



19TH ISB BORNEO GLOBAL ISSUES CONFERENCE 2023

10 - 13 MARCH

VENUE:
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Saturday, 11th March 2023
19th ISB Borneo Global Issues Conference
Opening Ceremony at International Convention Centre, Brunei Darussalam

Time	Events
7.30am - 8.00am	Arrival of Invited Guests and Delegates
8.30am	<p>Arrival of Guest of Honour: Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Bin Haji Mohamad Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports</p> <p>Opening Address: Dr Stephen Kendall-Jones, ISB Executive Principal Students' Address: ISB BGIC Secretaries General</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Hajah Siti Haziah binti Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin <i>Dr Hjh Siti Haziah worked with Ministry of Health for 9 years before joining Brunei Shell Petroleum (BSP) Company as Chief Medical Officer, HSE and Crisis Management Manager, and as Learning and Development Manager. She then led Panaga Health Center, which became the first local health institution to achieve accreditation for quality health care in Brunei Darussalam. Since 1st September 2021, she has been seconded to take up the role as Head of MPEC Secretariat under the Prime Minister's Office.</i> • Yang Mulia Awang Haji Mohamad Azmi bin Haji Mohd Hanifah <i>In 2013, Hj Azmi was seconded as the Head of Energy Services Business Development at the Energy Department, Prime Minister Office (EDPMO) prior to his appointment as the Deputy Permanent Secretary (Energy & Industry) then as the Permanent Secretary (Industry) and Permanent Secretary (Energy & Industry) at Ministry of Energy and Industry. He was appointed as BSP Commercial Director in 2020 and he has also been serving as Deputy Managing Director since 2021.</i> <p>Opening Ceremony of 19th ISB BGIC 2023 Presentation of Certificates to School Representatives Presentation of Mementos to Speakers, Sponsors & Supporters</p>
9.45am	<p>Departure of Guest of Honour: Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi Bin Haji Mohamad Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*All must remain seated until Guest of Honour departs Main Conference Hall* *Please wait for the official announcement</p>

EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	PROGRAMME	VENUE
Friday 10th March 2023	10.00am - 11.00am	Press Conference with Keynote Speakers	ISB PD Training Room
	2.00pm - 2.15pm	Arrival of Delegates	
	2.15pm - 2.30pm	General Welcome	Theatre
	2.30pm - 4.00pm	Lobbying - Action Plans	B2-1 to B2-8
	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Vetting of Action Plan by Panel of Teacher Advisor	Staff Lounge
	5.30pm - 6.30pm	Vetting time for Chairs: Rank Action Plans in order of quality	Staff Lounge
	6.30pm - 7.00pm	Dinner	School Dining Hall
Saturday 11th March 2023	6.45am - 7.30am	Arrivals	ICC
	8.00am - 9.30am	Opening Ceremony : Welcome Speech, Keynote Speakers, Presentation of Momentos	Main Conference Hall
	9.30am - 10.00am	Refreshment Break	Dewan Delima
	10.00am - 10.30am	Photo Session	ICC Main Entrance
	10.30am - 12.30pm	Committees - Begin Session	8 Committee Rooms
	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	Dewan Delima
	1.30pm - 3.30pm	Committee - Resume Session <i>8 Committee Rooms - Sepakat 1 to 3, Musyawarah, Muzakarah, Sejati 3 & 4 and Press Conference Hall</i>	8 Committee Rooms
Sunday 12th March 2023	7.00am - 8.00am	Arrivals	ICC
	8.00am - 9.00am	Presentation, Q&A Session	Main Conference Hall
	9.00am - 9.30am	Refreshment Break	Dewan Delima
	9.30am - 11.30am	Forum 1 & 2 All Committee in Session, Debate Action Plans	8 Committee Rooms
	11.30am - 12.30pm	Lunch	Dewan Delima
	12.30pm - 2.00pm	Forum 1 & 2 All Committee in Session, Debate Action Plans	8 Committee Rooms
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Monday 13th March 2023	7.00am - 8.00am	Arrivals	ICC
	8.00am - 9.00am	General Assembly Debate	Sepakat 1-3(F1), Musyawarah(F2)
	9.00am - 9.15am	Refreshment Break	Dewan Delima
	9.15am - 12.00pm	General Assembly Debate	Sepakat 1-3(F1), Musyawarah(F2)
	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Lunch	Dewan Delima
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	General Assembly - Debate Resumes and Concludes	Sepakat 1-3(F1), Musyawarah(F2)
	3.00pm - 4.30pm	Closing Ceremony & Hi-Tea	Main Conference Hall

