

**SUSTAINABLE LIVING IN MALAYSIA**  
**SLIM SYMPOSIUM 2012**

**'THE FUTURE WE WANT'**  
**A POST RIO+20 SYMPOSIUM ON**  
**MAINSTREAMING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MALAYSIA**



**Tuesday, 6 November 2012**  
**Auditorium, Research Management and Innovation Complex (RMIC)**  
**University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur**

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**EPSM**

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# BACKGROUND

- It is four decades since the world community acknowledged that the human environment was indeed threatened by the nature of human activity, and the United Nations convened the first ever conference relating to the environment – the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972.
- 2012 marks four decades of global environmental awareness and another review of global sustainability has taken place at the UN Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development held in June this year. The Conference confirmed, in its output document 'The Future We Want', that the human family still needs to work very hard to realize an ecologically 'sustainable' path and that renewed efforts are called for to ensure that future generations do indeed have a future.
- In almost 40 years of advocating environmental protection and conservation from the negative aspects of development, EPSM is presently convinced that in order to maximise all efforts of government and civil society towards ecological sustainability, there needs to be shift in the institutional framework for implementation. This is based on the Lestari Public Lecture No. 6 presented by Professor F. Dovers on 'Implementing Sustainable Development: Long Term Policy and Institutional Challenges' 12 February 2009 and two SLiM Roundtables on the subject.
- Sustainable Living in Malaysia - with its most appropriate acronym SLiM - is an overall concept adopted by EPSM in 2007 which aims to embrace a holistic approach to ecological sustainability, governed by the ecological footprint analysis – a tool and concept that should be central to every aspect of human endeavour in Malaysia, and by extension, on this planet, if life is to survive.

## PROGRAMME



Bioproductive land



Bioproductive sea



Energy land

8.00 am	Registration
	<b>Opening Session</b>
9.00	<i>Welcome Remarks</i> Nithi Nesadurai, President, EPSM UM
9.15	<i>Theme Song</i>
9.25	<i>Guest: Live Telecast via Skype from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada</i> Professor William Rees - Originator of the Ecological Footprint Analysis
9.45	<i>Official Opening</i> Minister in Prime Minister's Department (TBC)
10.00	<i>An Overview of SLiM and the Symposium's Goals</i> Mano Maniam, Past President, EPSM
10.05	<b>Keynote Address</b>  <i>The Pathway to a New Sustainability Paradigm for Malaysia</i> Emeritus Professor Dr Nordin Hasan Director, International Council for Science, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific
10.30	<i>Tea Break</i>
10.45	<b>Session 1: The Future We Want – Malaysia at Rio+20</b> <i>Moderator: Dato' Dr Denison Jayasooria, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Ethnic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government of Malaysia - Economic Planning Unit (TBC)</li><li>• Civil Society – Third Word Network</li><li>• Local Government - Lee Lih Shyan - MBPJ</li><li>• Youth – Kim Lee Choy, United Nations Association Malaysia, Youth Circle &amp; Malaysia Green and Blue Environmental Protection Society</li></ul>
12.00 pm	<b>Session 2: Our Common Future: Malaysia's Sustainability Path – From Stockholm (1972) to Rio+20 (2012)</b> <i>Moderator: Professor Dato' Dr Norma Mansor, University of Malaya</i>  <i>40 Years of Institutional Framework and Implementation of Sustainable Development in Malaysia: An Overview</i> Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim, Chief Executive Officer, Academy of Sciences Malaysia  <i>Discussant:</i> Ir Gurmit Singh, Chairman, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development Malaysia (CETDEM)

# OBJECTIVES

As in the UN Resolution calling for the Conference on Sustainable Development RIO+20, the objectives of this Symposium are to

- secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development
- assess progress to date and gaps in implementation
- address new and emerging challenges.

The Symposium will address one of the two themes of the UNCSD :

an institutional framework for sustainable development.

