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DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS MALAYSIA



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## CONCEPT NOTE

***Literacy Program MyStats Day 2023***  
***Introducing the Macroeconomic Modelling Tool (for Malaysia) (MMT)***  
***13 October 2023 (Friday)***  
***Main Conference Room, UN House Putrajaya***  
***10.00 am – 12.00 noon (Hybrid)***

### 1. Background

Since the declaration of World Statistics Day by the UN General Assembly in 2010 as 20<sup>th</sup> October, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has annually held various interesting activities and programmes engaging civil society and citizens to promote statistical literacy. The event set out in this note, which is hosted and sponsored by the United Nations in Malaysia, forms part of this year's commemorations (for the full programme of activities see the MyStats Day 2023 website: [https://www.dosm.gov.my/portal-main/mystatsday?search\\_year=2023](https://www.dosm.gov.my/portal-main/mystatsday?search_year=2023)).

DOSM, in collaboration with the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (UN RCO) in Malaysia, will organise the MyStats Day 2023 Literacy Program, featuring a sharing session on the Macroeconomic Modelling Tool (for Malaysia) (MMT). The session will be organised on 13 October 2023 in Hybrid.

### 2. Purpose:

This program will showcase a basic macroeconomic modelling framework for the Malaysian economy developed by a team commissioned by the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (UN RCO). The framework employs General Equilibrium (GE) approach rooted in the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) published by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), as updated where required by the consultant team. The MMT, which has been developed in consultation with DOSM, will be offered opensource for open use by UN agencies, think tanks and other researchers, to conduct what/ if type analyses, by simulating the economic impacts of policy and spending options.

### 3. Content:

The program will include two principal presentations: the first offering background on the model and approach; the second illustrating the application of the online model tool with examples. The session will be supported by two reports, the first providing a full account of the model, and the second providing a worked example case study associated with Malaysia's COVID-19 policy response. The side event aims to introduce the MMT, receive technical and other feedback, and to enable use of the online tool by target users. It will also be provided online as a hybrid event.

#### 4. Agenda:

Time	:	Description
9.45 am	:	Arrival of participants & Registration
10.00 am	:	Remarks from DOSM ❖ YBhg. Datin Seri Rozita Talha Deputy Chief Statistician, Program Economy
10.10 am	:	Opening remarks on the Macroeconomic Modelling Tool (for Malaysia) (MMT) ❖ Dr Richard Marshall, Senior Economist, UNRCO, Malaysia, Singapore Brunei Darussalam
10.20 am	:	Presentation on the MMT and the modeling approach ❖ Dr Bazlul Khondker, UNRCO
10.45 am	:	Presentation on use of the MMT ❖ Dr Bazlul Khondker, UNRCO
11.15 am	:	Q&A and discussion ❖ Moderated by Datuk K. Yogeesvaran, UNRCO
11.50 am	:	Closing remarks and next steps– TBA ❖ UN Malaysia
12.00 pm	:	End

#### 5. Registration: <http://bit.ly/KehadiranMMT>



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