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THE LAUNCH OF MITI'S INAUGURAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) launched its inaugural Sustainability Report on 1 October, during the 2024 MITI Day, making it the first ministry in Malaysia to produce such a report. The report was produced in reference with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and aligned with the Global Goals. The report underscores MITI's commitment to sustainability and highlights key initiatives under the following material topics:

Economic Growth, GHG Emissions, Energy, Water, Waste, Employee's Wellbeing, Career Development, Diversity, Safety and Health, Community, Procurement, Anti-Corruption, and Cyber Security and Data Privacy.

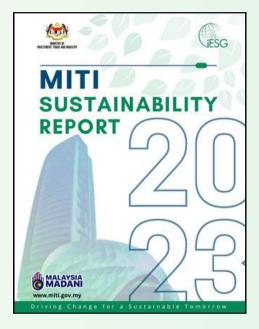
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Notable ESG achievements by MITI includes:

- Empowering Women in Leadership: 69% of top management positions (JUSA and above) are held by women.
- Sustainable Infrastructure Recognition: MITI's headquarter received the prestigious Green Building Index (GBI) Gold Rating.
- Carbon Emissions: MITI's carbon emissions per capita stood at 7,703 kgCO2e, below the national average of 8,600 kgCO2e.





The MITI Sustainability Report 2023, uniquely developed entirely in-house and validated by third-party assurance for credibility and reliability, is a testament to the robust cross-division collaboration within the Ministry. This achievement also underscores MITI's dedication to setting new benchmarks in sustainability and advancing ESG progress across Malaysia's public and private sectors.

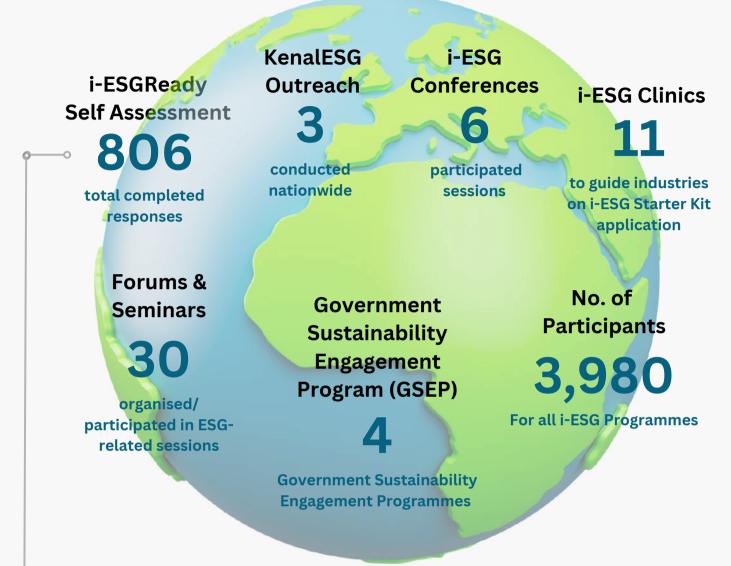
The full report can be accessed HERE.

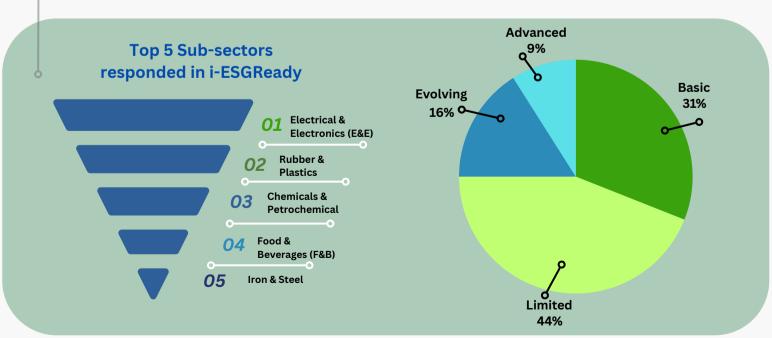


During the MITI Day 2024, Mr. Muhammad Zaimuddin Othman from the i-ESG Division, MITI delivered an insightful session on the National i-ESG Framework to an audience of 60 attendees, showcasing MITI's efforts in promoting sustainability and driving the decarbonisation agenda.

His presentation provided some insights following the launch of MITI's Sustainability Report 2023, serving as a prelude that highlighted the Ministry's proactive leadership in driving the sustainability agenda.

i-ESG FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION OVERVIEW (JANUARY - DECEMBER 2024)





21ST WORKSHOP ON GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES IN ASIA (WGIA21) 10-12 JULY 2024



The WGIA workshop, co-organised by Japan's Ministry of the Environment and the National Institute for Environmental Studies, has been held annually since 2003 to support Asian countries (including Malaysia) in improving the quality of their GHG inventories. The workshop strengthens the capacity for inventory preparation by facilitating the exchange of information and regional experiences, while fostering a network of GHG inventory experts.

