

Dear Friends,

SUSTAINABILITY 2017 – October 27-28

- **20 Years of EPSM's Local Communities & the Environment Programme (LC&E+20)**
- **10 Years of EPSM's Sustainable Living in Malaysia Programme (SLiM+10)**

The Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM) is hosting a two-day Conference to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the launch of its 'Local Communities and the Environment' (LC&E) programme, and the 10th anniversary of the launch of its 'Sustainable Living in Malaysia' (SLiM) programme.

When EPSM held its LC&E Seminar in 1997, it introduced the concept of Local Agenda (LA) 21 in Malaysia to promote sustainable development at the local level. Subsequently, EPSM launched its SLiM Programme in 2007 to introduce Ecological Footprint Analysis in Malaysia and highlight that the ecological limits of the planet had been exceeded.

This Conference will be an opportunity to review progress and chart a pathway for the future, especially in light of the new United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the latest Living Planet Report 2016 which speaks of Risk and Resilience in a New Era.

Today our earth system is under increasing threat from degradation of natural systems from human actions. We need to transition to a new approach that respects the Ecological Limits of One Planet. The Conference will review the past two decades and look to the future with awareness, hope and promise.

The first day, October 27 will focus on **Local Government and the Urban Environment**.

The second day, October 28, will focus on the **National Government and Mainstreaming Sustainability**.

EPSM cordially invites you to attend the Conference, co-organised with the Sustainability Science Research Cluster, University of Malaya, and join us in this celebration, education and serious contemplation!

Date: Friday, October 27 & Saturday, October 28, 2017

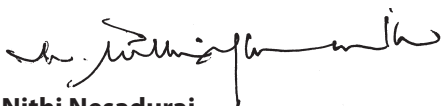
Venue: Auditorium, Research Management & Innovation Complex (RMIC), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

The Conference Brochure is attached for your information. While admission is free and we welcome your participation, registration is required.

Please register at <https://sustainability2017.eventbrite.sg>, or email slim2017.epsm@gmail.com with your name(s), organisation and contact details.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Nithi Nesadurai
President



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INVITATION

Sustainability Malaysia – SLiM 2017

HOPE AND PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE



LC&E+20



SLiM+10

Friday, October 27 to Saturday, October 28

**Auditorium, Research Management & Innovation Complex (RMIC)
University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur**

Co-organised with:

Sustainability Science Research Cluster



Day One: Friday, October 27

LC&E+20: AGENDA 21, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

8.00am Registration

9.00am **Opening Session**

Welcome Remarks

Celebration of EPSM's Local Communities & the Environment Initiative – 1997

10.00am **Keynote Address**

Revisiting the Rio Agreements and Their Relevance to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Ms Chee Yoke Ling, Director, Third World Network (TWN)

10.30am **Session 1: The Emergence and Progress of Local Agenda 21 in Malaysia**

Chair:

- Dr Aizi Razman Ismail, Chief Strategic Officer, Public Project Execution Unit, Prime Minister's Department and former Deputy Director-General of Local Government, Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MHLG)

Topics & Speakers:

Preparing the Ground: EPSM – 1997 to 1999

- Datin Paduka Dr Halimaton Saadiah Hashim, Senior Director, Rekarancang Planning and Development Consultants, and former Director, Selangor Town and Country Planning Department (TCPD)

The UNDP/EPU Pilot Project: 2000-2001

- Ms Norzilla Mohamed, Programme Associate, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- Representative, Majlis Daerah **Kerian** (MDK)
- Dato' Fadzilla Salleh, President, Majlis Perbandaran **Kuantan** (MPK)
- Mr Adam Yii Siew Sang, Mayor, Majlis Bandaraya **Miri** (MBM)
- Ms Sharipah Marhaini Syed Ali, Director, Development Planning, Majlis Bandaraya **Petaling Jaya** (MBPJ)

National Implementation of Local Agenda 21 beginning 2002, and Opportunities for the Future

- Representative, Department of Local Government, Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government (MUwHLG)

12.15pm **Lunch Break with Film Screenings**

2.45pm **Session 2: The Local Urban Environment**

Chair:

Mr K. Nagulendran, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), and former Deputy Under Secretary, Biodiversity Management and Forestry Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

Topics & Speakers:

