*



YBhg. Datuk Azhar Harun
Chairman, Election Commission



Puan Latheefa Koya
*Chief Commissioner, Malaysian
Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)*



YB Tuan Ahmad Fahmi Mohamed Fadzil
Member of Parliament for Lembah Pantai



Mr. Jerald Joseph
Commissioner of SUHAKAM

PLENARY SESSION 3

Establishing a Whole of Nation Approach towards Achieving the SDGs.

Special Address

The Global Partnership for Development



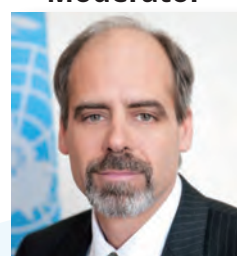
YB Dato' Saifuddin bin Abdullah
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Keynote Address



YBhg. Dato' Saiful Anuar Lebai Hussien
Secretary General, Ministry of Economic
Affairs

Moderator

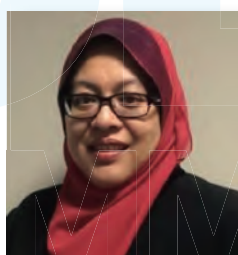


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United Nations Resident Coordinator for
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Discussants



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Member of Parliament for Petaling
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PLENARY SESSION 4

Balancing Economic Growth with Environmental Sustainability.

Keynote Address



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Moderator



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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate
Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report*



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PLENARY SESSION 5

SDG 5: Unlocking Women's Full Potential

Keynote Address



YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Wan Ismail
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Women, Family and Community Development

Moderator



Ms. Marcela Suazo
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Discussants



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PARALLEL SESSION 1

State & Local Government SDG Forum

Opening Remarks



YBM Senator Dato' Raja Kamarul Bahrin Shah ibni Raja Ahmad Baharuddin Shah
H.E. Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government

Moderator



Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan
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Guest Speaker



YBhg Dato' TPr. Mohd Anuar Maidin
Director General, PLANMalaysia (Federal Dept of Town & Country Planning)



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Madam Hajah Noraini Roslan Baharuddin Shah
President, Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ)

Closing Remarks

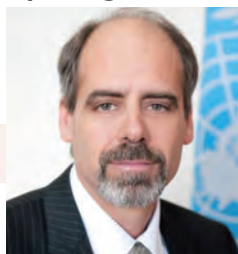


Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif
Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and UN-Habitat Executive Director

PARALLEL SESSION 2

BUSINESS LEADERS SDG FORUM: Private Sector Leadership Actions for a Sustainable Malaysia

Opening Remarks



Mr. Stefan Priesner
*United Nations Resident Coordinator for
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Keynote Address



YBhg. Dato Noripah Kamso
Chairman, Bank Rakyat

Keynote Address



Mr. Dzafri Sham Ahmad
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Moderator



Ibrahim Sani
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PARALLEL SESSION 3

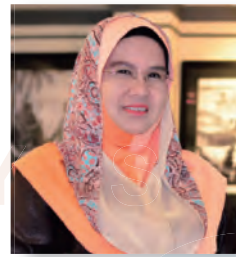
SDG Academy Network Forum (Part 1)

Opening Remarks



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President of the Malaysian Social Science
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Moderator



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PARALLEL SESSION 3

SDG Academy Network Forum (Part 2)

Moderator



Emeritus Prof. Dato' Dr Abdul Rahman Embong
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Target Group - 'Leave no one behind' Speakers

Indigenous Peoples Issues & Concerns



Mr Thomas Jalong
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Ms Alexandra Nastassia
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Mr Kon Onn Sein
(YKPM)

Legal Identity, Statelessness & Citizenship Deprivation



Melinda Anne Sharlini
(FSSG)



Ms Maalini Ramalo
(Dhraa)

Means of Implementation Speakers

Monitoring & Impact Assessment Including Disaggregated Data



Mr Alizan Mahadi
(ISIS Malaysia)

Challenges In SDG Implementation



Mr Gurmit Singh
(CETDEM)

Partnerships & Stakeholder Engagement



Mr Kon Onn Sein
(YKPM)

OPENING SPEECHES

MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019 ON 6 NOVEMBER 2019

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY YAB TUN DR MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMAD PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA

INTRODUCTION

1. First of all, I would like to thank the organisers - the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the United Nations Country Team or UNCT - for holding this significant and timely summit. It is indeed a pleasure to be here this morning.
2. I am sure the participation of delegates from both Malaysia's public and private sectors as well as those from abroad would make this summit meaningful and beneficial to us.
3. On behalf of the Malaysian Government, I would like to extend a warm welcome and wish everyone fruitful discussions here.