A total of 132 participants, including government and research representatives from 15 member countries, attended this year's WGIA workshop in Putrajaya, hosted by the Ministry of. Among the attendees from the i-ESG Division of MITI were Dr. M. Jessica and Mr. Muhammad Zaimuddin Othman

Under the Paris Agreement, countries must submit their GHG inventory reports every two years, with the first report due by December 31, 2024. Further detail here.



NCIA X CIMB SME COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME 5 AUGUST 2024

CIMB, in collaboration with the Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA), held the "SME Business Outlook for Manufacturing" at Amari Spice Hotel in Bayan Lepas, Pulau Pinang. This event provides insights to SMEs in the manufacturing sector, particularly from the Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER).

The event brought together over 100 participants to discuss post-pandemic challenges and opportunities, with a focus on leveraging technology and sustainable practices to drive growth. Mr. Muhamad Adam Anuar from the i-ESG Division of MITI shared valuable insights on National i-ESG Framework and its benefits for manufacturing SMEs.



FMM SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE 2024: EXPLORING DECARBONISATION STRATEGIES & ESG DISCLOSURES, 3-4 SEPTEMBER 2024





The FMM Sustainability Conference 2024 was held from 3 to 4 September 2024 to explore decarbonisation strategies and enhancing ESG disclosures. The event brought together industry leaders, government representatives, and experts to discuss practical approaches and innovative solutions for transitioning towards sustainable manufacturing practices.

Key sessions included presentations on government green procurement, circular economy blueprints, e-waste management, as well as the National i-ESG Framework by Dr. M. Jessica, Senior Director of i-ESG Division. The conference also featured discussions on best practices as examples to other manufacturers. The conference highlighteded the importance of ESG disclosures, followed by i-ESG Start Kit session for SMEs and updates on sustainability-related policies. The event served as a platform for networking and knowledge sharing, helping participants to stay informed about the latest trends and initiatives in sustainability.



MATRADE EXPORT DAY 2024 (SELANGOR) 4 & 5 SEPTEMBER 2024



Ms. Nur Adani Mohd Hasran from the i-ESG Division delivered an insightful talk on the National i-ESG Framework during Selangor Export Day 2024. The event was officiated by YB Mohd Najwan bin Halimi, Selangor State Executive Councillor for Youth, Sports, and Entrepreneurship, and saw the participation of strategic partners such as Alibaba.com, Capital Markets Malaysia, Affin Bank, Hong Leong Bank, and FedEx.

Selangor Export Day not only highlighted opportunities for SMEs but also underscored the importance of collaboration in driving economic growth and expanding access to global markets. With over 200 participants in attendance, the event demonstrated MITI's support and MATRADE's unwavering commitment to empowering SMEs to succeed internationally.

A CONVERSATION ON BHR-ESG, SUSTAINABILITY AND DUE DILIGENCE COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING IN MALAYSIA & i-ESG CLINIC, 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

MITI collaborated with AmerBON, Advocates and the Collective Applied Law dan Legal Realism (CALR) to conduct an outreach session with the manufacturing sector on 9 September 2024 at Ibis Melaka Hotel.





This programme began with a panel session that explored the importance of ESG reporting, GHG emissions, reduction and the adoption of ESG best practices in the manufacturing sector. It also introduced the National Baseline Assessment on Business and Human Rights, featuring panellists from FMM, CALR, ESGRight, and UTM.

The outreach programme included two clinic sessions focused on human rights due diligence, i-ESGReady (self-readiness assessment), i-ESGStart (starter kit), and GHG accounting. A total of 72 participants from various industries across Melaka, Johor, and Negeri Sembilan attended the session.

The programme successfully raised awareness and provided practical guidance on sustainability reporting, ESG practices, and integrating human rights into due diligence processes for manufacturing companies.



ENGINEER & MARVEX 2024 EXHIBITION 18 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2024

The ENGINEER & MARVEX 2024 event, held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, served as a platform for fostering regional collaborations in the engineering and Air-Conditioning, Mechanical Ventilation, and Refrigeration (ACMV & R) industries.

