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INTRODUCTION

Conservation financing describes the practice of raising and managing capital to support natural resource conservation and management including land, water, forest, coastal area, agriculture land, urban areas and lake and rivers. There are many available options in the implementation of conservations such as conservation banking, payment for ecosystem services (PES), user fees, and taxation policy, and so forth. In Malaysia, PES has been identified as one of instruments in the RMK-11. This dialogue will inform policy makers on the process to develop conservation financing programmes in support of sustainable management of natural resources in Malaysia. Other than that, this dialogue will bring together Malaysian researchers, policy makers, resource managers and NGOs of natural resource conservation financing (CF) to share recent knowledge and to discuss lessons learned from available CF schemes in Malaysia.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the dialogue are to:

- Enhance communications among experts, local policy makers and practitioners to share experience and lessons learnt;
- Provide background information on ecosystem services;
- Review and learn from the past and on-going national efforts of sustainable financing mechanism across sectors; *and*
- Generate new insights in the context of sustainable financing mechanism for implementation and future research.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After the workshop, participants should be able to:

- Describe the concepts and framework ecosystem services, mechanism for PES and legal & institutional context of conservation financing; *and*
- Generate new insights in the context of sustainable financing mechanism for implementation and future research.

PROGRAMME

08:00	Registration
08:45	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Dr. Awang NoorAbd. Ghani <i>President of Malaysian Environmental Economics Association (MEEA)</i> Opening Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof.Dr.-Ing. Ir. Renuganth Varatharajoo <i>Deputy Vice Chancellor (Industry & Community Relations), UPM</i>
09:00	Conservation Financing for Natural Resources Management in Malaysia <i>Ministry of Nature Resources and Environment Malaysia</i>
09:45	Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) in Malaysia <i>Prof.Dr.Awang Noor Abd. Ghani</i> <i>President of Malaysian Environmental Economics Association (MEEA)</i>
10:30	Group Photo Session Tea Break
11:00	Panel Discussion and Dialogue on Conservation Financing for Natural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia▪ Sabah Forestry Department▪ Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB)▪ Perak Hydro Renewable Energy Corporation SdnBhd
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Group Discussion (3 groups) <i>Group 1: Issues & Problems in Sustainable Financing</i> <i>Group 2: Institutional & Legal Arrangements for Sustainable Financing Mechanism</i> <i>Group 3: Sustainable Financing Mechanism</i>
15:45	Tea Break
16:00	Group Presentations
16:45	Evaluation and Closing

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MALAYSIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (MEEA)

Background and Rationale

The contribution of environmental resources and ecosystem services to socio-economic development and their potential to assist in economic growth and sustainable development are often unrecognised. This is in part because the true economic value of these valuable assets is unknown or underestimated. Management and conservation of environmental resources and ecosystem services should be recognized as part of the economic development planning of the country. This is to ensure that these resources will continue to provide important contribution to the current and future generation for ensuring good quality of life and well-being of the people. MEEA will contribute to achieve this goal through research, development & innovation (R&D&I), capacity building and networking in environmental economics.

MEEA – Who We Are

MEEA is a national association of professionals and practitioners of environmental economics discipline and related fields from academic institutions, government agencies, research institutions, NGOs and interested stakeholders that aims to promote environmental economics through capacity building, research, professional services and networking.

MEEA was registered under the Societies Act 1966 (Act 335) and was approved by the Registrar of Societies Malaysia (ROS) on January 20, 2016 with registration number PPM-029-10-20012016.

Membership is open to individuals who have a first degree in environmental economics, resource economics and related disciplines in natural resource economics (forest economics, fishery economics, agriculture economics, *etc.*), resource management or interested individuals who by their profession, training and/or function are involved in environmental and resource economics connected with the aims of the Association.

Our Vision

To be a leading association of environmental and resource economics in Malaysia.

Our Mission

To strengthen environmental management and conservation through strategic alliance in research & development, capacity building and networking to benefit current and future generations.

Our Goals

- Research: to conduct environmental economics and transdisciplinary research that address science-policy interface challenges in Malaysia.
- Capacity building: enhance the capacity of Malaysian researchers, decision makers and communities to support in policy making process.
- Networking: to engage researchers from different disciplines, decision makers, and communities towards sustainable development in Malaysia.

Our Objectives

The objectives of MEEA are:

- to encourage and increase contribution to the development and application of environmental economics as a science towards development and sustainable economic growth;
- To conduct research, training, extension and professional services in environmental economics;
- To contribute to the development of policy and technical advice to the government, industry, and community with regard to economic development and environment;
- To carry out activities that enhance knowledge and skills in environmental economics through short training courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, field visits and other activities that are useful for all members; *and*
- To encourage and improve communication, cooperation and networking between members, academicians, researchers, policy makers and students in environmental economics in the country and international community.

The MEEA main focus areas are:

MEEA will focus on six thematic areas as follow:

- Ecosystem valuation
- Economics of climate change
- Payment for ecosystem services (PES)
- Environmental resource accounting
- Pollution and land degradation
- Institutions and governance

Strategic Action Plan

- Developing database of environmental and resources economists as well as related disciplines.
- Enhance networking among academicians, researchers, government officials, policy makers and other stakeholders.
- Mapping of donors for possible research funding.
- Develop long term social capital and research agenda in line with the government development policies and international research priorities.

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