



SDG YOUTH DIALOGUE

THEME

FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY LEADERS

15th - 17th May 2023, Brunei Darussalam

SDG YOUTH STATEMENT

We, the 81 participants of the SDG Youth Dialogue, held on 15 - 17 May 2023 at the Prime Minister's Office

Hereby

PP1. Recognising the importance of the education system to prepare youth for the challenges of today's digitalized age by equipping them with the necessary tools and skill sets to thrive in the digital economy. Additionally, civic education plays a vital role in instilling social values, patriotism, and civic duty. Adapting and reforming the education system for the green, modern economy is also essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

PP2. Acknowledging that the healthcare system in Brunei requires improvements in areas such as manpower, efficiency, and equitable access to healthcare. Addressing the stigma and lack of awareness surrounding mental health is crucial, considering the measurable indicators, challenges, and short and long-term consequences involved.

PP3. Expressing concern over the climate literacy disparity in the education sector and lack of financing channels to fund various green projects, such as renewable energy initiatives, green solution startups, social enterprises, and efforts towards a circular economy.

Hereby propose the following:

[HEALTH]

OP1. Promote youth engagement in the healthcare system by offering volunteering opportunities like first aid training and encouraging the use of digital media skills for content creation and raising awareness on health-related matters.



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OP2. Supporting the Mental Health Strategy by conducting research projects to identify indicators and consequences of declining mental health issues in Brunei Darussalam. Strengthening awareness of mental health issues to reduce its stigma through programmes that address various stages of support, including within the education system.

[JOBS]

OP3. To instil a growth mindset in the youth, emphasize proactive opportunity seeking and a focus on quality work recognized locally and internationally. Empower the youth to actively pursue continuous learning, upskilling, and reskilling, enhancing their adaptability and skills for the evolving job market. This comprehensive approach equips Brunei's youth for personal and professional growth.

OP4. Youth should advocate for increased support and sponsorships in overlooked fields such as sports, creative industries amongst others. Additionally, there is a need for industry diversification through international collaborations.

[EDUCATION]

OP5. Foster volunteerism into the next generation.

OP6. Incorporating SDG into formal education to strengthen students' knowledge and application towards current issues and instilling values and appreciation towards linguistic and cultural heritage to maintain national identity for future generations.

OP7. Reducing educational inequalities amongst different socio-economic backgrounds by providing more support and infrastructure, and to strengthen measures to address corruption.

[ENVIRONMENT]



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OP8. Engaging the indigenous communities to facilitate knowledge sharing and acknowledge them of stewards of the environment

OP9. Supporting relevant agencies in data collection and reporting through workshops that educate people on how to collect standardised data, and by providing a platform for researchers and volunteers to collaborate to produce reliable reports.

OP10. Supporting sustainable initiatives, green businesses and educating others on the importance of investing in a sustainable future, including supporting the adoption of renewable energy sources

OP11. Better waste management practices and infrastructure and encouraging the implementation of a sustainable sewage system

OP12. Call for the revitalization and development of inclusive and reliable infrastructure to provide accessible services for the public.