

16TH MIYD

MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE



*Youth for Environmental Sustainability:
Our future, our care*

26TH TO 30TH JUNE 2016

MELAKA, MALAYSIA

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BACKGROUND

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which brings together young people, youth leaders and relevant stakeholders from around the world to discuss pertinent youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has convened on a wide range of tropical issues. The MIYD has witnessed an escalating number of youth participants over the years willing to participate in the decision making process. With the view of building a stronger partnership between the youth and the society, the MIYD produces a declaration which serves as a guideline for youth to address the selected issues.



INTRODUCTION

Youth have both special concerns and responsibilities in relation to the environment protection and conservation. The quote “The Earth does not belong to us; we belong to the Earth”, without a doubt, points out the dependency that we have towards the environment. For centuries, environmental aspects and impacts are mostly disregarded, leaving many of natural resources including water, air and soil to be depleted and our climate is changing in unpredictable ways. The impacts of the environmental deterioration have been felt even stronger in recent days and have caused many natural disasters that cost in loss of hundreds of thousands of lives.

It has been known that the environmental degradation is a result of socio-economical, technological and institutional activities, such as: population growth, increase in energy-use, industrialisation, urbanisation, elevation in consumption level, modernisation in agriculture and other sectors. The indisputable facts and statistics below show that our Earth has deteriorated because of many of our actions.

- ❖ Environmental degradation and climate change are major drivers in both forced and voluntary migration. (UNEP)
- ❖ Average sea level is predicted to rise by 9 to 88 cm by 2100 and millions of people are projected to be flooded annually. (UNFCCC)
- ❖ 14 billion pounds of trash is dumped into the ocean every year, when 9.84% of all household waste could be recycled. (UNFCCC)

- ❖ The human population has grown more in the last 50 years, than it did in the previous 4 million years. (UNFPA)
- ❖ At least 50 million acres of rainforest are lost every year. (UNEP)

Our planet is warming up faster than ever because of the vast amount of greenhouse gases that are being pumped into the atmosphere as the result of our actions. It is now our chance to protect and sustain what is left of it. Many global gatherings organised by various United Nations Agencies and Civil Society Organisations have pointed out means of fighting environmental deprivation, and promoting environmental sustainability. The recent event was the Conference on the Parties (COP) 21 in Paris, which intended to achieve a legal binding and universal agreement on climate change, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C.

Hence, this year we selected ***'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care'*** as the theme for the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue. This theme is selected to recognize the critical stage of our planet and emphasise on the role that young people and youth leaders could play, to achieve environmental sustainability. In this Dialogue, youth shall highlight their role and concerns towards environmental affairs, as it is now their time and opportunity to act and declare that yes, they do care!

THEME

The theme for the 16th Melaka International Youth Dialogue ***'Youth for Environmental Sustainability: Our Future, Our Care'*** has been realized to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards combating environmental deterioration and achieving environment sustainability. As well as, finding innovative solution and adopting sustainable living in which the coexistence with the nature, shall be tailored in every activity and at all levels of the society.

An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth towards environment at the different levels of society that they represent. Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, representatives from public and private sector, media persona, and members of various NGOs and CSOs, will gather to call for action and structure experiences on the issue of environmental protection and sustainability. They will also chart a course towards the attainment of the sustainable and greener environment and an improved balance ecosystem. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards a better and sustainable future of our planet.

OBJECTIVES

During the dialogue all participants will gather to address and call for action on the following objectives:

- To promote awareness and empower young people in advocating towards environmental sustainability;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the protection of the environment and the promotion of economic and social development;
- To foster action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the environment, as well as the society;
- To address the determinants of environmental deterioration and its impact to the society, young people inclusive;
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, NGOs and others, in supporting young people's effort towards environmental sustainability;
- To identify and gather good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to preserve the environment and promote sustainable living;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the preservation of the environment;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of environmental sustainability;

ORGANISERS

The MIYD is organized by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the Melaka State Government, Asian Youth Council, Malaysian Youth Council and Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia).



PARTICIPANTS

Expected participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35, gender balanced groups representing the respective National Youth Councils; Youth Organisations; Ministries of Youth; Ministries of Environment; environmental preservation related organisations; international organisations; and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 250 from at least 80 different countries.

REGISTRATION

All willing participants must fill in the enclosed application form, which is also available in our website and submit the filled form to the organizing committee via the email of miyd@way.org.my. Deadline for submission of application is set for **Friday, 03rd June 2016**. The admission of each application will be determined within 3 working days from the submission.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The dialogue will commence on Monday, 27th June 2016 until Wednesday, 29th June 2016. **The participants are expected to arrive on Sunday, 26th June 2016 and depart on Thursday, 30th June 2016.**

The Dialogue agenda comprises of the following components:

- Plenary sessions compose of introductory speeches and papers, regional views today, and personal views of youth based on the mentioned theme;
- Workshops are brainstorming sessions for participants. In this session, emphasis is made that there is no debate, no criticism, and no crosstalk. Instead we call for suggestions and note them, all of them, and later prioritize the list of suggestions to come up with a long term based declaration. The "brainstorm" is very structured and focused and the participants must learn and practice the ground rules;
- Meetings and networking dinners;
- Field trips and / or cultural tours.

REGISTRATION FEES

The MIYD participation fee of USD 200.00 (MalaysianRM700.00) inclusive of registration fee, accommodation, food and local transportation shall be levied on all participants. Accommodation shall be based on twin sharing basis. The Dialogue organizers will **not** provide accommodation, meals or transportation **before or after the mentioned dates**. For any other preferences there shall be an additional fee therefore, kindly contact the Organising Committee.

For bank transfer, kindly remit the fee in advance to our bank account as follows and provide proof of payment of transfer;

Account Name	: World Assembly of Youth
Account Number	: 5040-1282-8298
Bank Name	: Maybank
BranchName	: Jalan Munshi Abdullah
City	: Melaka
Country	: Malaysia
Swift Code	: MBBEMYKL

WAY accepts payments upon arrival. Payments by cash, kindly indicate on the application form for official acceptance on arrival. For other modes of payment kindly contact the Organising Committee.

Sincerely,

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PROGRAMME

The program for the MIYD shall be as below. Specific details on Speakers and Facilitators shall be provided in due course.

Date	Time	Agenda	Venue	Dress Code
26 th June	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA/KLIA2- Hotel	Casual
	1930HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
	2100HRS	Ice Breaking Session	Hotel	Casual
27 th June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	OPENING CEREMONY	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	VIP Press Conference	Hotel	Formal
	1045HRS	PLENARY SESSION 1	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Casual
	1400HRS	PLENARY SESSION 2	Hotel	Smart Casual

	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Casual
	1545HRS	PLENARY SESSION 3	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1930HRS	Dinner	Hotel	Casual
	2100HRS	Cultural Performances	Hotel	Casual/ Traditional Attire
28th June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	Workshop	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Casual
	1400HRS	Workshop (Continues)	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Casual
	1545HRS	Workshop: Group Presentations	Hotel	Smart Casual

	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1930HRS	Dinner	Hotel	Casual
	2100HRS	Drafting Committee Meeting	Hotel	Casual
29th June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	Presentation of 16 th MIYD Draft Declaration	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Casual
	1045HRS	Adoption of 16th MIYD Declaration	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Casual
	1400HRS	Field Trips / Cultural Tours	Melaka	Casual / MIYD T-shirt
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1930HRS	Farewell Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony	Hotel	Formal/Traditional Attire

30th June	0500HRS - 0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	All Day	Departures	Hotel - KLIA/KLIA2	Casual