



Climate Change and Children – Impact, Innovation and Investment Webinar Concept Note

DETAILS

Theme: Children's Rights to a Safe and Clean Environment

Date: Wednesday, 24 November 2021

Time: 8.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. (GMT+08)

Place: Zoom (register at bit.ly/climate4children)

Expected No. of Participants: 500 pax – 1000 pax

BACKGROUND

Commemorating Malaysia's second submission of the Voluntary National Review on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) progress to the United Nations, the Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department (EPU) and UNICEF Malaysia are co-hosting a webinar on the SDGs, particularly on SDG13 (Climate Action). The webinar will feature regional and national experts who will discuss how children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Additionally, it will serve to highlight innovative approaches to achieving a sustainable future and to share investment cases for mobilising child-sensitive climate finance mechanisms.

Guided by the principle of "leaving no one behind", the localisation of the SDGs in alignment with Malaysia's national development priorities in the 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) will be intensified. As Malaysia embraces the circular economy, the SDGs coupled with environmental, social and governance principles will be integrated into the priority areas and strategies to drive sustainability in the next development stage. This webinar adopts the triple helix model advocated in the 12MP and seeks to promote engagement and collaboration between government, industry, and academia.



BRIEF NOTE

The SDGs cannot be achieved without the realisation of child rights. The Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC) – the most widely ratified human rights treaty – guarantees *every child* the right to a healthy, safe and sustainable future. With the theme of “Children’s Rights to a Safe and Clean Environment,” the webinar intends to advance environmental, social and economic progress for all people and the planet while focusing on the rights of the child.

SDG 13 (Climate Action) calls for immediate action to address climate change and its impacts. Children are the silent victims of climate change and bear the brunt of its impacts, as climate change directly threatens their ability to survive, grow, and thrive. Globally, around 90% of the burden of disease associated with climate change is borne by children under the age of five¹. They are, however, the least engaged or included when it comes to policies and decision-making processes.

Anticipating the World Children's Day, which occurs on November 20th each year, we are putting children at the centre of our climate conversations. Beyond the current landscape, this webinar will examine sector-based opportunities and effective climate change responses, paving the way for child-sensitive climate policies and interventions that promote a safe and clean environment. Additionally, the webinar will highlight key findings from a recent UNICEF Malaysia report titled *Impact of Climate Change on Children: A Malaysian Perspective*, which was produced in collaboration with Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

OBJECTIVES

- To share latest global and regional policy developments on climate change and children
- To share findings of UNICEF-UKM-UMS Climate Report, to improve the understanding of impacts of climate change on children in Malaysia
- To discuss ways to address gaps in climate policies and laws from a children’s rights perspective, with reference to key findings of the Malaysia Climate Report
- To discuss and explore public-private partnerships for increase investment for child-sensitive climate action, including resource mobilisation and climate finance

¹ UNICEF, 2020 (<https://www.unicef.org/environment-and-climate-change>)



PROGRAMME

Time	Activity
0830-0835	Participants to join in Webinar Platform
0835-0840	Introduction of the webinar by Emcee
0840-0850	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <p><i>Sarah Norton-Staal</i> <i>OIC, Deputy Representative, UNICEF Malaysia</i></p> <p><i>Mr. David Thomas</i> <i>Deputy British High Commissioner to Malaysia British High Commission</i></p>
0850-0855	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed</i> <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy)</i></p>
Session 1: Plenary	
0855-0910	<p>Presentation 1: Addressing the Global Climate Crisis from the Lens of the Most Vulnerable</p> <p>Content: Global and regional perspective on climate change and children, relating to outcomes of COP26 and implications of the global climate negotiations on child-centred policy developments</p> <p><i>Seon Mi Choi</i> <i>Advisor on Environment and Climate Change, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office</i></p>
0910-0925	<p>Presentation 2: Impact of Climate Change and Children: A Malaysian Perspective</p> <p>Content: Sharing of key findings of the climate report, highlighting the issues and gaps, including policies and conclusions</p> <p><i>Prof. Mazrura Sahani</i> <i>Professor, Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i> <i>Lead Coordinator, Impact of Climate Change and Children: A Malaysian Perspective</i></p>
0925-0940	Q&A
0940-0945	Break
Session 2: Panel Discussion	
0945-0950	Introduction by Moderator
0950-1050	Panel Discussion on "Climate Change and Children – Impact, Innovation and Investment in Malaysia"



	<p>Part 1: Science, Policy and Youth (30 min)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Fatimah Zuraida binti Haji Salleh, Deputy Director General, Department of Social Welfare Malaysia (JKM)</i>2. <i>Issmail Nnafie, Programme Specialist, Innovation and Sustainability, UNICEF</i>3. <i>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Maizatun binti Mustafa, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)</i>4. <i>Nurfatin Hamzah, Youth Environmental Advocate</i> <p>Part 2: Finance, Resource Mobilisation and Solutions (30 min)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Dr Nirwan bin Noh, Deputy Chief Economist, Ministry of Finance Malaysia</i>2. <i>Dr Ken Yeoh, VP Corporate Governance and Sustainability, Bursa Malaysia</i>3. <i>Arina Kok, Partner, Climate Change and Sustainability, Ernst & Young Consulting Sdn Bhd (EY Malaysia)</i> <p><i>Moderated by: Daniel Mahadzir, Co-lead for U-Inspire Alliance and Governance Chair for Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN)</i></p>
1050-1110	Q&A
1110-1120	Closing Remarks <i>Dr. Zunika Binti Mohamed, Deputy Director General (Macro), EPU</i>

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Between 500 – 1,000 participants, consisting of:

- Various government ministries and state agencies
- Academia
- Private sector
- Civil society organisations
- Youth organisations