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REVVING UP THE RACE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

21-22 JUNE 2023 9:00am-1:30pm



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Despite concerns that sustainability goals may be derailed by disruptions from the continued ground war in Europe, the energy security crisis, inflationary concerns and evolving globalisation, the key message that came through loud and clear at the 27th UN-Climate Change Conference (COP27) and Davos 2023 World Economic Forum was that climate reforms must be accelerated and in tandem with this, social reforms.

At the global level, in tracking the progress of commitments to the sustainability agenda, political and business leaders are being called out by youth activists to do more, to do it faster and to put people first. With youth adding on their voices, COP27 achieved some measure of success with notable decisions reached including on climate adaptation, the loss and damage fund and a call to accelerate renewable energy deployment, amongst others.

In another landmark development on climate change, the US introduced the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) which directs nearly \$400 billion in federal funding to clean energy, with the goal of substantially lowering the nation's carbon emissions by the end of this decade. However, as the subsidies and tax breaks focus on the domestic front, there are fears that this will disadvantage clean energy investments outside of the US and lead to protectionism.

In Malaysia, policy and regulatory actions to steer the sustainability agenda including the capital markets has been lauded by advocates as being ahead of the game. The Principles-Based SRI Taxonomy was unveiled in December 2022 reinforcing the capital market's role in accelerating the nation's sustainability goals.

Now, the spotlight is very much on corporate Malaysia to internalise commitments and takeover the driver's seat for implementation in the race for sustainability.

At the SRI 2023, discussions will revolve around the impact of global headwinds on Malaysia's sustainability roadmap, the key catalysts in pivoting implementation commitments and mobilising investments towards the sustainability agenda with the social component in focus, the increasing importance of the youth activism in climate justice, stewardship priorities for investing resilience as well as sustainability innovations steering social progress towards an equitable society.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

This programme is designed to facilitate discussions with policy makers, sustainability advocates and business leaders on actionable strategies for sustainable development, climate change initiatives and the social agenda amidst ensuing global and domestic headwinds in 2023 which could impede efforts in achieving the sustainability goals.

Participants will benefit from expert panel discussions on how the markets are responding to the developments happening globally and regionally sustainability measures and commitments such as from COP27. The discussion will discuss the US's IRA commitments and measures and examine its impact on other economies including Malaysia and what detractors have to say.

The programme also puts the spotlight on youth activism and how they are making the connections between climate and social justice and demanding that policy decisions and implementation include this trajectory.

In the Malaysian sustainability landscape, with a facilitative ecosystem starting to fall in place, the programme will delve deeper into how Malaysian businesses are mobilising SRI for the social components, how investment stewardship is providing perspective on pertinent issues within the SRI space, how innovation and design can pivot the sustainability journey of stakeholders and the role SRI plays as a catalyst for tackling societal challenges.



LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this programme, participants will be able to:

- Discuss the key factors and catalysts in accelerating the momentum of the sustainability agenda in challenging times and the related risks, implications and opportunities
- Reassess business strategies to rise to the challenge of the sustainability commitments amidst of macroeconomic and geographical adversity
- Discuss the initiatives for Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) in creating shared values for business and the nation
- Assess the state of investable investments mobilisation for Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) financing to bridge the gaps in meeting sustainability targets
- Deliberate on education technology (EdTech) for accessible and quality education and its socioeconomic impact
- Discuss the impact of climate change, the investment and financing solutions towards climate adaptation
- Examine stewardship priorities towards building portfolio resilience in generating sustainable benefits for the economy, the environment and society
- Discuss the sustainable design models that provides solutions towards supporting sustainability agenda and its impact to the environmental and social space
- Examine energy security, clean energy economy and effects of global policies and the impact it has on Malaysia
- Formulate forward looking strategies in building an equitable society for economic impact and social progress



For more details, visit <http://www.sidc.com.my/programme/sri2023>

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

DAY 1 | 21 June 2023

9:00am - 9:15am

OPENING ADDRESS REVIVING UP THE RACE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

9:15am - 9:45am

SUITE CHAT TURNING UP THE VOLUME

- Using their Voices for Change - Louder and Coordinated
 - The Evolving Role of Youth Activism - from Protests to a Seat at the Table
 - Climate Justice is Social Justice - Recognising the Human-Environment Connection
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9:45am - 10:45am

ACCELERATING MOMENTUM IN CHALLENGING TIMES

- Sustainability commitments amidst macroeconomic and geopolitical adversity - Is it on track?
 - US's Inflation Reduction Act, EU Windfall tax - A shot in the arm or a slippery slope to protectionism?
 - Overcoming outside pressures, the capital market response
 - Sustainability Outlook - opportunities for trailblazing and avoiding speedbumps
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10:50am - 11:50am

SRI CATALYSING A SHARED VALUE FOR BUSINESS AND THE NATION

- Malaysia Madani - Growth and Development through Humane Economy
 - Examining social vulnerabilities - Is there a need for a new system for work, skills and care?
 - Switching gears from CSR to CSV
 - Avoiding the pitfalls of Woke Capitalism
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11:55am - 12:55pm

MOBILISING SRI – SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN FOCUS

- Global trends of SRI financing and investing
 - Unlocking capital through public and private investments
 - Challenges in mobilising and channeling funds for SRI
 - Scaling for Impact on Social Development
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1:00pm - 1:30pm

SPOTLIGHT ON EDTECH: HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY FOR ACCESSIBLE AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION

- Socioeconomic impacts of disrupted education
- Disparities of education - Urban and rural areas
- Is Edtech the solution of tomorrow's learning?
- Financing and funding - Bridging the public and private collaboration
- Future insights into the future workforce



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

DAY 2 | 22 June 2023

8:40am - 8:55am

BEHIND THE LENS: DEFENDING BIODIVERSITY

- Malaysia's mega biodiverse wonders
- Reversing biodiversity loss before it is too late
- Climate change and biodiversity loss an interlinked planetary and humanitarian crisis

9:00am - 9:45am

MOVING TOWARDS CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND LOSS AND DAMAGE SOLUTIONS

- Climate change - Impact on the most vulnerable
- Introduction to Climate Adaptation and Loss and Damage
- Malaysia's priorities and solutions
- Fostering adaptation and 'loss and damage' funding through public-private collaboration

9:50am - 10:50am

INVESTORS' STEWARDSHIP PRIORITIES

- Stewardship in SRI: Why it matters?
- Investment stewardship and expectations - Investor-led, expert-driven engagement
- Stewardship and taxonomy alignment - Response to an evolving investing landscape
- Greenwashing and greenhushing - A cause of concern

10:55am - 11:55am

SUSTAINABILITY BY DESIGN

- Envisioning the future of the production cycle - Framework for sustainable product design
- Cultivating sustainable innovation around the triple bottom-line
- Collaborative and strategic partnership - Future of businesses
- Achieving visibility into the automotive supply chain - A cleaner, safer, more inclusive mobility system

12:00pm - 1:00pm

ENERGY SECURITY - ENSURING SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

- The energy, water and food security nexus
- Measuring the country's energy security risk - Avoiding disequilibrium in the long run
- Renewable energy - Diversification of energy sources
- Infrastructure for a clean energy economy - How are businesses evolving?

1:05pm - 1:30pm

SUITE TALK:

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SOCIAL PROGRESS FOR AN EQUITABLE SOCIETY

- A spotlight on climate, youth, women, income and education inequality
- Towards an ecosystem of shared value - A collaborative imperative between government, corporations and communities
- Education as a lever in driving ESG "S" goals



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