

Statement from the Malaysian CSOs

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This is a collaborative statement of CSO representatives in Malaysia.

First, we urge the Malaysian government to address:

1. Experiences of vulnerable communities such as indigenous peoples, PWDs, refugees, LGBTQ, stateless and descent communities remain inadequately captured. How will the government institutionalise inclusive disaggregated data collection mechanisms for policymaking?
2. Relating to the Pact for the Future annexes, how will Malaysia address systemic inclusion of youth and challenges of digitalisation into SDG implementation?
3. From Sabah and Sarawak,
 - a. What measures has Malaysia implemented to restore MA63 safeguards, revenue-sharing and parliamentary representation to reduce disparity for Sabah and Sarawak?
 - b. What mechanisms will address statelessness, ensuring communities' access to education and healthcare?

Second, on Malaysia's 3rd VNR, we commend increased inclusivity efforts via consolidation workshops across Malaysia along with third sector consultations.

On **People**, measures addressing security must be strengthened, particularly on poverty, food insecurity, and protections for women and young people. Structural gender inequality, especially in SRHR and economic participation, drives systemic exclusion undermining SDG progress.

On **Prosperity**, social assistance must be improved. The circumstances of one's birth shouldn't result in systemic barriers such as deprivation of public resources and labour discrimination. Sabah also experiences demographic engineering and resource centralisation which deepens inequalities faced.

On **Planet**, SDG13 remains the most off-track. Against prevailing narratives of investments and tech-based solutions, we call on Malaysia to ensure a just transition and protection of communities via adaptation and rights-based approaches.

Lastly, on Peace and Partnership, more must be done to ensure corruption, transparency and overreliance on FDIs are addressed.

As Malaysia approaches the end of Agenda 2030, the government must have political will to implement inclusive systemic changes.

Thank you.