AN ENDURING RELATION WITH THE UN

4. Malaysia has a long-standing relationship with the United Nations, and I am pleased with the strengthened coordination and integrated support from a host of UN agencies. We look forward to a continued relationship via the proposed country-specific Cooperation Framework covering the period 2021 to 2025, which is the next partnership strategy between the Government of Malaysia and the UNCT towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs.
5. Recently, at the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, in my statement during the General Debate, among others, I stressed on the need for the international community to pay attention to climate change and natural disasters. I am glad that Malaysia's statement was well received.
6. The UN Summit on the SDGs was also held during the UN General Assembly this year. On this occasion, Malaysia reiterated its commitment to institutionalising the SDGs in its medium-term development plans. Moving forward, the 17 SDGs will continue to be embedded within Malaysia's long-term plan of Shared Prosperity Vision, 2021-2030.
7. This new Vision will be the mainstay of our five-year national development plans, the 12th and 13th Malaysia Plans.

MALAYSIA'S JOURNEY IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

8. Malaysia is blessed with so much diversities across many socio-economic dimensions. As such, it is necessary for us to have a balanced and sustainable growth path, a necessary condition to ensure development is equitably shared across ethnic groups, income classes and regions, if a harmonious and peaceful nation is to be realised.

9. Sustainability and inclusivity have always been the hallmark of Malaysia's development. Since gaining Independence in 1957, Malaysia has consistently taken into account the economic, social and environmental aspects in our development plans. And Malaysia has experienced good growth and development since then.

10. Malaysia's Vision 2020 was introduced nearly three decades ago as a roadmap towards becoming an advanced nation. Recently, we launched the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 with the overarching philosophy of development for all with a specific thrust that intends to address wealth and income disparities and in turn achieve the objectives of becoming a united, prosperous and peaceful nation.

11. The Shared Prosperity Vision will continue this policy imperative in the next decade with equitable growth of each value chain, class, community and geography to create a stronger sense of harmony, stability and unity among the people by 2030.

12. Significantly, all these blue-prints or roadmaps in developing Malaysia are underpinned with one common factor – sustainable development. They are Malaysia's commitment to sustainable development and we will continue to align our policies and strategies on the same path.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

13. There are several challenges faced, not only by Malaysia but also by countries all over the world in fulfilling its sustainable development goals.

14. Chief among the major global concerns over the last few decades is climate change. The concern relates to four major areas, namely:

- a. The degradation of forest, marine and freshwater resources;
- b. Increases in certain hydro-meteorological and geomorphological events;
- c. The decline in food production capacities and other environmentally driven economic systems;

and d. Climate change's ethical-justice issues such as environmentally induced displacements and migration, the deprivation and sustenance of certain livelihood activities, and the safety and well-being of the more marginalised sectors of society.

15. It is therefore crucial that we find the right balance between growth and measures needed to address climate change, environmental degradation and sustainable utilisation of Malaysia's natural endowment.

16. Digital technology will play a critical role in the achievement of the SDGs, although innovation will most likely affect progress in both positive and negative ways. The deployment of new technologies is seen to be essential in achieving the SDGs, considering the need for accelerated progress to fulfil the goals by 2030.

17. At the same time, as new technologies are usually unavailable to marginalised populations, it will be a key challenge to ensure that no one is left behind, as new innovations often exacerbate existing divides in society between those who can benefit, and those who are left behind.

18. In addition, with the current speed of innovation, many opportunities and risks are still unknown but could rapidly crystallise, without regulators being able to respond in a timely manner. A mindful approach towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution is necessary.

THE WAY FORWARD

19. In moving forward with the SDGs, Malaysia recognises that the social complexity of resolving sustainable development problems will require coordinated action by a range of stakeholders. This will include government agencies at different levels of government, non-profit organisations, the private sector, academia, organised civil society and individuals. 20. Malaysia has put in place an institutional framework to facilitate the operationalisation of the SDGs at all levels. Efforts will continue to be taken to ensure coordinated action involving all sectors of society.

21. In line with the Shared Prosperity Vision, Malaysia will focus on governance reforms based on two core principles, namely integrity and good governance.

22. The principles of integrity and good governance will be applied across six identified sectors including political governance, public sector administration, public procurement, legal and judicial, law enforcement and corporate governance.

23. This is expected to result in favourable outcomes such as strengthening accountability and integrity, elevating the credibility of the legal system in tandem with social change and improving the people's perception and trust towards public administration and institutions.

