



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM'S NATIONAL STATEMENT



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Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem.
Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Mr. President,

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Appreciation and National Circumstances

- I wish to express my sincere appreciation to His Excellency Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan; His Excellency Mukhtar Babayev, President of COP29; the government and people of the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting this conference.
- Brunei Darussalam, with a population of nearly half a million, blessed with a vast coastline and pristine rainforests covering over 50% of our total land area, relies heavily on natural resources for economic and industrial growth. These industries are crucial to our nation's development and the welfare of our people.
- We are committed to a just and equitable transition to a low-carbon economy, balancing economic needs with our role as environmental stewards. Our pathway to achieving Net Zero includes equitable energy transition and forest preservation, aiming to increase national forest reserves from 41% to 55% of total land area, essential for climate mitigation and biodiversity.

Ambitions and Achievements

- As a small yet ambitious nation, we aim to power 20% of our energy needs with renewables by 2025, primarily through solar PV. The government has allocated \$50 million for green buildings to retrofit existing infrastructure and support new projects.
- Our national housing projects, Kampung Lugu and Kampong Lambak Kanan, have achieved Green Mark certification, reflecting our dedication to sustainability, energy efficiency, and the use of sustainable materials.
- Government Linked Companies (GLCs) like Pantai Jerudong Specialist Centre (PJSC) have also embraced sustainability, recently receiving a Platinum-rated Green Mark certification - the first in Brunei - demonstrating commitment towards efficient energy management and the mitigation of climate impacts.
- Private sector initiatives are equally noteworthy. Jerudong International School (JIS), in a collaborative effort supported by Berakas Power Company and Serikandi Group of Companies, has integrated a solar energy system expected to produce 600,000 kWh annually, aiming to inspire others to prioritize renewable energy. Darussalam Assets (DA), with support from the Brunei Climate Change Office (BCCO), has introduced its own Sustainability Guidelines, inspired by BCCO's

Protokol Hijau to reduce carbon footprints and set a corporate responsibility benchmark for itself and its group of companies.

- Through investments in forest preservation, energy transition and sustainable infrastructure, Brunei is laying the groundwork for a low carbon and climate-resilient future.

Supporting COP29 Presidency Themes/Ambitions

- Brunei is fully committed to aligning our climate action with COP29's pillars – “Enhance Ambition” and “Enable Action” – as reflected in our BTR submission. Our NDC 3.0 will adhere to the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC), recognising that nations with greater historical emissions must lead global mitigation efforts.
- As a developing nation, Brunei focuses on sustainable development and adaptation alongside mitigation, ensuring that our climate goals harmonise with economic and social growth. Our updated NDC will reaffirm our unique national circumstances and support our long-term development goals under Wawasan 2035, which aims to build a dynamic and sustainable economy.
- This includes a comprehensive review of our National Climate Change Policy, crucial for aligning strategies with the evolving global climate landscape and achieving our updated NDC targets.
- In 2023, Brunei developed the first draft of our National Adaptation Plan (NAP) through a Whole-of-Nation approach, addressing critical hazards like forest fires and flooding. Currently, Brunei Darussalam is enhancing its NAP by adopting a sectoral approach in its next iteration. This sectoral approach will be nationally-driven and will also align with the Global Goal on Adaptation. We aim to submit our NAP to the UNFCCC by the end of 2025 and operationalize it by 2030.
- Ambition requires action. Effective implementation of our targets - such as ambitious NDCs and Net Zero – must be supported by means of implementation such as Finance, Technology Transfer, and Capacity Building. It is imperative that all countries contribute to these efforts, with developed nations leading the way.
- COP29 will address fundamental issues, with the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) at the core of negotiations. The NCQG represents a vital opportunity to mobilize financial resources fairly, ensuring access for those most affected by climate change. We urge developed nations to fulfil their commitments and mobilize additional climate finance for developing countries, as outlined in Article 9 of the Paris Agreement.
- Furthermore, we strongly believe that the NCQG must reflect CBDR-RC principles, aligning responsibilities and contributions with historical emissions. As such, the quantum and timeframe of the NCQG should address the needs and priorities of

developing countries, and its financial mechanism must not exacerbate further financial distress on them.

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- Climate change is a global crisis and requires global solutions. Brunei Darussalam remains committed to the Paris Agreement and will continue to play our part in achieving its goals through collaborative global and regional partnerships. We strive to balance these commitments with our unique national circumstances, our economic growth and our right to develop as we ensure a just and equitable transition.
- We would like to thank the government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for its strong and visionary leadership and look forward to the inclusive outcomes of COP29.

Thank you.