23 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

HOST SCHOOL

International School Brunei

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM SCHOOLS

Chung Hwa Middle School, BSB

Chung Ching Middle School, KB

Chung Hua Middle School, KB

Jerudong International School

Maktab Sains Paduka Seri Begawan Sultan

Pusat Tingkatan Enam Meragang

Maktab Duli Pengiran Muda Al-Muhtadee Billah

Sekolah Sukan

Sekolah Menengah Perdana Wazir

Pusat Tingkatan Enam Belait

Sekolah Tinggi Perempuan Raja Isteri

Sekolah Menengah Sayyidina Hasan, Kilanas

Sekolah Menengah Berakas

St. Andrew's School

Seri Mulia Sarjana School

Sekolah Menengah Lambak Kiri

Sekolah Menengah Masin

Sekolah Menengah Pengiran Jaya Negara Pengiran Haji Abu Bakar, Mumong

Yayasan Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkia Secondary School

OVERSEAS SCHOOLS

Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Pinggan – Pinggan Pitas, Sabah, Malaysia

Sekolah Menengah Jenis Kebangsaan Lok Yuk Kudat, Sabah, Malaysia

Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kota Marudu, Sabah, Malaysia

FOREWORD



**YANG BERHORMAT DATIN SERI SETIA DR HAJAH ROMAIZAH
BINTI HAJI MD SALLEH**
Minister of Education
Ministry of Education

Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem
Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

I wish to congratulate all the local and overseas schools participating in this year's 19th International School Brunei (ISB) Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC) hosted here in Brunei Darussalam.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) is pleased to oversee and ensure that quality education is achieved through consistent work, cooperation, and collaboration among schools. This student-led conference provides ample opportunities for positive and active learning experiences and the development of key skills in academic research and critical thinking.

The theme of this year's BGIC, **"Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth"** is highly relevant and significant for all our impressionable young leaders of tomorrow. The serious issues of world inflation, global job lay-offs, and the future of education, employability, and decent work demand fiery debate and discussions among our youths. It is crucial that they consider the complexities and interconnectedness of countries and governments, as they are reaching the end of their structured long school careers to face unpredictable, exciting new chapters in their lives.

We are always keen to support and promote active learning opportunities, both within and beyond the classroom, where students can put into practice the theories and academic knowledge that they have acquired from their teachers. Students from diverse backgrounds and school systems can indeed learn a lot from one another through collaborative learning, leading to the development of soft skills which foster collaboration, harmony, and internationalism. This will, in turn, help all students prepare for the academic and social challenges of tertiary education and soon, the workplace.

We are pleased to support ISB BGIC and all the participating schools from across Brunei Darussalam and from afar. We strongly encourage all delegates to diligently research their assigned countries and accurately represent their country's position in relation to the issues at hand, to critically consider other countries' perspectives, and consider carefully how best to compromise and cooperate. We expect the participants to develop their confidence and public speaking skills and enhance their understanding of significant and pressing global issues facing our world leaders and governments today.

I congratulate each of you and wish you a successful conference at the 19th ISB BGIC 2023.

WELCOME MESSAGE *from The Guest of Honour*



**YANG BERTHORMAT DATO SERI SETIA AWANG HAJI NAZMI
BIN HAJI MOHAMAD**
Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

**Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem
Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**

I would like to congratulate the International School Brunei (ISB) on its 19th Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC) held here at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Brunei Darussalam.

The Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS) is pleased to foster multi-sectoral collaboration and partnership in the development of our workforce and address the challenges faced by youths today. The theme of this year's conference, "*Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth*" focuses on the significance of building a resilient and innovative workforce for global prosperity. We believe in the importance of empowering and developing youth leadership, open mindsets, and resourcefulness, as countries and governments tackle universal issues such as rising worldwide inflation, unemployment, and slower global growth following the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are pleased to continue to give our full support to ISB BGIC as Conference Partner. In line with the National Youth Policy, we aim to empower youths to contribute to the economy, culture, and society. It is of utmost importance for all our initiatives to produce youths who demonstrate positive attitudes and personal qualities such as patriotism, confidence, and creativity.

We encourage all delegates to voice the stance of every nation represented at this model UN conference, to critically consider different perspectives, arrive at mutual understanding, and seek solidarity in producing peaceful resolutions. We believe this annual student-led conference fosters intercultural understanding, promotes community cooperation, increases networking and smart partnerships, and enhances integrated cooperation between the various contributors.

I wish all youth leaders and participants an exciting and rewarding conference experience.

WELCOME MESSAGE *from*



**YANG BERHORMAT DATO SERI PADUKA AWANG HAJI AHMAD
BIN PEHIN ORANG KAYA LAILA SETIA BAKTI DI-RAJA
DATO LAILA UTAMA HAJI AWANG ISA**

Chairman
ISB Board of Directors

Welcome to the 19th ISB Borneo Global Issue Conference 2023. On behalf of the International School Brunei, I would like to express ISB's deep gratitude and appreciation to our Guest of Honour, the Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports,

Yang Berhormat

Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi bin Haji Mohamad

This annual event involving over twenty schools across Brunei Darussalam would not be possible without the support of our Conference Partner, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS), Ministry of Education (MOE) and our main sponsors, Brunei Shell Petroleum (BSP) and Brunei LNG (BLNG), all of whom play a significant role in the Brunei economy. By providing their immense support towards our educational initiatives such as this student-led ISB Borneo Global Issues Conference, not only are we able to serve our community in line with Wawasan 2035, but empower and engage our youths as well and for that we are incredibly grateful.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 8: **“Decent Work and Economic Growth”** underpins the importance of building a resilient and innovative workforce for global prosperity. We face a myriad of threats in our current fragile world economy, amidst potential new waves of Covid-19 infections, rising inflationary pressures, labour shortages, economic losses and devastation from natural disasters worldwide, tightening monetary policy, food insecurity and increasing poverty.

These global issues require scrutiny and we have a duty to engage our youth in such important, meaningful deliberations where different ideas and solutions can be considered. We thank our keynote speakers for enriching the ISB BGIC experience and providing inspiration to the student participants through sharing their ideas and perspectives. We hope all students will actively contribute and make the most of this active learning opportunity beyond the classroom in an environment where they can challenge themselves to consider other perspectives and develop open mindedness whilst engaging in serious debate. In this manner, we hope that they can work towards achieving practical, positive outcomes together and bring these lessons with them in their future endeavors.

We wish everyone a successful conference.

WELCOME MESSAGE *from*



DR STEPHEN KENDALL-JONES
Executive Principal
International School Brunei

A warm welcome to everyone to the 19th ISB BGIC 2023.

On behalf of ISB, I would like to thank and welcome our Guest of Honour, Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Nazmi bin Haji Mohamad, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports. We are delighted and privileged to work closely with the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, in nurturing our young leaders of tomorrow.

The main aim of ISB BGIC is to bring together schools, corporations, and government sectors, and provide an opportunity for all parties to contribute to a meaningful and beneficial community event. I am pleased that this year's conference theme, "*Decent Work and Economic Growth*" from the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goal 8, highlights the importance of international mindedness for global post-pandemic recovery and economic growth.

We need to recognize that international cooperation and an integrated global approach is vital for all countries' joint progress and prosperity. Shared priorities, social dialogue, coordination and collaboration across borders have immeasurable benefits for countries and communities, as the world is undoubtedly intertwined, and any financial boom in one country will favorably affect other countries.

The ISB BGIC experience exemplifies the contributions and challenges of international cooperation towards developing global economic resilience and ultimately, global prosperity. We aim to reinforce this important message to our impressionable youths, who will soon be joining the global workforce. We hope all participants will put themselves forward in this dynamic student-led conference where they are given extensive opportunities to show courage, develop soft skills and come up with innovative ideas.