24. I would like to highlight however, that achieving the ambitious global SDGs – which include ending poverty, improving global health, ensuring universal education, and mitigating climate change by 2030 – will require a substantial amount of funding.

25. The expected financial burden is beyond the capacity of the Government and cannot be met by official development assistance. The role of the private sector, as well as updated financial markets, will be essential.

**MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019: MALAYSIA'S PROGRESS ON THE 2030
AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE SDGS**

**OPENING REMARKS BY YB DATO' SERI MOHAMED AZMIN BIN ALI MINISTER
OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia;

Excellencies and representatives from High Commissions and Embassies,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Firstly, it is an honour for me to welcome you to Malaysia's inaugural SDG Summit 2019, with the theme "Accelerating Progress on the SDGs: Whole of Nation Approach".

2. I commend Mr. Stefan Priesner and the UN Country Team in Malaysia, for their continuous engagement with the Ministry of Economic Affairs and other Ministries as well, to fulfil Malaysia's commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

3. This is indeed a global imperative that requires united action through an integrated and holistic approach.

4. Since the Pakatan Harapan Government took office about one and a half years ago, we have undertaken institutional reforms that are also in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 16, namely establishing Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Our efforts have been recognised as one of the most striking changes in Malaysian public policy from the previous administration.

5. Today's Summit is timely as the Hon. Prime Minister has recently launched the Shared Prosperity Vision 2030 signifying a paradigm shift towards achieving a higher-value economy that will reduce the gap between income classes, communities and territories to ensure equitable outcome for all Malaysians.

6. In line with SDG No. 1 to end poverty in all its forms everywhere, we are taking a holistic approach in poverty eradication measures by focusing on healthcare, housing and education as these are three of the main areas impacting the B40 group.

7. At the same time, we will strengthen the fundamentals of our economy to generate sustained robust growth in order to enhance the purchasing power of the people and provide a decent standard of living by 2030.

8. As for measuring the poverty line, we have taken a comprehensive view with the introduction of the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) in the MidTerm Review of the 11th Malaysia Plan.

9. Over time, as the Malaysian economy grew, what was regarded as above the poverty line in the past is now below the poverty line due to a variety of factors.

10. Therefore, the MPI takes into account demographic factors, education, health, cost and standard of living to provide a clearer picture of the socioeconomic needs and challenges of society.

11. As one of the fundamental criteria to fulfil the SDGs is the provision of affordable housing, an integrated approach is taken to provide a liveable environment that is inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

12. In this regard, Malaysia has taken proactive measures with a firm commitment to build 1 million affordable homes for the B40 group within the next 10 years, to be driven by active and strong long-term private-public partnership.

13. The question of sustainability in development must also entail measures to attain food security for the nation as a whole. However, Malaysia's current food import bill, which in 2018 was more than RM50 billion, clearly does not bode well for efforts to achieve self-sufficiency in food production.

14. Initial attempts must therefore be in place to minimise food imports and reverse the trend, with measures to boost productivity of the agriculture sector and develop new high-skill human capital to obtain optimum levels of production.

15. The attainment of the SDGs in respect of this will no doubt warrant using new technology involving artificial intelligence, automation, Big Data analytics, drones and robotics.

16. In addition, we need economies of scale in our production. It is therefore imperative that we amalgamate small farms of two or three acres into more sizeable entities to be managed professionally and efficiently in order to enhance productivity as well as generate higher income for the farmers.

Distinguished guests, ladies & gentlemen,

17. In our efforts to become a developed nation, we face increasing pressure to comply to various international and multilateral commitments. In doing so, we are committed to striking a balance between realising our aspirations for developed nation status and meeting the demands of sustainability.

18. Additionally, while we are committed to implementing the SDGs, we are concerned with external factors that will undermine growth, such as the US-China trade war, global trade uncertainties as well as geopolitical developments that have adverse repercussions on the region.

19. If I may paraphrase what the Hon. Prime Minister said at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2019 in Bangkok, while ASEAN seeks to assert its position as an economic power by standing together and speaking with one voice, it must also remain united in taking a position on crucial matters that impact the region as a whole.

20. I therefore believe ASEAN members must increase their resilience by acting as a unified bloc, not just economically but also in geopolitical terms. In this regard, ASEAN countries must consolidate their strength in view of their shared values and work in concert to withstand these challenges.

21. According to recent studies, it is shown that an estimated USD3 trillion a year will be required to achieve the SDGs. It is no exaggeration to say that this target cannot be reached without substantive private sector involvement.

