

MALAYSIA COUNTRY STATEMENT
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**Honourable Ministers, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.**

1. I am Rizawati Abdul Kadir, Under-Secretary of Urban Sustainability Division from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia, will be delivering our country statement on behalf of the Honourable Minister of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia, Mr. Nga Kor Ming.
2. The Minister sends his heartfelt apologies to the organiser for having to prioritise his obligations in our homeland, as the Ministry is currently at a crucial stage of tabling a few amendments of laws under the purview of our Ministry at the Parliament.
3. Firstly, Malaysia would like to congratulate the United Nations Centre for Regional Development of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Division for Sustainable Development Goals, for organizing The High-Level 12th Regional 3R And Circular Economy Forum In Asia And The Pacific, in partnership with :
 - a) The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs of Government of India;
 - b) The Ministry of Environment of Japan;
 - c) The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; and

- d) with support from the State Government of Rajasthan.
4. Circular economy is pivotal to accelerating our green and sustainable growth agenda. I am pleased to share Malaysia's experience in transforming solid waste management towards a circular economy. Malaysia, like many nations worldwide, faces an **increasing volume of solid waste approximately 39,000 tonnes daily**. This pressing issue compels us to **rethink our current approaches** and implement transformative strategies that **align with the principles of a circular economy**.
 5. Shifting from a **linear economy** to a **circular economy** presents a significant challenge. However, the **Government of Malaysia** has demonstrated strong commitment to advance our efforts through the **Twelfth Malaysia Plan (2021–2025)**, with a dedicated chapter on sustainability, emphasizing the importance of adoption of **circular economy principles**, to balance **socioeconomic development** with **environmental sustainability**. The aspiration to implement circular economy agenda will enable Malaysia to achieve net zero carbon emission as early as 2050.
 6. Under the **Twelfth Malaysia Plan**, the Circular Economy Framework is aimed at integrating **circular economic principles across various sectors**, including **manufacturing, agri-commodity, and waste management**, and is ~~seen as~~ a critical step in ensuring long-term sustainability goals in Malaysia.
 7. Focusing towards sustainable waste management practices, Government of Malaysia recently launched **the Circular Economy Blueprint for Solid Waste in Malaysia (2025-2035)**. The Blueprint is a visionary policy document to **drive transformational change with clear and achievable circular economy goals** within 11 years period. It is padded by **a strategic framework to mainstream the shift towards circular economy**, maximize resource efficiency and minimize waste generation by 2050. Simultaneously, it is geared to promote economic growth, social well-being and environmental sustainability, in line with the national Paris Agreement greenhouse gas target.

8. The strategic framework includes **5 Strategic Pillars, 20 Initiatives, and 61 Action Plans** which encompass essential areas such as **governance, data systems, and the development of integrated waste management facilities**. To further amalgamate all efforts in a structured approach, Malaysia has also established the **National Circular Economy Council (NCEC)**, a national platform uniting government agencies, private sectors, academia, and associations to **deliberate issues, re-strategize policies as well as monitor the implementation** of circular economy initiatives set forth in the Blueprint.
9. Moving forward, **Malaysia** has also outlined strategies in the **Thirteenth Malaysia Plan (2026–2030)** to ensure **continuity** from the previous plan, and **further propel improvisation of solid waste management and sustainable circular economy**. This includes:
- a) **Exploring the development of a new Act** to establish a comprehensive legal framework for **circular economy implementation nationwide**.
 - b) Drafting the **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Policy Framework** for solid waste, whereby stakeholder engagements are still on-going to ensure successful adoption and implementation.
 - c) **Empowering separation at source (SAS) and 3R implementation** through existing industry-driven Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) programmes and **extending business based on the 9R Principles of the Circular Economy**:
 - i. **Refuse;**
 - ii. **Rethink;**
 - iii. **Reduce;**
 - iv. **Reuse;**
 - v. **Repair;**
 - vi. **Refurbish;**
 - vii. **Remanufacture;**
 - viii. **Repurpose; and**
 - ix. **Recycle.**

d) Enhancing waste treatment facilities and landfill management through development of integrated waste management facilities (IWMF) and sustainable recreation park (*Lestari Park*).

10. Malaysia's journey towards a **sustainable circular economy** is still evolving. While challenges remain, we are steadfast to ensure our efforts come to fruition with **collective commitment, strategic planning, and strong stakeholder collaboration**. Given the **right time, policies, and innovations**, we are optimistic that our vision for a **more sustainable and resource-efficient future** will become a reality.
11. Taking advantage of this prominent High-Level 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum, Malaysia **urges every nation to continue our strong international partnership and collaboration** towards **meaningful and tangible results** that can benefit our **people**, our **nation** and our **mother earth**.
12. Wishing everyone a fruitful session ahead and thank you.