ISB BGIC would not be possible without the steadfast support and solidarity from our Conference Partner, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports (MCYS) and the Ministry of Education (MOE). We also thank Brunei Shell Petroleum (BSP) and Brunei LNG (BLNG) for their immense support and efforts towards building a resilient and innovative workforce.

I wish everyone a successful conference and an enjoyable learning experience.

The 19th ISB BGIC is supported by



AGNETE JOHNSSGAARD-LEWIS

Managing Director

Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd

Shell Country Chair in Brunei Darussalam

Congratulations to the International School Brunei on the 19th Borneo Global Issues Conference (BGIC). Over the years, BGIC has not only enabled our youths to develop public speaking and leadership skills, but to understand pertinent global issues such as this year's theme of *Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth*.

As the global economy continues to recover gradually, countries and governments face urgent challenges in the workforce such as unsafe work conditions, the availability of decent work amidst rising inflation, cost of living crisis, and the subsequent social issues that follow.

It is important now more than ever for government, private sectors, and corporations to collaborate and promote entrepreneurship, creativity, research, and innovation to ensure the development of sustainable and future-proof human resources.

For over 90 years, BSP has prioritised our greatest asset: Orang Kitani (Our People). This means investing in a highly skilled and future-proof workforce that is resilient to an increasingly changing world, as we continue to be committed in Sustainably Powering Brunei's realisation of Wawasan Brunei 2035.

Through Orang Kitani, BSP aims to continue providing Energy that the country needs safely and reliably. Consequently, progressing the nation's ambition towards achieving a high-quality of life, and a dynamic and sustainable economy.

With that, we are pleased to support BSP BGIC in providing a platform for dialogues and engagements, for our today's youths and tomorrow's leaders.

I wish all of you a successful and fruitful ISB BGIC 2023.

The 19th ISB BGIC is supported by



HAJAH FARIDA DATO SERI PADUKA HAJI TALIB

Managing Director and CEO
Brunei LNG Sdn Bhd

Brunei LNG and I are pleased to support the ISB Borneo Global Issues Conference for another year as part of our efforts to invest in the future of Brunei. The theme **“Sustainable Development Goal 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth”** is of particular importance in today’s world, especially as we continue to recover and rebuild from the impact of the global pandemic.

The world continues to grapple with various challenges, economically, politically, environmentally and socially. For us to contribute towards the future, work with these evolving challenges, it is imperative we fully grasp the Theme.

What does Goal 8 mean? Sustainable Development Goal 8 “Decent Work and Economic Growth” is to promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. Business leaders, organisations, and regulatory bodies need to protect everyone, especially vulnerable groups such as women, migrants, differently abled and youth workers who face barriers, hardships, risks, inequality, and discrimination. There is also an urgent need for embracing diversity and inclusion in the workplace, which will in turn, ensure a skilled workforce, greater economic growth, and equality.

In Brunei’s context, as the MD and CEO of Brunei LNG, we look at Upskilling and Reskilling our staff so that they are able to deliver for today and prepare for the skill changes required in the Energy Industry. We include our Business Partners as well to promote sustainable economic growth through EmployAbility – a Social Investment Flagship under the sponsorship of myself as Brunei LNG’s MD and CEO. It aims to increase Employment and increase the Ability, meaning Skills and Competence, through Capability Building of the local workforce.

EmployAbility WILL

- Build a sustainable local workforce to replace foreign workers executing our base load of ongoing fixed activities,
- Reduce the need for our business partners to compete within a limited pool when looking to meet their LBD requirements,
- Contribute to lowering national unemployment,
- Upskilling and reskilling of available jobseekers through training and coaching.

Here the local workforce refers to:

- Students who will join the workforce,
- Fresh school leavers or graduates looking for a job,
- Those who are already employed but want to be upskilled and reskilled.

This is how we are contributing as an organisation to Wawasan 2035 and to SDG 8. Everyone can help to make sure that we meet the Global Goals. Use the twelve targets to create action to ensure decent work and sustainable economic growth.