22. Hence, efforts should be made including devising creative fiscal incentives to draw greater participation from the private sector.

23. In this regard, the Malaysia Development Bank (BPMB) has taken the initiative to establish the Sustainable Development Financing Fund (SDFF) worth RM1 billion in March of this year to encourage more companies to adopt sustainable practices in their business strategies, plans and programmes.

24. In the latest Budget 2020, the allocation for SDFF has doubled to RM2 billion to support sustainable and green initiatives that are directly linked to the 17 SDGs.

25. Just 2 months ago on the side-lines of the 74th United Nations General Assembly, Malaysia launched the “One WASH Fund”, which is a joint financing initiative by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).

26. This is indeed an ambitious but no less earnest and committed drive to combat cholera and other diarrheal diseases in 29 member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

27. The success of this partnership shows that Islamic financing together with private capital and traditional overseas development aid can jointly create transformative impact for communities in need.

28. The One WASH Fund exemplifies the importance of innovation and partnership in tackling serious problems that impact on sustainability such as deadly diseases, lack of water sanitation and other health issues.

29. These issues impact up to 2.3 billion people who are still deprived of basic sanitation services and 844 million people who lack access to drinking water.

30. It is therefore clear that no government can do it alone and that achieving the SDGs requires all levels of society to contribute and establish partnerships to implement these goals effectively.

31. In this regard, we recognise the important role played by academia, civil societies and individuals in supporting the 2030 Agenda.

32. Hence, we are constantly striving to leverage on non-government actors working closely with people on the ground and their expertise to complement the Government’s efforts. To this end, “Together4SDGs” has been established as a platform to coordinate efforts by various non-state actors, in line with the Government’s initiatives.

Distinguished guests, ladies & gentlemen,

33. I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the Hon. Prime Minister for his unstinting commitment to advance Malaysia’s fulfilment of the SDGs. His very presence today is a clear testament to that.

34. In conclusion, there is a need for all stakeholders to fully understand the requirements for achieving the SDGs. This includes taking stock of where the nation, region and respective sectors stand with regard to achieving all 17 SDGs.

35. A common understanding of priorities will help tremendously in moving the 2030 Agenda towards a more effective implementation.

36. I am confident that with close collaboration between public and private sectors as well as all the relevant stakeholders, we will succeed in implementing the SDGs towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thank you.

MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019
“ACCELERATING PROGRESS ON THE SDGS: WHOLE OF NATION APPROACH”

WELCOME ADDRESS BY MR. STEFAN PRIESNER
UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR FOR MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

The Honorable Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohammad, Prime Minister of Malaysia,

The Honorable Dato' Seri Azmin bin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs of Malaysia

Mr. Neil Buhne, Regional Director, United Nations Development Coordination Office

The Honorable Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Malaysia

Excellencies and Members of the Diplomatic Corps

My colleagues from the United Nations Country Team

Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

Introduction

On behalf of the United Nations Country Team a warm welcome to this inaugural Sustainable Development Goals (or SDG) Summit in Malaysia.

It is such an honour to stand here and address a full house (much more than the 1000 people we earlier anticipated) – of people who are clearly very committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its implementation framework, the SDGs.

I feel especially honoured, to have Yang Amat Berhormat Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammad with us this morning to officiate this Summit. It is a testament of Malaysia's high-level of commitment to SDGs.

I also, wish to thank the Ministry of Economic Affairs upfront, for the excellent collaboration in the preparation of this conference. And our partners Bank Rakyat, the Malaysian Development Bank and other key contributors from civil society, the SDG Alliance, private sector and academia - without whom, we would not have been able to organise this conference at this scale.

The case for the SDGs:

Ladies and gentlemen,

I know that all of us here are knowledgeable about the SDGs, but I would like to start by setting out the powerful vision that is articulated in the UN General Assembly Resolution of the 2030 Agenda, which was unanimously endorsed by all member states of the United Nations in 2015:

I quote:

“In these Goals and targets we are setting out a supremely ambitious and transformational vision. We resolve between now and 2030 to end poverty and hunger everywhere, to combat inequalities within and among countries, to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies, to protect human rights and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources. We resolve also to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.”

And the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs hold the power to change the world for several reasons:

First of course, because the SDGs are a compelling and comprehensive response to the biggest challenges that face us today. An economic paradigm shift is needed, which takes into account social and economic dimensions that were hitherto treated as externalities. In the environmental dimension for example, if more is not done urgently - the ‘repair agenda’ will become only bigger and bigger, given that unrestrained economic development and the sheer number of people with current production and consumption patterns - are bound to impact on our vulnerable planet.

