

Climatic Hazards Programme

Youth Social Entrepreneurship for Building Community Resilience

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Launched during the workshop by Academician Dr. Mazlan Othman, The Register is a living document that features DRR social entrepreneurs in Malaysia and other regions. It will be instrumental in mobilizing DRR social entrepreneurship in the region by promoting partnerships and creating appropriate conditions for scaling up.

The Register will be included in the Handbook for DRR social entrepreneurs being developed by the IDRC project. The two-day webinar has spotlighted the valuable contributions by youth social entrepreneurship in solving problems of the Tropics, by advancing science, engineering, technology, and innovation. It should also serve as an inspiration as well as a rallying call to encourage youth to start their enterprises and contribute back to the community in building community resilience to disasters and climate change.

A regional workshop titled “Youth Social Entrepreneurship for Building Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change in the Tropics” was held on 13 August 2020. It was conducted under the IDRC Canada funded project on “Promotion of Social Entrepreneurship in Disaster Risk Reduction to Build Community Resilience” implemented by SEADPRI UKM and other partners, under the leadership of Prof. Joy Jacqueline Pereira. The workshop was jointly supported by the Mahathir Science Award Foundation and the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM). It was held in conjunction with the ASM’s Youth for the Tropics event on 12 to 13 August 2020, in celebration of the International Youth Day.

Ten speakers from the region participated in three sessions: Social Enterprise Enablers, Real-World Case Studies and Panel Session on Success Factors and Barriers to Social Entrepreneurship. The workshop served as a platform for young social entrepreneurs to understand the funders’ requirements, share experience and knowledge in building community resilience to disasters and climate change, and be spotlighted in the Register of Disaster Risk Reduction Social Entrepreneurs.



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Academician Dr. Mazlan Othman, Fellow of the Academy of Science Malaysia (FASc) and director of the International Science Council, The Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ISC ROAP)



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The panel session moderated by Prof. Joy Pereira involved several speakers from different sessions. The discussions provided valuable input in building a roadmap for DRR social entrepreneurship in the Asia Pacific and other regions