

## INTRO

All religions consider water as sacred and God's gift to people. Islam ascribes the most sacred qualities to water as life giving, sustaining and purifying resources. Christianity states that in heaven and earth, water symbolizes life in its pristine form. The orang asli believe that water is ruai (soul) and is a sacred life force, which is a pre-requisite for life. Hinduism considers water as one of the main forces or elements of Nature, which must be respected, prayed / worshipped, conserved, and utilized as a basic need for all human beings and living things on the earth. Buddhism believes that water is one component of the five elements (fire, air, earth, water and wisdom), which form the universe.

## AIMS

To bring together various religions to deliberate religious views on the right to water.

To create awareness among Malaysians on the various religious perspectives on the right to water.

To build greater awareness among Malaysians to conserve water, and to respect and protect the right to water.

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM)  
Archdiocesan Office for Human Development (AOHD)  
All PJ Pro Action Committee (APPAC)  
Buddhist Missionary Society of Malaysia (BMSM)  
Center for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC)  
Council of Churches of Malaysia (CCM)  
Group of Concerned Citizens (GCC)  
Malaysia Hindu Sangam (MHS)  
Monitoring Sustainability of Globalisation (MSN)  
Malaysian Gurdwara Council (MGC)  
Malaysian Trade Union Congress (MTUC)  
Other organizations

## PROGRAM

8:15 - 8:45am  
Registration and Refreshments

8:45 - 9:00am  
Opening - Individual and Common Prayers

9:15 - 9:30am  
Welcome Note

9:30 - 10:30am  
Keynote Address  
Topic: Issues, Challenges and Way Forward in the Realization of the Right to Water - A Multi-Religious Perspective

10:30am - 12:30pm  
Panel Discussion 1  
Topic: An Inter-Faith Conversation on the Religious Roots on Water - As a Right and State Responsibility, As a Commodity and As a Gift of God to People

12:30 - 2:00pm  
Lunch & Video Presentations

2:00 - 4:00pm  
Panel Discussion 2  
Topic: UN General Comment No. 15 on Water and Challenges for Religions: A Multi-Religious Conversation

4:00 - 4:30pm  
Adoption of Inter-Faith 50th Merdeka Water Declaration and Conclusion

RM20 will be collected to cover cost of venue, facilities and resource materials.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Please register by sending your details (name, contact number, e-mail address and name of organization) to [monitoring.globalisation@gmail.com](mailto:monitoring.globalisation@gmail.com) or call or text Simon Lee at 012.633.2349.

To confirm participation, please fill in the registration form and make payment by cheque to MSN Diversified Sdn Bhd

(mail cheque to 506, 5th Floor, Menara Mutiara Majestic, No. 15 Jalan Othman, Section 3, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor).

We look forward to your participation.