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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS 2026

RIGHTS IN ACTION:

ONE YEAR OF THE NATIONAL
ACTION PLAN ON BUSINESS
AND HUMAN RIGHTS 2025–2030

Date: 7 to 8 Oct 2026 (Wednesday to Thursday) | Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Venue: AICB Centre of Excellence, Kuala Lumpur

[Register online here](#)

This event is free of charge but advance registration is required.

The Business and Human Rights Working Group under the Bar Council Constitutional Law and Human Rights Committee; in collaboration with the Legal Affairs Division, Prime Minister’s Department; Human Rights Commission of Malaysia; ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights; United Nations Development Programme; and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is pleased to invite Members of the Bar to participate in the National Conference on Business and Human Rights 2026, to be held on 7 and 8 Oct 2026 in Kuala Lumpur.

Themed “Rights in Action: One Year of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights 2025–2030”, the Conference aims to provide a collaborative platform for stakeholders to move from awareness to practical action in advancing business and human rights (“BHR”) in Malaysia.

The Conference will explore the implementation of Malaysia’s National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (“NAPBHR”) 2025–2030, including developments during its first year of implementation, emerging global and regional regulatory developments and practical approaches to responsible business conduct. It will also consider how human rights and environmental due diligence can complement existing environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) and sustainability initiatives.

The key objectives of the Conference are to, among others:

- share updates on Malaysia’s progress following the launch of the NAPBHR 2025–2030 and discuss priorities for its continued implementation;
- launch the *Malaysia’s Human Rights Due Diligence Guide*;
- facilitate structured engagement between policymakers, community practitioners and technical experts;
- examine how BHR complements existing ESG and sustainability initiatives;
- discuss global regulatory developments and their implications for businesses in Malaysia; and
- gather stakeholder ideas and commitments towards the implementation of the NAPBHR 2025–2030.

Programme Highlights

The two-day Conference will feature plenary and parallel sessions covering a range of contemporary BHR issues.

Day 1:
7 Oct 2026 (Wednesday)

8:15 am	Registration and light breakfast
9:15 am	Arrival of YB Dato' Sri Azalina bt Othman Said, <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform)</i>
9:30 am	Singing of the National Anthem Welcoming Remarks By Edward Vrkić, <i>Resident Representative, UNDP Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam</i> Opening Address By YB Dato' Sri Azalina bt Othman Said, <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform)</i> Keynote Message (Titled: Malaysia's Business and Human Rights Journey: One Year of NAPBHR 2025–2030 Implementation) By YBhg Datuk Zamri b Misman, <i>Director-General of the Legal Affairs Division, Prime Minister's Department</i> Launch of Malaysia's Human Rights Due Diligence Guide Message from the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights ("UNWGBHR") By Dr Pichamon Yeophantong, <i>Member, UNWGBHR</i>
10:15 am	Group photo and break
10:30 am	Plenary Session 1 One Year of the NAPBHR 2025–2030: Progress, Lessons and Priorities for Year Two
11:45 am	Plenary Session 2 Responsible Business Conduct in ASEAN: Building Resilient and Responsible Supply Chains
1:00 pm	Lunch break
2:00 pm	Parallel Session 1A ESG, Sustainability and BHR: From Disclosure to Practice Parallel Session 1B Policy Coherence for Responsible Business Conduct: Strengthening Governance, Accountability and Institutional Capacity
3:15 pm	Parallel Session 2A Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Business Conduct: Demonstrating Commitment Through Representation Parallel Session 2B Business, Human Rights and the Environment (BHR+E): Driving Nature, Climate and Environmental Responsibility
4:30 pm	Refreshments and end of day 1

Day 2:
8 Oct 2026 (Thursday)

8:30 am	Registration and light breakfast
9:30 am	Plenary Session 3 BHR in a Fragmented World: Power, Accountability and the Rule of Law
10:45 am	Plenary Session 4 From Voluntary to Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence ("HRDD"): Lessons from Thailand and the Region
11:30 am	Break
11:45 am	Plenary Session 5 Access to Remedy in Practice: Pathway from Grievances to Meaningful Remedy
1:00 pm	Lunch break
2:00 pm	Parallel Session 3A Multi-Stakeholder Roundtable on BHR Mediation: Shaping a Malaysian Framework Parallel Session 3B Implementing the Gig Workers Act 2025 [Act 872]: Consultative Council Policy-Making and Dispute Resolution Mechanism
3:15 pm	Parallel Session 4A Raising the Standard: BHR through CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women), CRC (Convention on the Rights of a Child) and CRPD (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) Parallel Session 4B Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment: Legal and Institutional Gaps and Community Strategies
4:30 pm	The Road Ahead for BHR in Malaysia: From Dialogue to Action By the Legal Affairs Division, Prime Minister's Department Closing Remarks By YB Tuan M Kulasegaran, <i>Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform)</i>
5:00 pm	End

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Event Policy

Admission is free, but advance registration is required.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The registration for this session will close on **5 Oct 2026 (Monday), at 5:00 pm.**

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