Second, because it is a universal agenda and therefore there is a quickly growing momentum generated through actions of a myriad of Government, private sector and civil society actors around the world, through intergovernmental processes and global value chains – towards incorporating the social and environmental dimensions into a new type of growth model. Even the most advanced countries cannot claim to have solved SDG challenges such as ‘inequality’ or ‘climate change’ and are undergoing dramatic shifts of policies, public investments and fiscal stimuli in areas such as renewable energy, sustainable food systems and clean transport. A recent UNCTAD report estimated that such “green deals” could push economies’ growth rates significantly above those currently envisaged.

Malaysia:

Malaysia has done a lot right in its development path, including a track record of reducing poverty and fostering improved access to public services.

Malaysia has also been an early starter with regard to the Agenda 2030, building the SDGs into planning, establishing policies and incorporating them into budgetary provisions. This is the correct way to take the SDGs forward since they touch on all aspects of core Government business.

The new Government has given another impetus, including through the governance reform agenda, a challenging task which has some ways to go.

And the recent launch of the ‘Shared prosperity’ concept with a timeframe that coincides with 2030 is an excellent opportunity to ensure that everybody will be able to benefit from Malaysia’s development and also those that currently may be vulnerable or excluded due to different reasons will be brought into the fold of mainstream development through targeted programmes or improved social protection system.

As such, Malaysia may provide lessons for the region and beyond to demonstrate how integrated policies and programmes can ensure that nobody is left behind, while considering the sustainability aspect so that future generations enjoy the same quality of life. It is always with a spirit of ‘leaving no one behind’ that we strengthen our commitment among all actors to achieve the 2030 agenda.

Role of the United Nations Development System:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

All the work of the UN Development System, which I have the honour to coordinate in Malaysia, is grounded in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. There is intense engagement of the different UN agencies (19 are active in Malaysia) with their respective counterpart Ministries and civil society – whether on poverty reduction, labour standards, issues of child protection, reform of core institutions, enhancing decarbonization of the economy, non-communicable diseases, population dynamics and gender related issues, refugees, migrants and much more.

This year, UN Reform has spurred an even more coordinated approach – and we are working on designing the UN Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) with Government to cohesively and coherently support Malaysia’s next development cycle, the 12th Malaysia Plan.

Indeed, we did have had the privilege to collaborate with the Government on the preparation of the 12th Malaysia Plan and this SDG Summit is another milestone and demonstration of the shared values and alignment that we hold in our objectives.

Malaysia SDG Summit 2019:

This brings me to this Summit. While Government leadership is a prerequisite, the SDGs cannot be achieved by Government alone. We require the engagement and contribution of all segments of society - from the government to the private sector, NGOs, academia and individual citizens. Hence the theme of this SDG Summit - to bring together a ‘whole of nation approach’ to accelerate progress – and its scale of the largest SDG conversation to date in Malaysia.

Indeed, the Summit is designed to spur thinking of sustainable development in the major substantive dimensions – from leaving no one behind, to governance, environmental sustainability and gender equality; while bringing to the forefront different voices and unique perspectives that are representative of the government, private sector, academia, civil society, youth and also children. We look forward to hearing the diversity of your perspectives and ideas, to you articulating your expectations of the SDGs in Malaysia, and your contributions to this agenda. With this, I welcome you to the SDG Summit.

Thank you.

CONCLUSION

- 26. In line with the SDGs, Malaysia's new development model, the 2030 Shared Prosperity Vision, aims to bridge the income and wealth gaps between economic classes, ethnic groups and geographical territories, and will ensure inclusive development and fulfil the objective of not leaving anyone behind.
- 27. The New Malaysia will be defined by a new set of policy tools that ensure economic growth, social harmony, economic inclusivity, environmental preservation and good governance. Government policies will address both B40 and M40 needs, particularly through more active engagements and consultations with these groups, with the ultimate aim of having macroeconomic growth that permeates and is realised on the ground.
- 28. I wish to iterate that while we face an array of global challenges, the 2030 Agenda is our collective key to unlocking hope and opportunities in facing those challenges.
- 29. In this regard, I urge everyone to work together with the Government in realising the Agenda. I hope we can emerge from this Summit with creative solutions and a renewed commitment for the common good.

Thank you.