I am hopeful that you will start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

My best wishes to all participants for a successful conference.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**DR HAJAH SITI HAZIAH BINTI PEHIN ORANG KAYA SAIFUL MULOK
DATO SERI PADUKA HAJI ABIDIN**
Head of Manpower Planning and Employment Council (MPEC) Secretariat
MPEC Secretariat
Prime Minister's Office

Dr Hjh Siti Haziah is the fifth of 6 siblings. She is married with 5 children (ages 13-19) and loves to read and travel.

She graduated with a medical degree from the University of Nottingham, UK in 1995. Following that she gained postgraduate qualifications in Medical Education, Family Medicine and also in Occupational Medicine. She worked with Ministry of Health for 9 years before embarking on a varied career pathway in Brunei Shell Petroleum Company as Chief Medical Officer, HSSE and Crisis Management Manager, and as Learning and Development Manager. She is a strong believer of 'kind leadership' and her vast experience of more than 20 years saw her lead teams in both the public and private sectors of varying size with diverse background, driving them towards high performance and achieving turnaround results.

Some of Dr Hjh Siti Haziah's notable achievements include leading Panaga Health Center towards attaining successful accreditation for quality healthcare services and becoming the first local health institution to achieve accreditation for quality health care in Brunei Darussalam. She also played a key role in the development and implementation of BSP Visible Safety Leadership which had set the foundation for BSP safety improvement strategy. She was a lead core member for BSP's Crisis Management Team with expertise in crisis communication. As the Business Opportunity Manager for Capability, she drove change in capability management in BSP especially on competency development and assurance for HSE critical positions.

Since the 1st of September 2021, she has been seconded to take up the role as Head of MPEC Secretariat under the Prime Minister's Office. This role has provided her an opportunity to pursue her main passion which is developing people of various background to their best potential, empowering them to feel that they can and want to make a difference, and also in developing their leadership skills. Throughout her career, she has been very active in coaching and mentoring young talents and new team leads especially females.

It is Dr Hjh Siti Haziah's hope that this year's conference with the theme of 'Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8)', will further empower and inspire our young people to play driving roles in shaping the world and the future they live in. She believes that in today's ever-changing landscape, it is crucial to equip all young people with the necessary life skills and mindset from early on, so they are able to be nimble, adaptable, remain relevant and be future-ready. The voices of our young talents need to be heard and sought, and having a platform like the ISB BGIC enables meaningful participation and the voices of our outstanding young leaders to be heard as we build sustainable and resilient societies and shared future together.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**YANG MULIA AWANG HAJI MOHAMAD AZMI
BIN HAJI MOHD HANIFAH**

Deputy Managing Director / Commercial Director
Brunei Shell Petroleum Company Sdn Bhd

Hj Azmi's journey in Brunei Shell Petroleum started as a Brunei Shell scholarship student. He then graduated with a Degree in Chemical and Process Engineering from the University of Surrey, United Kingdom and in 1995 he pursued his career as a Graduate Process Engineer.

Hj Azmi has an impressive track record of over 25 years of service in Oil and Gas Sector – with more than 22 years with BSP, including a 4 years posting in Oman and 5-year secondment holding senior roles in Energy Department, Prime Minister Office (EDPMO), and the Ministry of Energy and Industry. He also spent almost 2 years with an Oil and Gas Contractor.

Prior to his International assignment in Oman, Hj Azmi has held several roles in engineering disciplines such as Process Engineer, Offshore Campaign Engineer, Front End Engineer and upon returning to Brunei - heads a number of Engineering Departments in BSP – the Corporate Front End Engineering, the West Asset Engineering, the Onshore Engineering & Construction and the Head of Engineering Design – delivering projects of significant value to the company.

In June 2013, Hj Azmi was seconded as the Head of Energy Services Business Development at the Energy Department, Prime Minister Office (EDPMO) prior to his appointment as the Deputy Permanent Secretary (Energy & Industry) then as the Permanent Secretary (Industry) and Permanent Secretary (Energy & Industry) at Ministry of Energy and Industry.

