



## AIDE MEMOIRE

# NATIONAL POPULATION CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Dewan Perdana Nur

Ministry Of Women, Family And Community Development

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Malaysia is in the final stage of demographic transition. While the mortality level had reached a low level by the 1970s, the fertility level has also attained replacement level by 2010. The rate of population growth has decelerated from 2.5-2.6 percent per annum in the 1980s and 1990s to 1.9 percent per annum between 2000 and 2010, and is projected to decelerate to 1.0 percent by 2025-2030, and stop growing by 2065-2070.

The slower rate of growth of the population and labour force amidst rapid economic development has given rise to labour shortage, and resulted in the influx of foreign workers. Since the 1980s, the number of foreign workers has also been increasing rapidly. In 2010, non-Malaysians made up more than 8 percent of the enumerated population of 28.4 million. Hence, it is imperative for planners to take into account the changing demographic scenarios in development planning.

Changes in the mortality and fertility levels have resulted in age structural shift. The median age of the population has increased from 21.4 years in 1991 to 26.2 years in 2010, and the proportion aged 60 and over had increased from 5.6 percent to 7.9 percent during the same period. The declining fertility opens up the window of opportunities for the nation to reap the demographic dividend, as a high proportion in the labour force age group means that more resources could be channeled for human and national development. However, in the long run, population ageing will affect the labour supply and economic development. Health care service and social protection schemes have to be improved to cater the needs of the rapid increase in the number of

older persons.

Malaysia has undergone rapid urbanization and metropolitanization. The proportion of population living in urban areas has increased from about 28.5 percent in 1970 to 71 percent in 2010. There has also been redistribution of population such that about a quarter of the national population now live in Selangor and the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur. Population growth and concentration in certain localities have direct impact on the environment, and hence a need for population policies and programmes to ensure sustainable development.

In keeping to the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action (PoA) adopted at the International Conference in 1994 and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), Malaysia has adopted policies and implemented programs to cater to the needs of the different segments of the population such as the youth, women, older persons, disabled and the marginalized groups. It has also adopted policies and programmes such as the National Physical Plan and National Urbanization Policy aimed at preserving the environment. Malaysia has achieved most of the ICPD-PoA goals and almost all of the eight goals set in the MDGs.

In September 2015, UN member states adopted the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that succeeded the MDGs. Malaysia is firmly committed to the implementation of policies and programmes in keeping with the SDGs. The effective and successful implementation of these programmes requires the highest political commitment and multi-stakeholders engagement. In implementing the SDGspost-2015, we will build on the strengths and successes of past programmes, and develop new programmes to achieve the 17 goals of the SDGs, while striving to become a high income country by 2020.

Malaysia is currently conducting a study of its population trends and structures with the objective of assessing the implementation of its population related programmes, emerging challenges and to formulate a plan of action that cut across agencies and involve the participation of the civil society. The plan of action will steer Malaysia towards achieving quality population and the fulfillment of the post 2015 development agenda.

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this conference are:

- i) To discuss population dynamics issues and challenges and their interrelationships with national development in achieving the sustainable development goals;
- ii) To discuss best practices in data sharing and dissemination towards the strengthening of demographic evidence base for post 2015 development agenda; and
- iii) To gather inputs for the Review of the National Population Policy Towards Sustainable Development 2030.

## **3. THEME**

The theme for this year National Population Conference is “Sustainable Development Goals”.

## **4. SPEAKERS**

There will be one keynote address and 8 oral presentations during one day conference. Invited prominent speakers will be speaking on various topics related to SDG's, such as Big Data, Environmental Sustainability, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, and Social Security.

## **5. TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

The tentative programme for the conference is given in **Appendix 1**.

## **6. DATE AND VENUE**

This conference will be held on **20 July 2016 (Wednesday)** at Dewan Perdana Nur, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Putrajaya.

## **7. WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

This conference is open to those who are involved in socio-economic development planning especially policy makers, planners, programme managers, researchers, students and interested individuals. Registration is free. The closing date for registration is on **15 July 2016**.

## **8. HOSTING OF THE CONFERENCE**

The conference is jointly hosted by the National Population and Family Development Board in collaboration with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Malaysia and Population Studies Unit, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya.

## **9. FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT US:**

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## **10. ACCOMMODATION**

Participants should arrange their own accommodation.

**Tentative Program**  
**National Population Conference on**  
**Sustainable Development Goals**  
**Dewan Perdana Nur,**  
**Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development,**  
**20 July 2016, Putrajaya**

8.00 am	Registration
9.00 am	<p><b>Welcoming Address</b>  YBhg. Dato' Dr. Siti Norlasiah Ismail  Director General  National Population and Family Development Board</p> <p><b>Welcoming Address</b>  YBhg. Tan Sri Profesor Dr. Mohd Amin Jalaludin  Vice Chancellor, Universiti Malaya</p>
9.30 am	<p><b>Keynote</b>  <b><i>“Ensuring That No One is Left Behind” and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</i></b>  Michelle Gyles-McDonnough  UN Resident Coordinator for Malaysia and UNDP Resident Representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam</p>
10.15 am	Coffee Break
10.45 pagi	<p><b>Session 1</b></p> <p><b>Moderator : YBhg. Datuk K. Yogeesvaran</b>  Deputy Director General (Macro)  Economic Planning Unit,  Prime Minister's Department</p> <p>Presenter</p> <p><b>1. <i>Big Data and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Achieving the Development Goals in Malaysia</i></b>  YBrs. Dr. Mohd Uzir Bin Mahidin  Deputy Chief Statistician (Social/ Demography)  Department of Statistics Malaysia</p>

**2. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**

YBrs. Dr Jamaluddin Abd Aziz  
Gender Specialist  
Ministry of Women, Family and Community  
Development, Malaysia

**3. Motherhood in Childhood: Teenage Pregnancy and MOH Initiatives**

YBhg. To' Puan Dr. Safurah Jaafar  
Director  
Family Health Development Division  
Ministry of Health Malaysia

1.00 noon	Lunch
2.15 pm	<b>Arrival of</b> YB. Dato' Sri Rohani Abdul Karim Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia
2.30 pm	<b>Opening Address</b> YB. Dato' Sri Rohani Abdul Karim Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia
2.45 pm	<b>Media Conference</b>
2.45 pm	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Moderator : YBhg. Dato' Dr. Siti Norlasiah Ismail</b> Director General National Population and Family Development Board  <b>Presenter</b> <b>1. Embedding the Environmental Sustainability for the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia</b> YBrs. Dr. Hezri Adnan, Director of Technology and Sustainability, Institute for Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

**2. Sustainable Social Security and Old-Age Financial Provision in Malaysia**

Prof. Datuk Dr. Norma Mansor  
Director,  
Social Security Research Centre, Universiti Malaya

**3. Corporate Initiatives in Empowering Societies**

Principal  
Communication and Sustainability  
Digi Telecommunications Sdn. Bhd.

**4. Living The 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle' Lifestyle**

Mr. Nithiyananthan Nesadurai  
President  
Environmental Protection Society Malaysia

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5.00 pm

Coffee Break/ End of Conference

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