

## Plenary Session 3

The Plenary Session 3 focused on the essential role of communities and youth in the transition to sustainable energy. The session emphasized the importance of grassroots involvement, youth empowerment and education in achieving sustainability goals.

Discussions covered several critical areas:

**Community and Youth Engagement:** The importance of educating and involving young people and communities in sustainability efforts was highlighted. Programs like EcoGarage's environmental education modules and indigenous community engagement in green jobs were showcased as vital components.

**Corporate and Talent Development:** The need for developing local talent in sustainability and involving corporations like Sunway Construction in sustainable infrastructure projects was stressed. The three-lens approach includes classroom education, beyond-classroom projects and community engagement was discussed.

**Nuclear Energy:** The potential of nuclear energy for Malaysia's future and the necessity of a unified ASEAN-wide nuclear policy were emphasized as key to the country's energy transition.

**Sustainable Finance:** The role of sustainable finance, including blended financing and government support, was identified as crucial for advancing sustainability initiatives.

**Education and Policy:** There was a strong focus on the need to educate policymakers on climate change, improve energy literacy, and integrate sustainability into educational curricula.

**Government Initiatives and Youth Empowerment:** The government's role in skill development, youth empowerment, and encouraging young entrepreneurs to enter the renewable energy sector was highlighted.

The ceremony concluded with a call to action to address climate change urgently, emphasizing renewable energy innovation and the need to engage and empower the next generation in sustainability efforts.

Action Items identified included:

- 1) Developing an ASEAN-wide nuclear policy.
- 2) Implementing tax incentives for district cooling systems.
- 3) Integrating sustainability into school curricula.
- 4) Establishing international partnerships for sustainability programs.
- 5) Creating mentorship and training programs for young professionals.
- 6) Organizing competitions, hackathons, and incubator programs for sustainability innovation.