

malaysiaGBC WEBINAR PROGRAMME 2025

URBAN WETLANDS FOR BIODIVERSITY AND WATER RESILIENCE

SATURDAY
15 MAR

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PROGRAMME

- 9:00 am Participants' Registration
- 9:30 am Opening Speech by malaysiaGBC President
- Ar. (Dr.) Serina Hijjas, President 2023-2025
- 9:40 am Wise Use of Urban Wetlands
- Ms. Yong Huai Mei, Wetlands International Malaysia
- 10:25 am Commercial Break
- 10:30 am RUGS: Towards Intact Urban Forest Landscapes
- Ms. Vivian Soon, Malaysian Nature Society
- 11:15 am Break
- 11:25 am Case Study 1: Integrating wetlands with Urban Green Spaces for Pollinators & Birds
- LAr. Khariza binti Abd Khalid, Gamuda Land
- 12:10 pm Case Study 2: Urbanisation and Wetlands: Balancing Development and Ecology
- En. Affan Nasaruddin, Universiti Malaya
- 12:55 pm Closing
- 01:00 pm End of webinar



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SPEAKERS



Ar. (Dr.) Serina Hijjas

President, malaysiaGBC 2023-2025

Dr. Serina Hijjas is part of the Green Building Index Accreditation Panel and currently the President of Malaysia Green Building Council. Ar. (Dr.) Serina Hijjas is one of the leading and earliest proponent on sustainable design in Malaysia. Starting from Energy Efficiency to Sustainability through Zero Carbon Emission. The principal creative director at HIJJAS architects & planners and is known for changing the building landscape of architecture through buildings that are responsive, energy conscious + bold. Her formative years exposed her to energy efficiency and sustainable design and have culminated in projects like the Heriot Watt University 'green campus', Celcom Tower 'interconnective offices' and EPIC waste training center and sustainable Data Center in Cyberjaya.



Ms. Yong Huai Mei

Senior Technical Officer, Wetlands International Malaysia

Yong Huai Mei graduated from the University Malaysia Sabah with a Bachelor degree in Conservation Biology and a Masters degree in Ecology & Herpetology. She has worked as a research officer at the Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation before joining Wetlands International Malaysia in 2014. Her focus is on wetlands (both peatlands and mangroves) restoration and wise use of urban wetlands. She is responsible and has been leading several wetlands restoration and urban wetlands related projects including Sustainable Peatland for People and Climate, Building with Nature Asia Initiative, Removal mechanism of pharmaceutically active compounds pollutants by ornamental flowering plants in mesocosm-constructed wetland plot and Mangroves Action Project at Tanjung Kepah. Her passion for conservation drives her to promote awareness and increase recognition of wetlands ecosystem services, wetlands carbon financing and Building with Nature (NbS) among government, industries, NGOs, civil society and the greater public.



Ms. Vivian Soon

Wildlife and Conservation Officer, Malaysian Nature Society

Vivian is a Wildlife and Conservation Officer at the Malaysian Nature Society, where she plays a pivotal role in developing proposals and planning for the landscape-based initiatives, particularly the Rantaian Urban Green Spaces (RUGS). A graduate of Animal Resource Science and Management (Zoology) from the University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), she has extensive experience working on conservation projects in secondary forests and coastal regions in Sarawak. Vivian has also been actively involved in community outreach programs, particularly in the fishing villages of Pulau Ketam and western Sarawak, where she works to raise awareness about wildlife conservation and the importance of sustainable practices.



En. Affan Nasaruddin

Research Officer, Co-Founder of Water Warrior, Universiti Malaya

Affan Nasaruddin is a notable figure in environmental conservation and sustainability. He is the co-founder of Water Warriors, a living lab program at Universiti Malaya, which focuses on developing sustainable water management solutions. Additionally, he co-founded Inspirasi Kawa, an environmental youth group dedicated to river conservation, and Sekitar Kita, a social enterprise spin-off from Water Warriors. His expertise includes water conservation, citizen science, environmental education, and sustainable innovation. Affan is currently a research officer at the Universiti Malaya Sustainable Development Centre (UMSDC) and was recognized as one of the Top 40 Under 40 by Prestige in 2021 for his contributions to sustainability in Malaysia. Affan currently serves as Research Officer at Universiti Malaya Sustainable Development Centre



LAr. Khariza binti Abd Khalid

Executive Director, Gamuda Land

LAr Khariza is an Executive Director of Gamuda Land in May, 2021. She been working with Gamuda since 2003. Khariza is a professional landscape architect registered with the Institute Landscape Architecture (ILAM), Malaysia. She began her career path with Gamuda Land since in 2004, heading Landscape Architecture & Design Department before she heads Gamuda Parks in 2018. She was involved with many residential and park developments in Malaysia and Overseas. She was appointed as Council Member of UPM Landscape Architecture Program Development of Faculty of Architecture & Design (AJKP) in 2021. Appointed as Advisory Panel of Malaysian National of Biodiversity Roundtable under the Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources in 2019. She gained 5 years working experience with an international landscape consultant firm Aspinwall Clouston and Gillespies South East Asia before she joined Gamuda working on prestigious projects in Malaysia and oversea such as Bukit Jalil Olympic Park, AIMST Medical University, Putrajaya Ministry of Finance and Education and Bot Club Precinct 11 Putrajaya. She completed her bachelor's degree and Diploma of Architecture at University Technology Malaysia Skudai Johor Bahru. She is a passionate Landscape Architect, and developed her passion in environmental aspect when she leads Gamuda Parks She was involved with many environmental conservation activities and community awareness She is part of the Malaysian Arborist (PArM) since 2021.

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