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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022 VIRTUAL FORUM

2.30pm - 5.10pm

8 March 2022

## GENDER EQUALITY TODAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

#IWD2022





# THEME FOR IWD 2022



Advancing gender equality in the context of the climate crisis and disaster risk reduction is one of the greatest global challenges of the 21st century.

Women are increasingly being recognized as more vulnerable to climate change impacts than men, as they constitute the majority of the world's poor and are more dependent on the natural resources which climate change threatens the most.

At the same time, women and girls are effective and powerful leaders and change-makers for climate adaptation and mitigation. They are involved in sustainability initiatives around the world, and their participation and leadership results in more effective climate action.

Continuing to examine the opportunities, as well as the constraints, to empower women and girls to have a voice and be equal players in decision-making related to climate change and sustainability is essential for sustainable development and greater gender equality. Without gender equality today, a sustainable future, and an equal future, remains beyond our reach.

This International Women's Day let's claim "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".

IWD 2022 is about recognizing the contribution of women and girls around the world, who are leading the charge on climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response, to build a more sustainable future for all.

The theme for International Women's Day is aligned with the priority theme for the upcoming 66th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66): "Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes".





# OBJECTIVES

To commemorate International Women's Day, celebrated on 8 March annually

To promote awareness on the adverse effects of climate change on women and girls

To promote empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes

To promote the spirit of cooperation and interaction between various stakeholders, particularly the Government, NGOs and civil society

# FOCUS AREAS

In line with the IWD 2022 theme, the forum will discuss pathways towards a more sustainable Malaysia, recognizing the rights of women and girls, and the importance of their participation and leadership to ensure a more sustainable future for all.

The forum will highlight how women and girls are more exposed to climate and disaster risks, and how policies and laws should be more equitable and gender responsive to contribute to a more inclusive climate change response.





Session 1 of the Forum will focus on how the worsening climate crisis adversely affects women and the imperative of gender sensitive environmental / climate change policies, plans, programmes and actions in ensuring an inclusive and sustainable future for all. The discussion is expected to result in recommendations for equitable and gender responsive climate change policy options for Malaysia.

Session 2 of the Forum will focus on celebrating women leading the charge in climate and sustainability actions. This session is about your vision, hopes, dreams and commentary on how women can decisively drive change and deliver on climate action, disaster risk and resilience building.

## OPENING SESSION



**Opening Address:**  
Karima El Korri  
UN Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam



**Official Address: TBC**  
YBhg. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Zaini bin Ujang  
Secretary-General  
Ministry of Environment and Water

## KEYNOTE SESSION



YBhg Tan Sri Jemilah Mahmood  
Executive Director of Sunway Centre for Planetary Health,  
Pro-chancellor of Heriot-Watt University Malaysia

**2.30 - 2.55PM**

## SESSION 1 EXPOSURE TO CLIMATE CRISIS: THE WOMEN'S PERSPECTIVE



**Moderator:**  
Tehmina Kaoosji  
Journalist, Producer, Gender activist



**Speaker 1**  
Dr. Sugumari Shanmugam  
Undersecretary Climate Change Division  
Ministry of Environment and Water



**Speaker 2**  
Gan Pek Chuan  
Acting Head, Sustainable & Resilient Development  
UN Development Programme in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam



**Speaker 3**  
Dr. Sharina Abdul Halim  
Fellow  
Langkawi Research Centre  
Institute for Environment & Development  
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia



**Speaker 4**  
Sivananthi Thanenthiran  
Executive Director  
Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)

**3.00-4.00PM**

## SESSION 2 ENVIRONMENT EXEMPLARS: WOMEN LEADING THE CHARGE



**Speaker 1**  
Jasmin Irisha Jim Ilham  
Climate and Environment Consultant  
UNICEF Malaysia



**Speaker 2**  
YBhg Professor Dato Aileen Tan  
Director of the Centre for Marine & Coastal Studies  
Universiti Sains Malaysia



**Speaker 3**  
Margarita Naming  
Senior Research Officer  
Sarawak Biodiversity Centre



**Speaker 4**  
Arina Kok  
Partner  
Climate Change & Sustainability Services  
EY Malaysia

**4.00-5.00PM**

## CLOSING SESSION



Asa Torkelsson  
Country Representative Malaysia  
United Nations Population Fund  
&  
UN in Malaysia Gender Results Group Chair

**5.00-5.10PM**



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Bahasa Malaysia Translation.

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