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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and a very good afternoon.

SALUTATIONS

1. It is a great pleasure to join all of you as we bring the **7th International Sustainable Energy Summit (ISES) 2026** to a close.
2. Over the past two days, ISES has brought together policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, innovators, investors and development partners from Malaysia and around the world to exchange ideas and shape the way forward. Together, you have explored the issues that will define our energy future – from technology and investment to energy security and regional cooperation.

3. These are complex questions. But at the heart of them all are the people whose lives will be shaped by the decisions we make.

THE ENERGY TRANSITION IS ABOUT PEOPLE

4. The energy transition is not only about systems, targets and new technologies. Ultimately, it is about improving how people live, work and build their future.
5. It is about whether families can build a more secure future, whether communities can withstand economic and

environmental change, and whether we can leave our children a healthier country with better opportunities.

6. As Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, this is the perspective I bring to the discussion. Sustainability is certainly an environmental and economic priority. But at its core, it is also a human one.
7. This means that our energy transition must not only be ambitious and economically viable; it must also be socially inclusive.

Progress cannot be measured only by how quickly we move, but also by whether people can move forward with us.

WOMEN MUST HELP SHAPE THE TRANSITION

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. This brings me to an important message from today's discussion on women's leadership. The aspiration is that women should not be seen only as beneficiaries of the energy transition. Women must also help shape it.

9. That means having women at the table where policies are designed, investments are decided, technologies are developed, and industries are led. It also means ensuring that people with disabilities and other groups at risk of exclusion are considered from the beginning, not added as an afterthought.
10. This is why the principles of Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion, or GEDSI, matter. They remind us that a just transition must create decent opportunities and leave no one behind.

11. Malaysia already has a strong foundation. Women have consistently achieved high levels of participation in tertiary education. Based on the ASEAN Energy Database System, women account for **15.7% of graduates in Engineering, Manufacturing and Construction** in Malaysia. Yet educational achievement does not automatically translate into equal economic participation.
12. In 2025, **Malaysia's female labour force participation rate stood at 56.6%, compared with 83.3% for men.** Of the **7.03 million people outside the labour force, 4.89 million or**

69.5% were women. Among them, **42.8% cited housework and family responsibilities** as the main reason for remaining outside the workforce.

13. These figures tell us that talent is not the problem. The issue is whether women have the opportunity, support and space to put that talent to work.
14. So, as we encourage more women into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and emerging green industries, we must also address the barriers that hold them back.

Unpaid care responsibilities, workplace structures and unequal access to leadership are not private concerns alone. They affect our workforce, our productivity and the strength of our energy transition.

15. Initiatives such as Malaysia Women in Energy, or MyWiE, are valuable because they go beyond representation. They help build pathways for women to enter the sector, develop as leaders and contribute to a stronger and more resilient industry.

FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION

Ladies and Gentlemen,

16. The theme of this year's summit, **“Envisioning Sustainable Energy Beyond Borders”**, is especially timely. Climate change does not stop at national borders, and no country can secure its energy future by acting alone.
17. Malaysia has sought to advance this agenda through both regional and national commitments. Last year, we launched our

first National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security 2025–2030 during the ASEAN WPS Summit. More recently, at ASEAN Energy Gender Week 2026, Malaysia joined our regional partners in shaping the Shared Declaration of Intent to integrate gender equality, disability, and social inclusion across the energy sector.

18. To carry these commitments forward, we are also strengthening the necessary structures across government. **Gender Focal Points and Gender Focal Teams have now been appointed across 46 ministries and agencies.** This provides an important mechanism for bringing gender, disability and social inclusion into

national planning, including discussions on the implementation of the National Energy Transition Roadmap.

19. These efforts also support our wider responsibilities under the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly in affordable and clean energy, gender equality and climate action. But plans, declarations and institutional structures are only the beginning. Their real value lies in whether they lead to better decisions, wider opportunities, and meaningful improvements in people's lives. And this is where the work of this summit must continue.

20. The success of ISES 2026 will not be measured only by the number of delegates gathered here or the quality of the presentations we have heard. It will be measured by what we do next – by the partnerships we sustain, the investments we mobilise and the ideas we turn into action. Most importantly, it will be measured by whether the progress we make is felt by the people and communities we are working to serve.

CLOSING

21. Before I conclude, I extend my sincere appreciation and congratulations to the **Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA)** as the host of ISES 2026, the **Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia (SEDA)** as the organiser; **Akaun Amanah Industri Bekalan Elektrik (AAIBE)**; and all strategic partners and sponsors.

22. My appreciation also goes to every speaker, moderator, exhibitor and delegate. Your ideas, experience and willingness to work together have given this summit both substance and a sense of purpose.
23. Let us leave this hall with more than optimism. Let us leave with the resolve to build an energy future that is innovative and competitive, but also fair, inclusive and grounded in the needs of people.

24. With that, I am pleased to declare the **7th International Sustainable Energy Summit 2026** closed officially.

Thank you.

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