PRESS RELEASE



MEDIA RELEASE

MALAYSIA SDG SUMMIT 2019 Accelerating Progress On The SDGs Whole Of Nation Approach

The inaugural Malaysia SDG Summit 2019 was officiated by YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) to reflect Malaysia's strong commitment to wards the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and its 17 goals. The two-day Summit from 6 to 7 November witnessed more than 2,000 participants during the opening ceremony with an address by YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs and a welcoming address by Mr. Stefan Priesner, the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam. This symbolized the earnest collaboration between the Government and United Nations Country Team in Malaysia, supported by multi-stakeholders.

The Malaysia SDG Summit 2019 aims to review SDG progress in the country and share best practices, provides a multi-stakeholder platform to identify strategies towards addressing key bottleneck issues as well as deepens, horizontal and vertical policy coherence vis-à-vis the 2030 Agenda whilst setting in motion a whole of nation approach involving all parts of Government. It consists of **5 plenary sessions**: Strategies to Leave No One Behind; Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies: The Role of Institutional Reforms; Establishing A Whole of Nation Approach Towards Achieving the SDGs; Balancing Economic Growth with Environmental Sustainability; and Unlocking Women's Full Potential. The Summit also addresses several key issues through **6 parallel sessions**: State & Local Government SDG Forum; Business Leaders SDG Forum; SDG Academy Network Forum; Civil Society SDG Forum; Youth SDG Forum; and Children's SDG Forum.

Since the formal adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015, several actions have been taken to localise and integrate the SDGs within the national context. The Government has been working on strengthening the framework for policy, institutional setup, financing, monitoring and assessment, as well as training and advocacy.

The Mid-Term Review of the Eleventh Malaysia Plan, which was launched in October last year reflects the new policy priorities of the Government, with all the 17 SDGs fully aligned to the its six policy pillars. Apart from the implementation of SDGs through the existing national development plan, the Ministry has also formulated the National SDG Roadmap, which aims to guide the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The first phase of the National SDG Roadmap, which covers the period of 2016 to 2020, coincides with the Eleventh Malaysia Plan, and is a reference point of Malaysia's commitment to the SDGs with specific actions to achieve them.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam also echoed that Malaysia has done a lot in its development path, building on a track record to reduce poverty and foster improved access to public services. It is acknowledged that the SDGs cannot be achieved by Government alone. The engagement and contribution of all segments of society are required. This Summit provides the opportunity to piece all important stakeholders together to collectively think through ideas and solutions that will help Malaysia achieve the SDGs - and this is so aptly aligned with the theme of this SDG Summit - to bring together a 'whole of nation approach' to accelerate progress .

As the Ministry is formulating the Twelfth Malaysia Plan, 2021-2025, the nation stands guided by the long-term vision of achieving a fully developed country status, to be achieved within the next decade, while ensuring equitable and fair distribution of the country's prosperity as well as enhancing environmental sustainability as it strives towards enhancing the living standards of all Malaysians.

**Ministry of Economic Affairs and United Nations in Malaysia (UN)
6 November 2019**

SUMMIT PROGRAMME

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	
	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	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. <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Neil Buhne, Regional Director, United Nations Development Coordination Office (UNDCO) <i>Keynote :</i> YB Senator Dr. Radzi Jidin, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs <i>Discussants:</i> 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, Member of Senate, 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	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. <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Niloy Banerjee, UNDP Representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam <i>Keynote :</i> YBhg. Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Shad Saleem Faruqi, Professor of Law, University of Malaya <i>Discussants:</i> 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	Special Address The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs in the context of Islam	YB Datuk Seri Dr. Mujahid bin Yusof, <i>Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department in-charge of Religious Affairs</i>	
3.45 pm	Coffee Break		
4.00 pm	PARALLEL SESSION 1	PARALLEL SESSION 2	PARALLEL SESSION 3
	<i>State & Local Government SDG Forum</i> 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.	<i>Business Leaders SDG Forum</i> 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.	<i>SDG Academy Network Forum</i> 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.
6.00 pm	End of Day 1		

PARALLEL SESSION 1

State & Local Government SDG Forum (Hall 7C, Level 3)