While in the government, he was also appointed to many other roles including as chair and board members to several GLC and Government Statutory bodies.

Upon his return to BSP, he resumed office as the BSP Commercial Director in 2020 and in 2021 he has been the Deputy Managing Director of BSP in addition to his commercial role. He is also the Board Members for TAP and SHENA.

MESSAGE *from the* ORGANISER



AILING WONG
ISB BGIC Organizer

A very warm welcome to all student participants of the 19th ISB BGIC 2023. On behalf of your teachers, schools, and families, I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your incredible commitment, contribution, and cooperation in our dynamic student-led conference. You have all made us very proud of your positive attitude, progress, and performance.

You have all demonstrated enthusiasm for learning and gaining more knowledge about the current and contentious issues which threaten and challenge our global community and our world leaders. You have also shown care, dedication, and open-mindedness through your respectful consideration of the vastly different, yet valid perspectives of diverse cultures, countries, and communities represented in the ISB BGIC committees and general assemblies.

Delegates, you have shown great courage in putting yourself outside your comfort zone - developing essential public speaking skills, and showing confidence in foreign and formal social settings at the prestigious International Convention Centre (ICC) and ISB, in undertaking extensive research of the topics for your assigned country, in networking with new friends and peers from different schools, whilst also managing criticism and conflict in producing your action plans. You have been open to constructive feedback, reflecting, and re-strategizing. We are very proud of you for being a resilient and responsible delegate in representing your country accurately, and for coming up with practical, fair, and sustainable resolutions. Thank you for your commitment and contributions as a caring global citizen.

Chairs, Shadow Chairs, and Secretaries-General, you have consistently embodied numerous traits of strong and caring leaders. You always consider the needs of your delegates and have worked energetically behind the scenes to prepare beneficial training sessions and provided guidance to individuals. You have multi-tasked, managed time pressures and deadlines, led meetings and taken control of the conference to ensure the atmosphere is always conducive, efficacious, and safe, where learning is evident, and everyone excels. You have come together as a close-knit team and worked in unity as ISB BGIC leaders to inspire your peers and set the tone for collaboration, cooperation, and communication for over three hundred participants. You should be extremely proud of yourselves for your incredible hard work, dedication, and strong leadership.

Floor Secretaries, General Assistants, Media Team, Teacher-Advisors, and all ISB staff involved, you have enabled the event to run like clockwork and benefit everyone involved. Your commitment to your important role in the background and on the sidelines has not gone unnoticed. You have contributed greatly towards the success of ISB BGIC; your specific role enables the Delegates, Chairs, and Secretaries-General to fully focus on their committee debates and deliberations. You have consistently demonstrated great initiative, enthusiasm, and energy in looking after other people in this huge team effort. You have each gone above and beyond expectations; you understand the 'bigger picture' of ISB BGIC as a beneficial conference, and you are self-motivated to play your important part. Thank you for your enthusiasm, dedication, and willingness to support ISB BGIC.

Congratulations to all; ISB BGIC continues to be a resounding success due to our combined generosity and contributions.

DEBATE TOPICS *are broadly based on*



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

<p>1 NO POVERTY</p> 	<p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p> 	<p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p> 	<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p> 	<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p> 
<p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION</p> 	<p>7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY</p> 	<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</p> 	<p>9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE</p> 	<p>10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES</p> 
<p>11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES</p> 	<p>12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION</p> 	<p>13 CLIMATE ACTION</p> 	<p>14 LIFE BELOW WATER</p> 	<p>15 LIFE ON LAND</p> 
<p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p> 	<p>17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS</p> 	 THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development		

MESSAGE from the SECRETARIES - GENERAL



From Left: Nathan Wee, Nina Wadood Bolkihah, Sneha Panackal, Ifrah Rozaini, Wan Lin Wui, Sophie Kay, Alfie Clark

Greetings and a very warm welcome to all participants of the 19th ISB Borneo Global Issues Conference 2023. We are very excited to lead and serve you as Secretaries-General; we are confident ISB-BGIC will provide student participants with a memorable and dynamic learning experience beyond the classroom.

