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RECOVERING MALAYSIA

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## Welcome to PRAXIS 2021

As the global economy moves into a post-pandemic mode, we, too, are looking at Recovering Malaysia.

What are the risks of economic inequality? How do we tap on youth resilience? Who will spearhead sustainable development?

These are just some of the issues and themes at ISIS Malaysia's flagship conference for the economic and business community on 21 and 22 October.

For information on the sessions and speakers, visit  
<https://www.isis.org.my/praxis2021/>

Herizal Hazri  
Chief executive  
ISIS Malaysia



# Welcoming remarks

Session time : 9.30am (UTC + 8) | 21 October

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# Keynote address and official opening

Session time : 9.40am (UTC + 8) | 21 October

## Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed

Minister (Economy)

Prime Minister's Department





## Session 1 - 2022 in Focus: Economic and Geopolitical Risks of a Post-Covid World

Many countries are still contending with the scars inflicted by the pandemic while geopolitical tensions across the world are mounting, exacerbated by the social unrest resulting from Covid-19. This session aims to outline the short- and long-term economic and geopolitical risks surrounding the global and regional economy - and explore what the world will look like in 2022.

### Moderator



**Alizan Mahadi**  
Senior director (research)  
ISIS Malaysia

### Speakers



**Dr Apurva Sanghi**  
Lead economist  
The World Bank



**Intan Nadia Jalil**  
Regional head  
Group Economic and  
Market Analysis  
CIMB

**Session time : 10.00am (UTC + 8) | 21 October**

## Session 2 - Future Pandemics: Preparing for the New Normal

With Covid-19 laying bare pain points in the country's healthcare system, what can we do to build resilience to manage future pandemics? This session seeks to take stock of the experience in dealing with Covid-19, identifying what could have been done better, and what more can be done to prepare Malaysia for the next pandemic.

### Moderator



**Harris Zainul**  
Senior analyst  
ISIS Malaysia

### Speakers



**Dr Subatra Jayaraj**  
Primary care physician  
Klinik Rakyat PJ



**Dr Khor Swee Kheng**  
Visiting fellow  
ISIS Malaysia

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## Session 3 - Youth Rising: The Future for Young Malaysians

The pandemic has disproportionately hurt young workers and jobseekers while the closure of schools and social activities has taken a toll on their mental health and education. The pandemic also highlights the longstanding inequities that young Malaysians have had to contend with. This session aims to provide a platform for young Malaysians and investigate structural impediments and explore policy avenues for the youth.

### Moderator



**Saraya Mia**  
Broadcast journalist  
Astro Awani

### Speakers



**Qyira Yusri**  
Co-founder and  
education director  
UNDI18



**Datuk Nicole Wong**  
Youth chairman  
Malaysian Chinese Association



**Tengku Nur Qistina**  
Senior researcher  
ISIS Malaysia

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## Session 4 - Going Digital: Transforming Micro-Enterprises in Malaysia and the Region

The pandemic led to the rapid growth of the digital economy and digital trade in Malaysia and the region from early 2020. Given that MSMEs in the country and the Asean region make up around more than 90% of businesses, how can they reap the benefits of a growing digital economy? What are their challenges, post-pandemic?

### Moderator



**Calvin Cheng**  
Senior analyst  
ISIS Malaysia

### Speakers



**Smita Kuriakose**  
Senior economist  
The World Bank



**Aiza Azreen Ahmad**  
Chief digital business officer  
Malaysia Digital Economy  
Corporation



**Dr Lurong Chen**  
Senior economist  
Economic Research Institute  
for Asean and East Asia

Session time : 10.40am (UTC + 8) | 22 October



## Session 5 - Progress for All: Localising Sustainable Development across Malaysia

The realities and experiences of the marginalised and lower-income communities across the country are often underappreciated. How have communities fared amid the onset of the pandemic – and how have they recovered? This session spotlights the ongoing efforts of the bipartisan All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia for Sustainable Development Goals (APPGM-SDG) to localise sustainable development, identify local issues and implement solution projects.

### Moderator



**Tehmina Kaoosji**  
Independent broadcast journalist  
and gender activist

### Speakers



**Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria**  
Senior fellow, ISIS Malaysia;  
Head of APPGM-SDG secretariat



**Maria Chin Abdullah**  
Petaling Jaya MP;  
APPGM-SDG vice-chairman



**Assoc Prof Dr Zainal Abidin Sanusi**  
Director  
Sejahtera Centre  
International Islamic  
University Malaysia

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# Closing remarks

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