



# GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY CONFERENCE

**“YOUTH STEP UP TO ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY”**

**5<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018**

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## INTRODUCTION

Food security, as defined by the United Nations’ Committee on World Food Security, is the condition in which all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. There are numerous causes of food insecurity, including population growth and rising food, transportation, and agricultural costs. In line with the SDGs, most apparently SDG 2, its discourse is unquestionably timely. World hunger and malnutrition are on the rise again, and the world population continues to grow causing mounting pressure on our food systems.

It is estimated that by 2050 there will be 9 billion people in the world and they will all need sufficient safe and nutritious food. Some of the people left most vulnerable to the dangers of food insecurity are the young people. As the world’s population increases and drives up the global demand for food, a demographic phenomenon known as the youth bulge, comprises of 1.2 billion youth between the ages of 15 and 24, is simultaneously affecting the ability of youth to enter the job market in many developing countries.

The majority of the world’s youth, about 85% of them live in the developing world, where they make up on average about 20% of any given country’s population. Simultaneously, there is ongoing discussion that youth have an important role to play in strengthening global food security. Indeed, it is worth considering how such a global demographic dividend relates to global food security.



Global hunger is affecting 38 million more people than the previous year, and a staggering 2 billion people are not consuming adequate amounts of micronutrients like iron and vitamins. That is why it is imperative that today's youth are engaged in the decisions that will affect their future and that the next generation of agricultural and food production are empowered. It is also more important than ever to create opportunities for young people in rural areas, particularly in the area of food production.

Global Food Production must increase by 70 percent by 2050 to keep pace with increasing demand and changing diets of the world's rapidly increasing population, the majority of whom will be children and youth. With that in mind, we selected the theme for the Global Food Security Conference to be "Youth Step Up To Achieve Food Security".

## **THEME**

The theme for the Global Food Security Conference "Youth Step Up To Achieve Food Security" has been realised to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards achieving food security. Attaining food security is significant and growing challenge in developing world and highly critical to alleviating poverty. Moreover, the outcomes guided by this selected theme are expected to contribute favorably in youth knowledge, skills, and talents development as well as the society as a whole.

This Conference will focus on increasing the availability of food, improving access to food, increasing accessibility to quality nutritious food, increase stability of food security and supporting improved governance of the global food system. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards the attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## **OBJECTIVES**

During the Global Food Security Conference all participants will gather to address and call for action on the following objectives:

- To promote awareness, analyse problems, and list programmes, services, facilities and resources available towards achieving food security;
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, NGOs and others, in solving food security;

- To gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learnt from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to attain food security;
- To form and advance the national, regional, and international policies governing the issues related to food security;
- To foster networking, collaboration, and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of food security;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## ORGANISERS

The Global Food Security Conference is organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in partnership with Halal International Malacca, Arta Holdings Sdn. Bhd., and Malaysian Youth Council.

## PARTICIPANTS

Expected participants should be between the ages of 18 and 35, gender balanced groups, representing their respective National Youth Councils; Youth Organisations; Ministries of Youth; Organisations that address Food Security and Production; International Organisations; United Nations Agencies, and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 350 from at least 120 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 organising committee via the email of [office@way.org.my](mailto:office@way.org.my). Deadline for submission of application is set for **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**. The admission of each application will be determined within 3 working days from the submission.

## PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The Global Food Security Conference is a 2 (Two) days event and shall commence on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 until Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018. **The participants are expected to arrive on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and depart on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

The Global Food Security Conference agenda comprises of the following components:

- Panel Discussions compose of introductory speeches and papers; local, regional and international views and approaches; and personal experiences on the theme;
- Workshops are brainstorming sessions for participants. All participants shall call for suggestions and action towards the theme and present them to the rest of the participants. At later stage, the drafting committee prioritises the list of recommendations and draft the Global Food Security Conference Resolution;
- Meetings and networking dinners;
- Field trips and / or cultural tours.

Sincerely,

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## PROGRAMME

The programme for the Global Food Security Conference shall be as below. Specific details on Speakers and Facilitators shall be provided in due course.

Date	Time	Agenda	Venue	Dress Code
5 <sup>th</sup> April	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA / KLIA2 - Hotel	Casual
	1900HRS	<b>ICE BREAKING SESSION:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Introduction</li> <li>➤ Briefing on The Global Food Security Conference Programme</li> </ul>	Gadek Ballroom, Hotel	Casual
	2200HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
6 <sup>th</sup> April	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	<b>VIP Press Conference</b>	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Formal
	1045HRS	<b>Panel Discussion 1</b>	Hotel	Formal



	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	<b>Panel Discussion 2</b>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1545HRS	<b>Panel Discussion 3</b>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1800HRS	<b>Cultural Performances</b>	Hotel	Casual/ Traditional Attire
	2000HRS	Dinner	Hotel	Casual
7 <sup>th</sup> April	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	<b>Workshop: <i>The Role Of All Stakeholders In Solving Food Security:</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Public sector,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Private sector,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>NGOs / IGOs,</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Media, and</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Young people.</i></li> </ul>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	<b>Workshop (Continues)</b>	Hotel	Smart Casual

	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	<b>Workshop: Group Presentations</b>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1545HRS	<b>Presentation and Adoption:</b>  ➤ <b>The Global Food Security Conference Resolution</b>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1800HRS	<b>CITY TOURS:</b>  ➤ Taming Sari Tower ➤ Melaka River Cruise	Melaka	Casual
	2000HRS	<b>FAREWELL GALA DINNER AND CLOSING CEREMONY</b>	Hotel	Casual
8 <sup>th</sup> April	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	All Day	Departures	Hotel - KLIA/KLIA2	Casual