We have ample opportunity to develop key skills in research, writing, public speaking, debating and networking. These essential soft skills will serve us at school, university and the workplace. We will all benefit immensely from ISB BGIC; you need only to participate and take a risk - put your ideas forward.

This year we focus on a very significant theme, *United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8: “Sustainable Development Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth”* - A Resilient and Innovative Workforce for Global Prosperity.

As global citizens, we are all interconnected and mutually affected by the world economy as countries and continents grapple with post-pandemic recovery from collapsed economies and financial ruins in various sectors such as trade and tourism, banking, oil and gas, retail, etc. A growing economy in one country creates opportunities for increased business opportunities, investments and jobs, which then has a domino effect that can spread to other countries, and subsequently, across the world economy. Whilst economic recovery is in process, we need to maintain our positive mindsets and develop resilience as we are on the cusp of completing our school careers, and soon we will be seeking lucrative employment, learning new skill sets or forging a career path that is financially and emotionally fulfilling.

ISB BGIC will enable us to think more deeply about SDG 8 as an individual, and as country delegates. You will be tasked to research your country's stance, strategies, and solutions. This knowledge is important, as we come together to align our diverse ideas and perspectives to reach common ground. It is crucial that we respectfully listen to other people's perspectives, and we confidently voice our own. This is where we develop soft skills in communication, negotiation, and networking. We are here to find workable solutions which meet everyone's needs, and we move forward knowing that we have all contributed fairly and positively. We are gaining knowledge, imparting knowledge, and solving real-life issues as a team. This forum allows us to find our voice and allows us to perform outside our comfort zones, with peers we don't normally work with. This is where our self-identity and our self-confidence come in, as we accurately represent and convey our country's position, having done the research and worked hard on our resolutions. This is where we discover allies and convince others to join us in seeking to solve world problems despite our differences and diversity.

Time flies when you're having fun, so we urge you to jump right in and make the most of every learning opportunity here at ISB BGIC. We guarantee you will not regret taking a risk and trusting yourself. And through active listening, participating, and contributing, you will come out feeling very proud of yourself for thinking on your feet, coming up with solutions, and meeting some amazing people at ISB BGIC.

Thank you very much for joining us and making the 19th ISB BGIC 2023 a huge success.

KEYNOTE & GUEST SPEAKERS 2007 - 2022



Guest Speaker for 2007
Late Professor Wangari Muta Maathai
2004 Nobel Peace Prize Winner
Founder of Greenbelt Movement
Kenya, Africa
(1940 - 2011)



Guest Speaker for 2007
Professor David Bellamy
Conservationist, Author,
Television Presenter and
Environmentalist
United Kingdom
(1940 - 2011)



Guest Speaker for 2008
Monty Halls
Television Celebrity, Best-Selling
Author, Motivational Speaker and
one of UK's leading Explorer
United Kingdom



Guest Speaker for 2008
Alison Cronin BA, MA PhD MBE
Director, Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre
Animal Planet Television Presenter
United Kingdom



Guest Speaker for 2009
Adrian Lasimbang
President of JOAS (*Jaringan Orang Asal*
SeMalaysia -
Indigenous People Network of Malaysia)
Malaysia



Guest Speaker for 2009
Nathan Chasing Horse
Medicine Man, Actor
Lakota, USA



Guest Speaker for 2010
Kate McAlpine
Coach, Facilitator
Researcher, Activist
Tanzania, Africa

KEYNOTE & GUEST SPEAKERS 2007 - 2022



**Guest Speaker for 2011
Moni Pizani**
Representative and Regional
Programme Director,
UN Women, East and Southeast
Asia Regional Office
Bangkok, Thailand



**Guest Speaker for 2012
Hugh Evans**
Co-Founder and presently the CEO
of the Global Poverty Project
Australia



**Guest Speaker for 2015
Tara Yip-Bannicq**
Programme Officer (Social
Protection) / Resilience
Focal Point
UNICEF HAITI



**Guest Speaker for 2016
Jamira Burley**
Senior Campaigner for
Amnesty International
USA / Member of UN
Global Education
First Initiative's Youth
Advocacy Group
USA

