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## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **GDIMY LETTER TO DECLARE CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

We, the Gabungan Darurat Iklim Malaysia (GDIMY), demand the Government of Malaysia at the federal, state and local levels to declare a Climate Emergency in Malaysia no later than 16 September 2022 (Malaysia Day).

GDIMY states 12 calls of the **Declare Climate Emergency Letter**. They are as follows, with detailed recommendations given for each in the full letter:

1. Declare a Climate Emergency at local, state and federal government levels in Malaysia no later than 16 September 2022.
2. Ensure that the Climate Emergency Declaration's Framework for Action is Principle-based, Putting Planet and People First.
3. Institute integrated, participatory, equitable, and rights-based governance mechanisms and processes for the Climate Emergency.
4. Uphold the People's Right to Information regarding the Climate Crisis.
5. Devote all the resources necessary for the full implementation of a holistic, equitable and robust National Adaptation Plan for Malaysia, which takes into account human rights and up-to-date scientific future scenario projections.
6. Make Community Resilience a permanent priority in all mitigation and adaptation plans, recognizing that resilience to climate impacts will not be possible without empowering and enabling communities.
7. Prioritise Malaysia's food sovereignty by ensuring complete food security for Malaysia to prepare for current and future climate impacts by redirecting policy towards agroecology and away from industrial agriculture.
8. Prioritise Malaysia's water sovereignty by ensuring complete water security and resilience for Malaysia, given that the incidence of droughts and heatwaves is predicted to increase significantly in Southeast Asia.
9. Recognise that the Climate Emergency is a Health Emergency and commit to low-carbon, resilient, sustainable and equitable health systems for Malaysia



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- through healthy climate policies and health care leadership.
10. Commit to protecting Malaysia's unique biodiversity by declaring 55% or more of its land area as terrestrial forest reserves, and 30% of terrestrial forests gazetted as Totally Protected Areas, and 30% of marine waters as Marine Parks, while upholding Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' rights to own and manage the protected areas according to their Indigenous, traditional, sustainable customs and practices.
  11. Initiate a rapid decarbonisation trajectory for Malaysia with the phase-out of fossil fuel and adoption of 100% renewable energy for electricity generation for the whole of Malaysia by 2035 and ensure energy resilience and energy justice.
  12. Immediately put in place a regenerative, Circular Economy System aimed toward 'Zero Waste', which includes the complete phase-out of single-use non-biodegradable products and packaging by 2024 and a toxic-free, low carbon, resilient, sustainable and equitable waste management system for all types of waste.

**We seek to have dialogues and collaborate with relevant government agencies and bodies and other stakeholders such as academia, think tanks, parliamentarians and ADUN-ADUN in Malaysia to URGENTLY deliberate on equitable solutions facing the climate crisis.**

Gabungan Darurat Iklim Malaysia (Climate Emergency Coalition of Malaysia) is a coalition of Malaysian civil society organisations and individuals formed in April 2021 to address Malaysia's response to the global climate emergency through urgent and concerted action.

We demand for the Malaysian government and all sectors to declare a climate emergency to keep global warming to well below 2°C with proactive actions to contain it within 1.5°C. Accordingly, actions must incorporate equitable climate solutions and resilience into all sectors and development plans, with a key focus on vulnerable sectors at most risk of harm.

With GE15 around the corner, we demand a **strong political will** to tackle the climate emergency urgently. We must urgently shape **legally binding actions** to adapt and



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mitigate the climate crisis as devastating floods and extreme weather patterns intensify in Malaysia. To do any less would be an unforgivable injustice to current and future generations living in Malaysia.

To read and endorse GDIMY's Declare Climate Emergency Letter, please scan the following QR code:



Please get in touch with **Nur Sakeenah Omar** ([keenah@gdimy.org](mailto:keenah@gdimy.org)) for more information.

Thank you.

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**Panelist:**

1. **Puan Sri Sabrina**, former president Pertubuhan Pelindung Khazanah Alam Malaysia (PEKA).
2. **Tuan Adrian Lasimbang**, former YB and community activist to empower communities in Sabah, Borneo in various issues important for the people, including energy poverty, and renewable energy like micro-dams. Adrian is one of the external reviewers for this letter.
3. **Saudari Shereen Abigael**, a Temuan activist from Selangor with a legal background. She fights for Indigenous Youth issues, and founded the Projek Mahasiswa Orang Asli.