



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

**MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT (NRE)**

**MALAYSIA HOSTED REDD+ DAY  
AT COP-22, MARRAKECH, MOROCCO**

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Malaysia hosted the REDD+ Day at the COP-22, Marrakech, Morocco with partners from West Africa today.

In conjunction with the event, the Honourable Minister Dato Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment also officiated the Malaysian Pavilion at the 22nd Conference of the Parties (COP 22) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Marrakech, Morocco.

The highlight of REDD+ Day is Malaysia's submission of REDD+ Safeguards Summary Report by the Honourable Dato Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia to Mr Donald Cooper, Director of Mitigation and Data Analysis from the UNFCCC. This is one of the requirements to access the REDD+ results-based payment.

Earlier this year, Malaysia also submitted the results-based action to the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Summary Report describes the approach undertaken by the country in addressing and respecting the REDD+ safeguards, forest governance and forest management.

Malaysia's REDD+ Safeguards Information System is built upon existing systems. This is followed by country experience in implementing REDD+.

The areas of implementation would include the development of safeguards information system, forest reference emissions level and regional collaboration on forest monitoring.

UNREDD presented their experience on building capacities on REDD+ safeguards information system. Indonesia presented on their experience in developing their REDD+ Safeguards information system, highlighting the complexity and challenges. Viet Nam on the other hand, presented their proposed forest reference emissions level.

West Africa has also achieved significant progress on regional collaboration on forest monitoring that has culminated in an action plan for the region developed within the Forest Convergence Plan of the Economic Community of West African States ECOWAS. Seven countries, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Guinea Bissau and Guinea Conakry, are involved in the this collaborative effort within their REDD+ programme.

Balancing forest conservation and development is a fine line which can only be ensured through the participation of non-state actors in forest conservation. It will highlight private sector involvement in stepping up conservation activities in natural forest and NGOs' role in implementing a trilateral project.

Echoing the FAO, Forest Reference Emissions Level and REDD+ results reporting is a success story under the UNFCCC.

REDD+ or Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation is a global initiative designed to pay groups or countries for protecting their forests and reducing emissions of greenhouse gas pollutants, especially CO<sub>2</sub>.

The Natural Resources and Environment Dato Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar is representing the country at the 22nd Conference of Parties (COP 22) to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change which is being held in Marrakesh, Morocco and will be representing Malaysia at the ministerial level meetings.

In addition, the Minister will hold bilateral meetings and discussions with ministers from advanced countries with a view to request for financial contributions under the Paris Agreement Climate Change Fund.