

INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

2 June 2023
The Caledonian Club, **FORUM**
London, UK



The Rt Hon. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Plantation and Commodities, Malaysia

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Advancing Sustainable Trade and Partnerships in the Asia Pacific

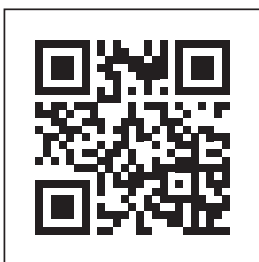
The International Sustainable Palm Oil Forum (ISPOF) is a forum that seeks to promote ideas, insights and impact on sustainable palm oil and sustainable trade. Palm oil is the world's most widely-used and most productive oil crop, with the three biggest palm oil producers coming from Southeast Asia. It accounts for almost half of the food items in the United Kingdom and Europe. The UK's accession to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) is an opportunity to strengthen economic and trade relations with Asia-Pacific, particularly Malaysia. Therefore, the theme of the Forum is "Advancing Sustainable Trade and Partnerships in the Asia Pacific."

The UK and Malaysia are poised to see significant trade growth opportunities through the CPTPP. The removal of the tariffs is a win-win for both nations, particularly for the British consumers and palm oil producers in Malaysia. This opportunity strengthens an already robust UK-Malaysia relations, buttressed by strong cultural, economic, political and security cooperation. The bilateral trade between the both countries reached

about US\$48 billion in 2021 with palm oil products accounting for US\$ 2.49 billion. A possible EU-Malaysia Free Trade Agreement augurs well for a longstanding UK-Malaysia partnership.

There are however challenges with the misperceptions regarding the environmental impact of palm oil production, particularly in Malaysia and Indonesia. The palm oil industry faces significant opposition from anti-palm oil lobby groups and discriminatory regulatory measures such as the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and Renewable Energy Directive (REDII). These regulations unfairly target palm oil, but they fail to acknowledge the significant progress made by palm oil-producing countries towards sustainability through various certification programs such as MSPO and RSPO.

ISPOF will be a platform to promote discourse on sustainable trade, including palm oil. It hopes to educate consumers on the facts of sustainable palm oil – health benefits, environmental impact and economic opportunities. The aims of the Forum will be as follows:



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OBJECTIVES



Promote sustainable palm oil production and sustainable trade practices in Southeast Asia and globally.



Advance economic and trade relations between the UK and Asia-Pacific, particularly Malaysia, through the CPTPP.



Address misperceptions regarding the environmental impact of palm oil production, and advocate for fair treatment of palm oil in international trade.



Educate consumers on the health benefits, environmental impact, and economic opportunities of sustainable palm oil.



Provide a platform for discourse on sustainable trade and partnerships in the Asia Pacific, with a focus on palm oil.



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- 9.00am** Registration and Arrival of Participants
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- 9.30am** **WELCOME SPEECH**
Tan Sri Majid Khan
Chairman, KSI Strategic Institute for Asia Pacific (KSI)
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- 9.40am** **OPENING ADDRESS**
H.E. Dato' Zakri Jaafar
High Commissioner of Malaysia to the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
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- 9.50am** **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
SUSTAINABLE TRADE AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES IN A NEW GLOBAL ERA
The Rt Hon. Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah Bin Haji Yusof
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Plantation and Commodities, Malaysia
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- 10.10am** Presentation of Mementos and Photography Session
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- 10.15am** Morning Break & Refreshments
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- 10.30am** **ROUNDTABLE ON SUSTAINABILITY IN PALM OIL: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THE WAY FORWARD**
- To discuss the potential benefits and challenges of the UK-Malaysia trade relationship in the context of sustainable palm oil production and trade.
 - To explore strategies for advancing sustainable trade and partnerships in the Asia Pacific region.
 - To promote awareness and understanding of the facts of sustainable palm oil production and trade, including environmental impact, health benefits, and economic opportunities.
- Session Chair
- **Tan Sri Michael Yeoh** Chairman, ASEAN Economic Club (AEC)
- Speakers
- **Datuk Frederick Kugan** Chief Conservator of Forests, Sabah Forestry Department, Sabah State Government, Malaysia
 - **Dr. Nafeez Ahmed FRSA FSI** Director, The Futures Lab, Unitas Communications
 - **Mr Mike Coppen-Gardner** Owner and Managing Director, SPQR Communications
 - **Mr Hosuk Lee Makiyama** Director, European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE)
 - **Mr Pierre Bois d'Enghien** Co-Founder, Palm Oil Monitor
 - **Mr Daniel Dalton** - Former Member of European Parliament
 - **Dr. Glyn Davies** - Senior Advisor, WWF-Malaysia
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- 12.50pm** **CLOSING SPEECH**
Datuk S.K. Lingam
Chairman, Malaysian-Link UK (MLUK)
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- 1.00pm** Networking Lunch & Conclusion
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Notes

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