



PRESS STATEMENT

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SELANGOR HOSTS GENDER OUTLOOK FORUM 2025 AS A CATALYST FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT & GENDER EQUALITY

1. The Selangor State Government, through the Standing Committee on Women & Family Empowerment, is organizing the Gender Outlook Forum 2025 from 28 to 29 August 2025 at The Saujana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, to strengthen regional cooperation in advancing women's empowerment and gender equality at both national and international levels.
2. With the theme "Advancing Gender Equality in ASEAN", the forum gathers nearly 200 participants comprising representatives from government and related agencies, international organizations, civil society organizations (CSOs), academia, and the private sector.
3. The objectives of the Gender Outlook Forum 2025 are to:
 - a. mainstream gender equality in decision-making across all policy sectors;
 - b. facilitate policy dialogue and stakeholder engagement at local and regional levels;
 - c. strengthen government efforts by building capacity, enhancing tools, and optimizing resources in line with global commitments; and
 - d. provide a platform to share innovative and collaborative solutions in building inclusive, gender-sensitive, and resilient societies.
4. The forum emphasizes five key pillars as the foundation of its discussions:
 - a. Strengthening gender mainstreaming, government capacity, and data availability;
 - b. Preventing violence against women in politics and enhancing democratic participation;
 - c. Reducing gender inequality through investment in the care sector and empowering women's economy;
 - d. Addressing climate change, green sustainability, and technology; and
 - e. Advancing gender equality through a robust legal framework.
5. Through the Gender Outlook Forum 2025, Selangor reaffirms its position as a leader in women's empowerment in Malaysia and as a regional reference model. The forum is expected to catalyze strategic cooperation and collective action to accelerate gender equality agendas in Selangor and across Southeast Asia.



6. The forum is graced by the presence of YAB Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari, Menteri Besar of Selangor; YB Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah binti Dr. Wan Ismail; and YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development.
7. Collaboration partnership agreement between Wanita Berdaya Selangor and ISRA Institute, INCEIF University have reflected a shared commitment to advancing inclusive innovation and care-centered economy resilience. The representative for both parties are Yang Berhormat Puan Anfaal Saari, Executive Council for Women and Community Development; Puan Siti Faridah Abdul Samad, Chief Executive Officer Wanita Berdaya Selangor; Dr Marjan Muhammad, Deputy President Research, ISRA Institute, INCEIF University. Three initiatives were agreed through these collaboration partnership agreement include coaching framework to support MSME Sustainability in Early Childhood Care and Education, policy-mapping on Incentives AI-Home Assistive Technology, and the development of Financial Index for Special Needs Economic Stability and Empowerment (FINESSE).
8. The event is organized by Wanita Berdaya Selangor (WBS) in collaboration with the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), Centre for Research on Women and Gender (KANITA), Universiti Sains Malaysia, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (FSSK), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, and the Gender Studies Program, Universiti Malaya. Special appreciation goes to Yayasan Hasanah as Community Partner for its strong support of this forum.
9. The Selangor State Government remains committed to advancing women's empowerment and development in line with the goals outlined in the Selangor Women's Policy & Action Plan 2024–2026 and the First Selangor Plan.

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Executive Council for Women and Community Development



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SELANGOR ANJUR *GENDER OUTLOOK FORUM 2025* SEBAGAI PENCETUS KERJASAMA SERANTAU UNTUK PEMERKASAAN WANITA & KESAKSAMAAN GENDER