Time	Role	Name
16:00 – 16:02	Introduction	Ms. Firoz Abdul Hamid, Master of Ceremonies
16:02 – 16:05	Opening Remarks	YBM Senator Dato' Raja Kamarul Bahrin Shah ibni Raja Ahmad Baharuddin Shah H.E. Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government
16:05 – 16:15	Presentation	Ms. Nadia Nivin Governance and Institutional Reform Specialist, UNDP Malaysia Country Office Mr. Tam Hoang Sustainable Urbanization Specialist, UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
16:15 – 16:20	Slido polling	Mr. Illyas Mustapha, Executive Urban Planner, Urbanice Malaysia
16:20 – 17:00	Moderator	Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan Senior Programme Advisor and Strategist, Huairou Commission
	Guest speaker	YBhg Dato' TPr. Mohd Anuar Maidin, Director General, PLANMalaysia (Federal Dept of Town & Country Planning)
	Guest speaker	Mr. Jeffrey FK Phang. Chairman, Petaling Jaya Residents Association, Malaysia and Facilitator of the Caring Communities – Caring Government Bottom Up Approach of State of Selangor
	Guest speaker	YBM Senator Dato' Raja Kamarul Bahrin Shah ibni Raja Ahmad Baharuddin Shah H.E. Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government
	Guest speaker	Madam Hajah Noraini Roslan President, Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ)
17:05 – 17:25	Question and Answer	Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan Senior Programme Advisor and Strategist, Huairou Commission
17:25 – 17:30	Slido polling	Mr. Illyas Mustapha, Executive Urban Planner, Urbanice Malaysia
17:30 – 17:50	Wrap-up Summary	Ms. Su Anne Lee, Project Analyst, UNDP Malaysia Country Office Mr. Lars Stordal, Regional Partnerships and Monitoring Officer, WUF Secretariat and UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
17:50 – 18:00	Closing Remarks (video message)	Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and UN-Habitat Executive Director

PARALLEL SESSION 2

Business Leaders SDG Forum (Plenary Hall, Level 1)

Time	PARALLEL SESSION 2 – BUSINESS LEADERS SDG FORUM
4.00 pm	Welcome Remarks Mr. Stefan Priesner, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei Darussalam
4.05pm	Keynote 1 YBhg. Dato Noripah Kamso, Chairman, Bank Rakyat
4.20 pm	Keynote 2 Mr. Dzafri Sham Ahmad, Vice President, GHSSE, PETRONAS
4.35 pm	Panel Discussion – Private Sector Leadership Actions for a Sustainable Malaysia Moderator: Ibrahim Sani, Lead Business Editor and Executive Producer, Astro AWANI Discussants: 1. Mr. Albern Murty CEO, DiGi 2. Datin Seri Sunita Rajkumar, Chairman, Caring Group 3. YBhg. Dato' Wan Hashimi Albakri, Acting CEO, Sime Darby Properties 4. Mr. Arsalaan Ahmad, CEO, HSBC Amanah 5. Mr. S.Jai Shankar, Director, Oil & Gas, Chemicals & Energy, MATRADE
5.35 pm	Question and Answer session
6.00 pm	Coffee Break and End of Day 1

PARALLEL SESSION 3

SDG Academy Network Forum (Hall 7B, Level 3)

Time	PARALLEL SESSION 3 – SDG ACADEMY NETWORK FORUM
4.00 pm	Welcome Remarks YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Rashila Ramli, Principal Fellow, Institute of Malaysian & International Studies (IKMAS), UKM, President of the Malaysian Social Science Association (MSSA/PSSM)
4.10 pm	<i>Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr Sity Daud, FSSK, UKM, Deputy President Malaysian Social Science Association (MSSA/PSSM)</i> Proposed Discussants: Speakers will be highlighting the thrusts of their research with related SDG 1. YBhg. Prof. Dato' Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International), USM 2. YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Rashila Ramli, Principal Fellow, Institute of Malaysian & International Studies (IKMAS), UKM, President of the Malaysian Social Science Association (MSSA/PSSM) 3. Prof. Dr C. J. Ng, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine, UM 4. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irina Safitri Zen, Deputy Director, Sejahtera Centre for Sustainability and Humanity - SC4SH IIUM 5. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sarjit S. Gill, Faculty of Human Ecology, UPM 6. Prof. Dr. Leong Choong Heng, Deputy Director, Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development (JSC), Sunway University <i>Question & Answer session</i>
5.15 pm	<i>Moderator: Emeritus Prof. Dato' Dr Abdul Rahman Embong, Special Advisor, Malaysian Social Science Association (MSSA/PSSM), Akademi Professor Malaysia</i> Proposed Discussants: Speakers will provide feedback on Strategic Direction of the SDG Academic Network 1. YBhg. Emeritus Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Dr Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, Rector IIUM 2. YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr Mazlin Mokhtar, Director of LESTARI, UKM, SDSN Malaysia Leadership Council 3. Prof. Dr. Ng Chiu Wan, Public Health, UM 4. Prof Ir Dr Marlinda Abdul Malek, Head of Sustainable Unit, Institute of Sustainable Energy (ISE), UNITEN, Associate Member of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia <i>Question & Answer session</i>
6.00 pm	End of Day 1

