



18TH MIYD

MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

**“YOUTH ENGINEERING A SUSTAINABLE
URBANISATION”**

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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 topical 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

Over the years, cities all over the world have competing in acceleration for their economic developments and wealth creation. This on-going process is known as urbanisation. Urbanisation and its uncertainly luring promises have attracted many people from outside the cities to move to the cities in search for better job opportunities and living conditions. The greater percentage of these people is youth. It is without a doubt that urbanisation is one of the most important global trends occurring in the 21st century.

Over fifty-percent of the urban population lives and is predicted to continue to live in small urban centers with fewer than half a million inhabitants. Today more than half of the world's population lives in urban areas, and by 2030 this is expected to rise to sixty-percent. In the same period ninety-percent of the world's population growth will take place in cities, particularly in Africa and Asia. The rate of urbanisation is expected to be the highest in Africa and Asia over the coming decades. Over the next four decades, urban population is likely to treble in Africa and to increase by 1.7 times in Asia.

In order to harness urbanisation, mitigate its negative externalities and promote an "urban paradigm shift", there is need for a coordinated approach and clear policy directions. Unfortunately, this is lacking in many countries, where several government departments are in charge of dealing with different aspects of the urbanisation challenge. The key step for reasserting urban space and territoriality is the development of an effective national urban policy. It is also vital to provide the needed direction and course of action in supporting the sustainable urban development.

The sustainable urban policy provides an overarching coordinating framework to deal with the most pressing issues related to rapid urban development, including slum prevention and regularization; access to land, basic services and infrastructure; urban legislation; delegation of authority to sub-national and local governments; financial flows; urban planning regulations; urban mobility; and urban energy requirements as well as job creation.

The pertinence of urbanisation and its underlying issues have captured the attention of the United Nations and its global members that have gathered together during the Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum. This Forum focused on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda adopted in Habitat III. The New Urban Agenda of the Habitat III provides comprehensive guidelines on how to strengthen the relationship and coexisting correlation between urbanisation and sustainable development. UN-Habitat's contribution to a national urban policy includes country assessment; advice on setting up of national processes and stakeholder participation; documentation of good practices to support national processes; analysis of urban planning policies and instruments; facilitation of local-national dialogue on reforms; dissemination and capacity development on the urban policy across the full range of actors.

UN-Habitat encourages governments, institutions and individuals in power to always involve youth, making up a majority of world population, in shaping the new urban agenda as well as identify sustainable urbanisation as their top priority. Various key stakeholders have shown their concern through promoting and directly contributing to many programmes, especially those that are designed to promote urbanisation at local, national, regional and international levels.

It is crucial that we attempt to find and provide best ways for youth to participate in bringing about the best strategy in attainment of the sustainable urbanisation to their respective countries as well as the global level. For that reason, it is essential to have intercultural platforms like the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue in order to gather all stakeholders in discussing relevant factors and matters on the issue of Urbanisation, and recommend solutions as well as contributions towards the achievement of a sustainable urbanisation and a better tomorrow.

THEME

The theme for the 18th Melaka International Youth Dialogue '**Youth Engineering A Sustainable Urbanisation**' has been selected to uplift ideas and leverage the role of young people towards attaining a strategic and sustainable urbanisation. Additionally, the outcomes guided by this selected theme are expected to contribute favorably in youth development as well as betterment of societies as a whole.

Youth play a key role in delivering this promise and need to be viewed and treated as assets and drivers of sustainable development. There is currently a demographic “youth-bulge” in the developing world, where there are more people under the age of 25 today, totaling nearly three billion or almost half of the total global population. Hence, 1.3 billion of that total are between the ages of 12 and 24. These youth live, by and large, in cities and towns. The cities of the developing world account for over 90 percent of the world’s urban growth and youth account for a large percentage of those inhabitants.

If youth are not included in urbanisation and governance processes then they could become an obstacle to economic development. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to encounter the poorly designed urbanisation that does not cater for the needs of youth in which it shall eventually become a significant source of poverty and inequality. Exclusion of youth in such activities like policy making in regard to issues affecting them could lead to a stronger informal sector and higher marginalisation, which, in turn, could cause a rise in social conflicts and even threaten the economic, social, and environmental stability of the respective countries

An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth for a conducive and secure environment that assures and supports their development fully at the different levels of society that they represent. Thus, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, representatives from public and private sector, media persona, city and national councils as well as members of various NGOs and CSOs, will gather to call for action and structure experiences on the issue of Urbanisation and Youth Development. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards the attainment of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OBJECTIVES

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

- To find effective and efficient solution in ensuring adequate shelter for all;
- To discover means to promote security of residence, especially for those residing in the developing world;
- To come up with mechanism to support vulnerable groups as well as minorities, especially women and the poor;
- To uncover proper methods in providing adequate and equitable access to basic urban services;
- To search for appropriate approaches in promoting decentralisation and good urban governance globally.