Elusive Urban Sustainability in Malaysia

- Engr. Gurmit Singh, Recipient, Langkawi Award, Advisor, EPSM, and Chairman, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development, Malaysia (CETDEM)

Enhancing Biodiversity for the Urban Environment

- Benjamin Ong, Project Officer, The Rimba Project, University of Malaya (UM)

Green Technology Application for the Development of Low-Carbon Cities

- Representative, Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA)

3.45pm **Session 3: Implementing Sustainable Development at the Local Level: Agenda 21, Local Government and Local Communities**

Chair:

Prof. Dr Phang Siew Nooi, College of Law, Government and International Studies, Universiti Utara Malaysia

Topics & Speakers:

- **Concepts and Objectives of Local Government** – Datuk Dr Goh Ban Lee, Planner and Columnist
- **Governance Framework** – Dato' Mohamad Saib, former Director-General of Local Government, Ministry of Housing and Local Government (MHLG)
- **Councillors** – Ms Cynthia Gabriel, former Councillor, Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ)
- **Youth Involvement with Local Government** – Mr Adrian Yeo, #PowerShiftMsia
- **Role of Community Organisations** – TBC

Roadmap for Implementing Sustainable Development Goals at the Local Level

- Representative, Economic Planning Unit (EPU), Prime Minister's Department (TBC)

5.15pm **Closing Remarks**

- Dr Lee Jing, Fellow, LESTARI, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

5.30pm Refreshments

Day Two: Saturday, October 28

SLIM+10: SUSTAINABLE LIVING IN MALAYSIA – SECURING MALAYSIA’S FUTURE

8.00am Registration

Opening Session

9.00am Welcome Remarks

- Nithi Nesadurai, President, EPSM
- Vice Chancellor (or representative), University of Malaya (UM)

9.20am **Keynote Address**

A Planet in Distress: Planetary Boundaries, Ecological Overshoot, Biodiversity Loss, Climate Change...

- Prof. Emeritus Dato’ Dr Abdul Latiff Mohamad, Research Fellow, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

10.00am **Session 1: Introducing ‘Sustainability Shift: Refashioning Malaysia’s Future’**

Chair:

Dr Jomo K. S., Holder, Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)

A Presentation

- Dr Hezri Adnan, Fellow, Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM), and Author

Discourse by:

- **Tun Musa Hitam**, Chairman, World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) Foundation, and former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia
- **Tan Sri Razali Ismail**, Chairman, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), and former President, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- **Prof. Tan Sri Dzulkifli Abdul Razak**, Chairman, Board of Directors, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM), and former Vice Chancellor, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)
- **Engr. Gurmit Singh**, Recipient, Langkawi Award, Advisor, EPSM, and Chairman, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development, Malaysia (CETDEM)
- **Mr Gurdial Singh Nijar**, Advocate and Solicitor, Legal Consultant, and former Professor of Law, University of Malaya (UM)

1.00pm Lunch

2.15pm **Session 2: Living Within the Ecological Limits of One Planet – SDG12**

Chair:

Assoc. Prof. Dr Sumiani Yusoff, Dean, Sustainability Science Research Cluster, University of Malaya (UM)

Topics & Speakers:

The Living Planet Report 2016

- Dato’ Dr Dionysius Sharma, Executive Director/ Chief Executive Officer, WWF-Malaysia

Malaysia’s Ecological Footprint

- Randolph Jeremiah, Vice President, EPSM

Sustainable Consumption: Meeting Needs

- Prof. Dr Geoffrey Williams, Elm Business School, HELP University

Consumer Education – Meeting Needs and Respecting Boundaries of Ecological Limits

- Dato’ Paul Selvaraj, Chief Executive Officer, Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations (FOMCA)

3.45pm **Session 3: Hope and Promise for the Future**

Chair:

Dr Hezri Adnan, Fellow, Academy of Sciences Malaysia and Author

Topics & Speakers:

Can We Make the Shift Happen?

- Datuk Anwar Fazal, Recipient, Right Livelihood Award (‘Alternative Nobel Peace Prize’), and Life Member, EPSM

Yes We Can!

- Dr Zeeda Fatimah Mohamad, Faculty of Science, University of Malaya (UM)
- University of Malaya Youth Team

4.30pm **Closing Remarks**

An Arrowhead for Transformation – Immediately!

- Mr Mano Maniam, Past President, EPSM

5.00pm Refreshments