1. Kerajaan Negeri Selangor melalui Jawatankuasa Tetap Pemberdayaan Wanita & Keluarga mengadakan Gender Outlook Forum 2025 pada 28 hingga 29 Ogos 2025 di The Saujana Hotel, Kuala Lumpur untuk meningkatkan kerjasama serantau dalam agenda pemeraksanaan wanita dan kesaksamaan gender di peringkat nasional dan antarabangsa.
2. Bertemakan “Advancing Gender Equality in ASEAN”, forum ini menghimpunkan hampir 200 peserta melibatkan wakil-wakil kerajaan, agensi-agensi berkaitan, badan-badan antarabangsa, pertubuhan-pertubuhan masyarakat madani, ahli-ahli akademik dan sektor swasta.
3. Objektif Gender Outlook Forum 2025 adalah untuk:
 - a. mengarusperdanakan kesaksamaan gender dalam pembuatan keputusan di semua sektor dasar,
 - b. memudahcara dialog dasar dan penglibatan pelbagai pihak berkepentingan di peringkat tempatan dan serantau,
 - c. memperkukuh usaha kerajaan dengan meningkatkan kapasiti, memperkukuh alat serta memanfaatkan sumber sedia ada selaras dengan komitmen global; dan
 - d. menjadi platform perkongsian penyelesaian inovatif dan kolaboratif bagi membina masyarakat yang inklusif, sensitif gender dan berdaya tahan.
4. Forum ini memberi penekanan kepada Lima Teras Utama yang menjadi landasan perbincangan iaitu:
 - a. memperkasa pengarusperdanaan gender, keupayaan kerajaan dan ketersediaan data,
 - b. mencegah keganasan terhadap wanita dalam politik dan memperkukuh penyertaan demokrasi,
 - c. mengurangkan ketidaksamaan gender melalui pelaburan dalam sektor penjagaan dan memperkasa ekonomi wanita,
 - d. mengambil kira perubahan iklim, kelestarian hijau dan teknologi, dan
 - e. memperkukuh kesaksamaan gender melalui kerangka perundangan yang kukuh.
5. Dengan penganjuran Gender Outlook Forum 2025, Selangor meneguhkan kedudukan sebagai peneraju pemeraksanaan wanita di Malaysia serta model rujukan serantau. Forum ini dijangka menjadi pemangkin kerjasama strategik dan tindakan kolektif untuk mempercepat agenda kesaksamaan gender di Selangor dan rantau Asia Tenggara.



6. Forum ini turut diserikan dengan kehadiran YAB Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari, Menteri Besar Selangor, YB Dato' Seri Dr. Wan Azizah binti Dr. Wan Ismail, YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat.
7. Perjanjian kerjasama antara Wanita Berdaya Selangor dan ISRA Institute, INCEIF University mencerminkan komitmen bersama untuk memajukan inovasi inklusif serta ketahanan ekonomi berteraskan penjagaan. Wakil bagi kedua-dua pihak adalah Yang Berhormat Puan Anfaal Saari, Jawantankuasa Tetap Pemberdayaan Wanita & Keluarga, Masyarakat dan Ekonomi Penjagaan (Care Economy), Puan Siti Faridah Abdul Samad, Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Wanita Berdaya Selangor; serta Dr Marjan Muhammad, Timbalan Presiden Penyelidikan, ISRA Institute, INCEIF University. Melalui perjanjian kerjasama ini, tiga inisiatif telah dipersetujui, iaitu:
 - Rangka kerja bimbingan untuk menyokong kelestarian perusahaan mikro, kecil dan sederhana (PMKS) dalam bidang Pendidikan dan Penjagaan Awal Kanak-Kanak,
 - Pemetaan dasar mengenai insentif bagi Teknologi Bantuan di Rumah (*AI-Home Assistive Technology*), dan
 - Pembangunan Indeks Kewangan untuk Kestabilan dan Pemberdayaan Ekonomi Golongan Berkeperluan Khas (FINESSE).
8. Forum ini dianjurkan oleh Wanita Berdaya Selangor (WBS) dengan kerjasama Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), Pusat Penyelidikan Wanita dan Gender (KANITA) USM, Fakulti Sains Sosial dan Kemanusiaan (FSSK) UKM, serta Program Pengajian Gender UM. Penghargaan kepada Yayasan Hasanah selaku Rakan Komuniti atas sokongan padu terhadap forum ini.
9. Kerajaan Negeri Selangor komited untuk memperhebat usaha pemerkasaan dan pembangunan wanita selaras dengan matlamat yang digariskan dalam Dasar dan Pelan Tindakan Wanita 2024-2026 dan Rancangan Selangor Pertama.

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