**The Symposium will seek to:**

- Share Malaysia's presence at RIO+20;
- Examine Malaysia's own path for sustainable development over the past 40 years
- Explore the rearrangement of agencies to provide an institutional framework for the effective implementation of sustainable development, reflecting and enabling the execution of the essential cross-sectoral nature of sustainable development and sustainability principles;
- Claim political commitment for sustainable development in order to safeguard a future for Malaysians;

12.50 *Lunch*

## 2.00 **Session 3: The Future We Need – Two Critical Steps**

*Moderator: Prof*

*Rearranging Government Agencies for a Sustainable Shift to Mainstream and Implement Sustainable Development*

Dr. Hezri Adnan, Senior Fellow, Institute for Strategic & International Studies (ISIS)

*Creating a Statutory Institution to Monitor the Implementation of Sustainable Development*

Professor Gurdial Singh Nijar, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya (TBC)

*Discussants:*

- Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water (TBC)
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (TBC)

3.30 *Tea Break*

## 3.50 **Session 4: The Future We Must Have – Political Will, the First Milestone**

*Moderator: Dato' (Dr) Anwar Fazal, The Right Livelihood College, Universiti Sains Malaysia (TBC)*

*Opportunities and Challenges*

*Panel Discussion:*

- YB Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah, Deputy Minister of Higher Education
- YB Elizabeth Wong, Selangor State Executive Councillor (TBC)
- Tunku Abidin Muhriz, Columnist
- Yasmin Rasyid, Chairperson, Malaysian Environmental NGOs
- Industry representative (TBC)

**Launch of EPSM Memorandum on SLiM**

## 5.20 **Official Closing**

*The Way Forward*

Kamal Malhotra, Resident Representative, UNDP



Built land



Biodiversity land



# THE ORGANISERS

## **Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM)**

EPSM was formed in 1974. Its objectives are:

- To prevent the deterioration of our environment as a result of human activities;
- To control activities that contribute towards the deterioration of our environment;
- To initiate measures for the improvement of our environment;
- To stimulate public concern for the state of our environment.

A non-profit organisation run by volunteers, it has been active in highlighting pressing environmental issues, undertaking studies and proposing solutions based on research.

in cooperation with:

## **University of Malaya (UM), Kuala Lumpur**

Malaysia's oldest university, UM was established in April 1949 in Singapore with the merger of the King Edward VII College of Medicine (founded in 1905) and Raffles College (founded in 1928). The University of Malaya derives its name from the term 'Malaya' as the country was then known. The growth of the University was very rapid during the first decade of its establishment and this resulted in the setting up of two autonomous Divisions in 1959, one located in Singapore and the other in Kuala Lumpur. In 1960, the government of the two territories indicated their desire to change the status of the Divisions into that of a national university. Legislation was passed in 1961 and the University of Malaya was established on 1 January 1962.

## **Sustainability Science Cluster, University of Malaya**

The Sustainability Science Cluster is an inter-and trans-disciplinary, cross-faculty research cluster established for coordinating research dealing with multi-dimensional sustainability issues that interacts science and non-science elements. This includes aspects of biodiversity, environment, socio-economic and technological concerns, with a time perspective beyond the present generation. It promotes a concerted coming together of multiple disciplines representing different scientific cultures with different time perspectives and policy approaches in order to meet the challenges of sustainable development for society.

## **UMCARES**

From its humble beginnings as a bottom-up voluntary movement in early 2008, the University of Malaya (UM) Environmental Secretariat (UMCARES) was recognized as a formal entity in 2009. The establishment of UMCARES was as a part of UM's effort to transform itself into a more environmentally sustainable campus. UMCARES is currently positioned under the Vice Chancellor's Office. The motto of UMCARES is "To inspire, and to be inspired" – and we look forward to have more volunteers on-board to inspire each other in this quest of transforming UM into a truly sustainable campus!

# Who Should ATTEND

This Symposium would be of concern to every individual and organizations who consider themselves stakeholders in ensuring a sustainable future for all Malaysians and especially decision-makers at every level who hold the vital key to making changes happen.

- **Legislators; Policy makers; Government officers; Corporate executives; Professionals; Academics; Non-governmental organisations; Community-based organisations, Concerned individuals**

# REGISTRATION

Registration for the Symposium is free and limited to 250 persons. It will be on first-come-first-served basis and will close on **31 October 2012.**

The organisers would appreciate your genuine commitment to attend the full programme

Please complete the accompanying registration form and send to:

## **The Secretariat**

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