PARALLEL SESSION 4

Civil Society SDG Forum (Plenary Hall, Level 1)

	TOPIC & THEME	SPEAKER
11:15am	Welcome Remarks	Emcee: Ms Tehmina Kaoosji
11:20am	Introductory review of SDGs & Malaysian Society	YBhg. Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria
Overarching Themes		
11:25am – 11:45am	Inclusive development	Ms Shanti Dariam (WAO)
	Human rights & Governance	Mr Kiu Jia Yaw (Bar Council) Ms Cynthia Gabriel (C4)
	Environmental sustainability	Ms Lavanya Rama Iyer (WWF)
	Q&A Discussion Time	
Target Group – 'Leave no one behind'		
11:50am – 12:15pm	Poverty & Inequality	Dr Lin Mui Kiang (PROHAM)
	Addressing Gender issues	Ms Omna Ong (Engender) YBhg. Prof Dato' Dr Rashila Haji Ramli (NCWO)
	Indigenous peoples Issues & concerns	Mr Thomas Jalong, (JOAS), Ms Alexandra Nastassia (SDG Alliance Sarawak), Ms Ooi Kiah-Hui (Malaysian CARE) & Mr Kon Onn Sein (YKPM)
	Legal Identity, Statelessness & Citizenship Deprivation	Ms Melinda (FSSG) Ms Maalini Ramalo (Dhraa)
	Q&A Discussion Time	
Means of Implementation		
12:15pm – 12:45pm	Monitoring & impact assessment including disaggregated data	Mr Alizan Mahadi (ISIS Malaysia)
	Challenges in SDG implementation	Mr Gurmit Singh (CETDEM)
	Partnerships & Stakeholder engagement	Mr Kon Onn Sein (YKPM)
	Q&A Discussion Time	
	Final Comments	
12:45pm – 1pm	Slido on Recommendations	

PARALLEL SESSION 5

Youth SDG Forum (Ages 18-30) (Hall 7C, Level 3)

Time	Programme
11.15am- 11.35am	Introduction / Ice breaker
11.35am – 12.00am	Inspiring SDG Action Sharing on past SDG projects conducted by the key youth organisations involved in facilitating this session
12.00pm-12.15pm	Sharing on JCI Active Citizen Framework Methodology
12.15pm-1.00pm	Group Project Participants divided to small groups. They will then need to select an SDG, identify a community problem that arise under that goal, identify the root cause then work on the solution to solve the problem. Then they need to do an online campaign to share their solution to advance the selected SDG and include relevant hashtags in their online posting, on Facebook, Instagram etc.
1.00pm-1.15pm	Recap + Group photo

PARALLEL SESSION 6

Children's SDG Summit (Room: 6M Suite, Mezzanine floor)

Time	Programme
11:15 am-11:30 am	Welcome to Our 2030 : Opening and icebreaking
11:30 am -11:45 am	U-Report presentation : What children and adolescents in Malaysia think
11:45 am – 12:55 pm	Merry Go Round Session : Deep dive in 4 key SDG areas with children and adolescents
12:55 pm – 1:05 pm	Children's reflection
1:05 pm – 1:15 pm	Closing with UNICEF National ambassador and Youth Advocate

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	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. <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Stefan Priesner, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam <i>Keynote:</i> YBhg. Dato’ Saiful Anuar Lebai Hussen, Secretary General, Ministry of Economic Affairs <i>Discussants:</i> 1. YB Maria Chin Abdullah, Member of Parliament for Petaling Jaya and Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on SDGs 2. YBrs. Puan Zakiah Jaafar, Deputy Secretary General (Macro), Ministry of Economic Affairs 3. YBhg. Datuk Noripah Kamso, Chairman of Bank Rakyat 4. YBhg. Prof. Datuk Denison Jayasooria, Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Co-Chair of the Malaysia CSO-SDG Alliance 5. 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			
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	<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		

DAY 2

Time	PLENARY SESSION 4 – BALANCING ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (PLENARY HALL)
2.00 pm	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. <i>Moderator:</i> YBrs. Dr. Nagulendran Kangayatkarsu, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Climate Change <i>Keynote:</i> Y Brs. Puan Zakiah Jaafar, Deputy Secretary General (Macro), Ministry of Economic Affairs <i>Discussants:</i> 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	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. <i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Marcela Suazo, UNFPA Representative for Malaysia and Thailand <i>Keynote:</i> YAB Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Women, Family and Community Development <i>Discussants:</i> 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	• 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 pmC	offee Break and End of SDG Summit



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