- To promote awareness and analyse problems as well as inventories of programmes, services, facilities, and resources available related to youth roles in solving issues of urbanisation;
- To foster action and establish methods in order to effectively promote sustainable global urbanisation;
- To increase availability of more coordinated private and public investments in urban development and consequent improvement of cities' productivity, inclusiveness and environmental conditions.
- To identify the roles and contribution of different sectors i.e. public sector, private sector, city and national councils, NGOs and others, in promoting strategic urbanisation and supporting constructive youth development as well as youth leadership;
- To gather and select good practices, challenges, experiences, and lessons learned from the national youth councils towards improving or amending the current policies in order to contribute in promoting the ongoing urbanisation schemes;
- To distinguish well-defined responsibilities for the qualified agencies, institutions and personnel involved in preventive efforts;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing the attainment of sustainable urbanisation;
- To foster networking, collaboration and partnership among youth and all stakeholders in order to address the issue of urbanisation;
- To advance the role of youth and actively involve them in the social development and attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ORGANISERS

The MIYD is organised by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia), the Melaka State Government, the Asian Youth Council, and the 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; Ministries of Housing and Development, Municipalities, Organisations that address urbanization; Youth Development Organisations; International Organisations; United Nations Agencies, and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 250 from at least 100 different countries.

REGISTRATION

All interested speakers should submit the filled registration form together with the required documents and information stated in it, to the Organising Committee via email: miyd@way.org.my. Deadline for submission of application is set for **Friday, 8th June 2018**. The Organising Committee shall notify the shortlisted candidates in due time.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue shall commence on Monday, 25th June 2018 until Wednesday, 27th June 2018. **The speakers are expected to arrive on Sunday, 24th June 2018 and depart on Thursday, 28th June 2018.**

The Dialogue agenda comprises of the following components:

- Plenary sessions shall compose of introductory presentations and papers, consist of views and approaches at local, national, regional, and international level; and also partake using personal experiences or success stories related to the MIYD theme;
- Workshops are brainstorming sessions for participants to call for suggestions and recommendations to all stakeholders, for the attainment of the objectives set for the MIYD theme. The Drafting Committee shall compile the Draft - MIYD Declaration, based on the recommendation presented by each session. The Drafting Committee shall then present the Draft - MIYD Declaration back to the participants for adoption;
- Meetings and networking dinners;
- Field trips and / or cultural tours.

Sincerely,

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PROGRAMME

The programme 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
24 th June	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA / KLIA2 - Hotel	Casual
	1900HRS	ICE BREAKING SESSION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction ➤ Briefing on 18th MIYD Programme 	Hotel	Casual
	2100HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
25 th June	0700HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	OPENING CEREMONY	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	VIP Press Conference	Hotel	Formal
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Formal
	1045HRS	PLENARY SESSION 1	Hotel	Formal
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	PLENARY SESSION 2	Hotel	Smart Casual

	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1545HRS	PLENARY SESSION 3	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1800HRS	CULTURAL PERFORMANCES: ➤ WAY Volunteers ➤ MIYD Participants	Hotel	Casual/ Traditional Attire
	2000HRS	Dinner	Hotel	Casual
26 th June	0700HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	WORKSHOP: THE ROLE OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN ATTAINMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION: ➤ <i>Public sector,</i> ➤ <i>Private sector,</i> ➤ <i>NGOs / IGOs,</i> ➤ <i>Media, and</i> ➤ <i>Young people.</i>	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	WORKSHOP (Continues)	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	WORKSHOP (Continues)	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual

	1545HRS	WORKSHOP: GROUP PRESENTATIONS	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	1800HRS	CITY TOURS: ➤ Taming Sari Tower ➤ Melaka River Cruise	Melaka	Casual
	1930HRS	Dinner	Melaka	Casual
	2130HRS	Drafting Committee Meeting	Hotel	Casual
27th June	0700HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	0900HRS	Presentation of 18th MIYD Draft Declaration	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	Adoption of 18th MIYD Declaration	Hotel	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Casual
	1400HRS	FIELD TRIPS	Melaka	Casual / MIYD T-shirt
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	Hotel	Casual
	2000HRS	FAREWELL GALA DINNER AND CLOSING CEREMONY	Hotel	Formal/Traditional Attire

28th June	0700HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	Casual
	All Day	Departures	Hotel - KLIA/KLIA2	Casual