Mr. Muhamad Adam Anuar from the i-ESG Division, MITI participated as a panellist during the ESG Curated Talk, where he shared valuable insights on the implementation of the National i-ESG Framework.



i-ESGMENTOR & i-ESG CLINIC

A CONVERSATION ON BHR-ESG, SUSTAINABILITY AND DUE DILIGENCE COMPLIANCE AND REPORTING IN MALAYSIA & i-ESGSTART CLINIC, 10 OCTOBER 2024

MITI collaborated with AmerBON, Advocates, and the Collective Applied Law and Legal Realism (CALR) to conduct an outreach session for the manufacturing sector at Hyatt Centric Kota Kinabalu on 10 October 2024. The event began with a panel discussion highlighting the significance of ESG reporting and practices within the manufacturing sector, featuring insights from panellists from ESGRight, MATRADE, Companies Commission of Malaysia and SAMENTA.

The outreach programme included two clinic sessions that focused on human rights due diligence and the i-ESG Framework, which comprises i-ESGReady and i-ESGStart. A total of 57 participants from various industries in Sabah attended the programme. The programme successfully raised awareness and provided practical guidance on sustainability reporting, ESG practices, and integrating human rights into due diligence processes for manufacturing companies.







KURSUS PENGENALAN KEPADA RANGKA KERJA i-ESG 29 OCTOBER 2024



Ms. Shireen Jasmin Ali, Director of the i-ESG Division, MITI, was invited as a guest speaker for the *Kursus Pengenalan Kepada Rangka Kerja i-ESG* held on 29 October 2024. Hosted by the INTAN Main Campus in Bukit Kiara, the session was conducted online via Zoom and aimed to provide government officials with foundational knowledge of ESG principles.

During her presentation, Ms. Shireen delivered an insightful overview of ESG, explaining its core principles and relevance in today's global and national policy landscape. She also emphasised how ESG considerations play a crucial role in driving sustainable development, enhancing governance, and addressing environmental and social challenges. The session attracted 83 participants from various government agencies, ranging from policy makers to administrative officers.

i-ESGMENTOR & i-ESG CLINIC

ESGMENTOR: JOINT CHAMBERS ESG AWARENESS PROGRAMME WITH MITI 10 OCTOBER 2024







In collaboration with the Malaysian-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Malaysia) and the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Malaysia (CCIFM), MITI hosted the i-ESG awareness and knowledge-sharing workshop 10 October 2024 in Menara MITI. A key highlight of the event was the presentation of the i-ESG Framework by Ms. Nur Adani Mohd Hasran from the i-ESG Division, MITI. Notable industry specialists also shared their respective companies standardised adoption of ESG reporting in their journey towards Net Zero mission.

MATRADE EXPORT DAY 2024 (KUALA LUMPUR) 6 NOVEMBER 2024





At the recently concluded Export Day 2024, organised by MATRADE on 6 November 2024, MITI i-ESG Officer Mr. Muhamad Adam Anuar took the stage as a featured speaker, sharing valuable insights on the integration of ESG principles into Malaysia's export strategies. His session resonated strongly with participants, emphasising practical approaches and best practices to embed ESG into export operations, thereby aligning with global market expectations and fostering sustainable economic growth.

BENGKEL ANALISIS PENCAPAIAN RANGKA KERJA I-ESG FASA 1 DAN PERSEDIAAN AWAL RANGKA KERJA I-ESG FASA 2 8 - 10 NOVEMBER 2024









Officers and staff from the i-ESG Division attended a three-day workshop from 8 to 10 November 2024 at the Ibis Hotel, Melaka. Led by Dr. Jessica, Senior Director of the i-ESG Division, the workshop provided a platform to review the division's achievements in 2024. Participants engaged in discussions on stakeholders' feedback, implementation experiences, and the identification of priority areas, while addressing gaps and challenges encountered during the execution of planned ESG initatives.

Looking ahead, the team is reinvigorated for its 2025 activities, with refined priorities and targeted outcomes to ensure the National i-ESG Framework's continued impact and relevance.



CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY ENVIRONMENT ASIA 2024 13 NOVEMBER 2024

Dr. Wong Wai Khuen of i-ESG Division at MITI participated in the Sustainability Environment Asia 2024 conference, organised by The Malaysian Water Association (MWA) and Derrisen Sdn Bhd, held on 13 November 2024 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The conference, attended by 130 delegates from Malaysia and the region, focused on advancing sustainable environmental practices in the water industry, addressing challenges such as ESG adoption, net-zero emissions, climate change, and regulatory gaps. Dr. Wong's involvement contributed to the dialogue on best practices for fostering sustainability reporting within the water sector.



29TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC COP 29)
11 - 22 NOVEMBER 2024, BAKU, AZERBAIJAN







Ms. Nur Adani Mohd Hasran, MITI's i-ESG Division Officer, represented the Ministry at the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP29) held in Baku, Azerbaijan. Malaysia's delegation, led by YB Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), comprised approximately 250 representatives, including government officials, private sector representatives, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

MITI'S ROLE AT COP29

MITI's participation in COP29 was made possible through sponsorship under the ASEAN-EU German Climate Action Program (CAP) by *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ). During the conference, MITI actively participated in discussions on Matters Relating to the Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of Response Measures and engaged in activities at the Malaysia and ASEAN Pavilions.

KEY OUTCOMES OF THE FORUM ON RESPONSE MEASURES

The Forum on the Impacts of the Implementation of Response Measures (COP29/SBSTA 61/SBI 61) took place from 11 to 22 November 2024, and key elements of the adopted text included:

- Work Plan Adoption (2026–2030): The forum and its Katowice Committee on Impacts adopted a comprehensive work plan.
- Activity 6 of the Work Plan: Emphasises analysing, assessing, and reporting the impact of climate measures, including cross-border impacts, in line with Article 3.5 of the Convention.

SIGNIFICANCE OF CROSS-BORDER IMPACTS

- A significant milestone at COP29 was the inclusion of "cross-border impacts" in the work plan under the Response Measures forum. This highlights a formal space for discussions on trade-related climate measures, such as the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), within UN climate talks.
- This marks the first time such trade issues have been incorporated into the adopted Response Measures
 work plan under the UNFCCC, signifying a progressive step in addressing the global implications of climate
 measures.

WEBINAR ON DRIVING EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS: A SUSTAINABILITY PERSPECTIVE FROM MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE 29 NOVEMBER 2024

MATRADE and EnterpriseSG co-hosted a webinar on 29 November 2024 to explore green economy opportunities for Malaysian and Singaporean companies. Dr. Wong Wai Khuen, shared valuable insights on the i-ESG framework, addressing the evolving global ESG landscape and the growing demand for robust ESG credentials among exporters in the region. This webinar, built on the outcomes of the Annual Ministerial Dialogue between MITI Malaysia and MTI Singapore in June 2024, further reinforcing bilateral collaboration on sustainability initiatives between the two nations.





POST-MORTEM WORKSHOP SESSION ON SUSTAINABILITY SHARED PROSPERITY ORGANISATION ASSESSMENT (SSPOA) 10 DECEMBER 2024



Dr. Wong Wai Khuen served as a guest speaker at the post-mortem workshop for the Sustainability Shared Prosperity Organisation Assessment (SSPOA), hosted by the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) on 10 December 2024 at Mövenpick Hotel and Convention Centre KLIA. During his session, Dr. Wong shared valuable insights into the i-ESG framework and best practices, emphasising the growing importance of integrating ESG principles to enhance organisational resilience while aligning with the SSPOA's core focus areas: People, Product, Process, Prosperity, and Planet.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY FORUM 2024 10 DECEMBER 2024

Ms. Shireen Jasmin Ali, Director of iESG Divison MITI, participated as a panellist and had the opportunity to share insights on the i-ESG Framework at the Human Rights Day Forum 2024. The forum, co-organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal Affairs Division in the Prime Minister's Department, the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), and the United Nations in Malaysia, was held under the theme "Empowering Our Rights, Securing Our Future: Business Responsibility for People and Nation."



UNDERSTANDING ANTI-CORRUPTION PRACTICES

Corruption is defined as "abuse of entrusted power for private gain." Source: Transparency International

- This encompasses various forms of corrupt practices, including bribery, facilitation payments, fraud, extortion, collusion, and money laundering.
- Includes the offering or receiving of any gift, loan, fee, reward, or other advantage to or from any person as an inducement to engage in dishonest, illegal, or unethical conduct, constituting a breach of trust in the conduct of an organisation's business.



ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICIES

- Prevent, detect, and combat corruption.
- Promote transparency, integrity, accountability.
- Should report confirmed incidents of corruption and actions taken (termination or disciplinary measures).

WHY ANTI-CORRUPTION TRAINING MATTERS

- Builds awareness of corruption risks and rules.
- Strengthens transparency and integrity at all levels.
- Empowers whistleblowers to report misconduct safely.





WHISTLEBLOWING MECHANISMS

- Encourage employees and stakeholders to report unethical, illegal, or fraudulent activities.
- Provide a safe and confidential channel for raising concerns about misconduct without fear of retaliation.

KEY LAWS, REGULATION & GUIDELINES

- Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and its 2018 (amendment)
- Companies Act 2016
- Whistle-blower Protection Act 2010
- Code of Business Ethics (COBE)