**Guest Speaker for 2015
Professor Dr. David Koh**
MBBS, MSc, PhD, ffom, ffph, faeoemm
Chair of Occupational Health and
Medicine PAP Rashidah Sa'adatul
Bolkiah, Institute of Health Sciences
Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD)

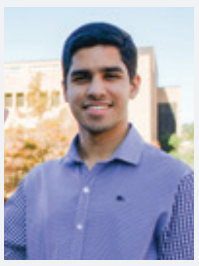


**Guest Speaker for 2016
Cherner Bah**
Associate at the Population
Council (USA) / Youth
Representative at High Level
Steering Committee for the
UN Secretary General's Global
Education First Initiative
Sierra Leone

**Guest Speaker for 2017
Kenny Peavy**
Activist, explorer and blogger
Volunteer of the Year award
winner by Georgia
Adopt-A-Stream
Organization and the Malaysian
Nature Society Leader of
"Education
Outside the Classroom" initiative
USA



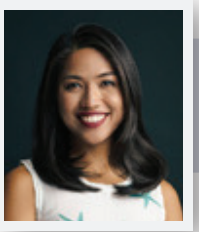
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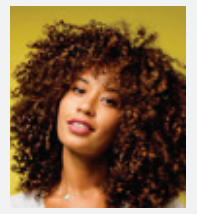
**Guest Speaker for 2017
Karan Jerath**
United Nations Young Leader for
Sustainable Development Goals
Youngest honouree in the 2016
Forbes 30 Under 30 Energy List
USA



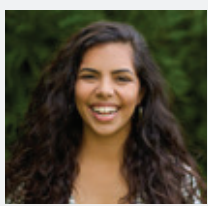
**Guest Speaker for 2017
Dr (Hon) Wong Siew Te,
D.J.N**
CEO and Founder of the
*Bornean Sun Bear
Conservation Center*
Malaysia



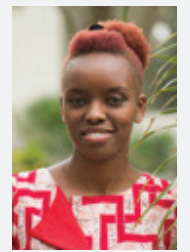
**Guest Speaker for 2018
Anna Oposa**
Co-Founder and Chief Mermaid of
Save Philippine Seas
Philippines



**Guest Speaker for 2018
Danni Washington**
Co-Founder of *Big Blue & You*
USA



**Guest Speaker for 2019
Hannah Testa**
Sustainability Advocate
International Speaker
USA



**Guest Speaker for 2019
Rita Kimani**
Co-Founder of *FarmDrive*,
UN Young Leader for the
Sustainable Development Goals,
S4YE Youth Advisor
Kenya



**Guest Speaker for 2020
Darren Tan**
Education, Sales & Outreach
Manager, ComCorp
Awarded the YSEALI Professional
Fellowship, 2017
Singapore



**Guest Speaker for 2020
Chloe King**
Recipient of U.S Fullbright Programme
Scholarship, 2019
Winner of 2020 Marshall Scholarship Scheme
Founder of Food Waste Warrior Project
USA

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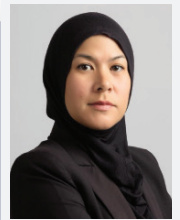
Guest Speaker for 2021
**Haji Muhammad 'Isamuddin
Bin Abdullah Juna**
Acting Director of Prison
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Brunei Darussalam



Guest Speaker for 2021
Noorsurainah Tengah
CFA, CAIA
Public Servant, Global
Investor, Cheerleader for
Innovation and Equal
Opportunities
Head of Alternative Assets,
Brunei Investment Agency
Board Member, An-Nur
Harapan and Proud Proponent
of the Uniklearn Program



Guest Speaker for 2022
Dr Peter Tay
CEO
Genealgies JPMC Sdn. Bhd.



Guest Speaker for 2022
Lailatul Zubaidah Hussain
Founder of The Impian Project
Founder and Managing
Director of Elfera Health &
Nursing Care Sdn Bhd (FERA
Nursing)
Principal of LZ Hussain & Co,
Advocates and Solicitors
Legal Adviser and Vice
President of Law and
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