



Press Release

The 26th Session of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 26) “Energy Day Event”

4th November 2021, Glasgow, United Kingdom

The United Kingdom Presidency programme at the 26th Session of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 26) continues with its energy-themed day on 4th November 2021.

The Opening of COP 26 Energy Day was officiated with remarks by The Rt. Hon. Alok Sharma, President of COP 26, followed by statements and discussions by Ministers, heads of key private sectors, and organisations. The session emphasised on the importance of accelerated decarbonisation through energy transition, moving away from coal to a cleaner sources for power, while recognising that the communities are at the heart of the effort, by ensuring that the transition is just and inclusive. The opportunities for green growth and green jobs from a just energy transition were among the areas highlighted at the event.

In Conjunction of COP 26 Energy Day, Brunei Darussalam joined more than 70 other countries and organisations in supporting the “*The Global Coal to Clean Power Transition Statement*”. Through the Statement, Brunei Darussalam acknowledges that coal power generation is the single biggest cause of global temperature increase, and recognises the urgent need for an accelerated energy transition. Brunei Darussalam further committed to work together to make clean power as the most affordable and accessible option, with a vision to accelerate transition away from unabated coal power generation.

As a signatory country, Brunei Darussalam, among others, commits to rapidly scale up the deployment of clean power generation and energy efficiency measures, rapidly scale up technologies and policies in this decade to achieve transition away for unabated coal power generation as soon as possible, to cease the issuance of new permits of new unabated coal-fired power generation and cease new construction for unabated coal-fired power generation projects, and to strengthen domestic and international efforts to provide a robust framework to make just and inclusive transition way from unabated coal power in a way that benefits the affected workers, sectors and communities. The full text of the Declaration is in ANNEX I.

Brunei Darussalam utility power generation mix currently stands at 98 percent from natural gas, with remaining contributions from diesel and renewable energy. The Brunei Darussalam National Climate Change Policy has set out the country’s target to increase renewable energy contribution to 100 MW by

2025 and to at least 30 percent of the total capacity of the utility generation mix by 2035. Brunei Darussalam will continue to exclude coal as an option for utility power generation.

Representing the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam at COP 26 Energy Day were Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Ir. Awang Haji Suhaimi bin Haji Gafar, Minister of Development as the Co-Chair of the Brunei Darussalam National Council on Climate Change, Tuan Yang Terutama Laksamana Pertama (B) Pengiran Dato Seri Pahlawan Norazmi bin Pengiran Haji Muhammad, High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to United Kingdom, Yang Mulia Awang Haji Azhar bin Haji Yahya, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, as Brunei Darussalam's Executive Committee Chair on Climate Change, and Yang Mulia Dayang Dr. Nor Imtihan binti Haji Abdul Razak, Permanent Secretary (Planning, Land Use and Environment) at the Ministry of Development.

The COP 26 will continue until 11th November 2021, with Resumed High-Level Segment on 9th to 10th November 2021.