

HLPF SIDE EVENT – CONCEPT NOTE

Date : July 11, 2022 (Mon)

Time : 7.30am – 9.00am (US time), 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Malaysia Time)

Online Event : *Link shall be provided closer to the event date*

Theme:

BUILDING BACK BETTER IN LOCALISING SDGS, A CASE STUDY OF MALAYSIA AND THREE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRY EXPERIENCES OF THE PARTNERSHIP MODEL

Main Organiser:

Malaysian Government: Economic Planning Unit and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the support of the All Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on SDGs, Institute Of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS Malaysia) and the Malaysian CSO SDG Alliance

Theme

Malaysia has since 2015 taken the implementation of the SDGs seriously and has in 2017 and 2021 presented its VNR reports. Malaysia has undertaken the incorporation of the SDG into its five year development planning. In the current Twelfth Malaysia Plan (2021 to 2025) the SDGs are integrated into the development agenda of Malaysia with a very strong agenda of localising SDGs at the grassroots levels

Malaysia is a firm believer that building back better in the Covid 19 context is best addressed in a partnership model which provides opportunities for all stakeholder to be active in the rebuilding process. Malaysia has adopted a whole of nation approach in ensuring no one in the Malaysian family is left behind.

This theme is best implemented at the grassroots and we are seeing some clear innovations of partnership in building back better by a partnership model between the federal government and local government, between the public sector and the local voluntary and neighbourhood sections of society. In the Malaysia model the role of parliamentarians as local SDG champions is significant.

While there is a strong delivery in Malaysia likewise Malaysia's neighbours Thailand, Indonesia and Philippines also have their experiences in fostering a partnership model in building back better. This sub regional experience of ASEAN Member state will illustrate the effective ground models of innovation among a number of South East Asian countries.

Therefore the side event on Building back better through a partnership model features two panels. The first is a case study of the Malaysian experience with four presenters from federal government, local government, parliamentarian and civil society highlighting the Malaysian SDG innovations in building back better.

The second panel are ASEAN regional partners such as the ASEAN secretariat, and academic from three south east Asian countries namely Thailand, Indonesia and Philippines drawing both achievements and challenges in localising SDGs in a partnership model ensuring that no one is left behind and in a socio economic and environment development agenda of building back better.

PROGRAM

OPENING SPEECH: Hon. Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy), Malaysia

Panel One: BUILDING BACK BETTER: THE MALAYSIAN EXPERIENCE & REFLECTIONS

Panel Speakers

Government Agencies In The Lead Role of Localising SDGs by Mr. Kamaruzaman Umar, Deputy Secretary-General (Policy & Sustainable Development), Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Malaysia

Parliamentarians as SDG Champions at Policy and Grassroots by Hon Dato Seri Rohani Abdul Karim, Member of Parliament & Chairperson of the APPGM-SDG

SDG Solution Providers Impacting The People & SDGs by Mr. James Raj, Executive Officer (Solution), APPGM-SDG

Localising SDGs in Malaysian Cities by TPr. Ir. Norliza Hashim, Chief Executive, URBANICE

Moderator: Ms. Lavanya Rama Iyer (Co-Chair, Malaysian CSO SDG Alliance)

PANEL Two: BUILDING BACK BETTER: EXPERIENCE & REFLECTIONS OF 3 COUNTRIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

Panel Speakers

Lessons From The Thailand Experience On Building Back Better By Assist Professor Chol Bunnag, Director of SDG Move. Thammasat University, THAILAND

Lessons From The Philippines Experience On Building Back Better By Dr. Emma Porio, Project Leader & Principal Investigator of Coastal Cities At Risk, Atenio De Manila University, PHILIPPINES

Lessons From The Indonesian Experience On Building Back Better By Prof. Zuzy Anna is Director of the SDGs Center Unpad. SDGs Center Universitas Padjadjaran, INDONESIA.

A Comparative Analysis & Lessons Learn for Malaysia by Mr Alizan Mahadi, Senior Director ISIS Malaysia

Moderator: Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria (Head of Secretariat, APPGM-SDG)

CLOSING SPEECH: Hon. Dato' Sri Saifuddin Abdullah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia