



Country Statement

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Your Excellency, Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development,
Kingdom of Morocco, President of UNEA 6,
Madam Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme,
Esteemed Ministers, Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

And a very good morning.

1. On behalf of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, I would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the Government of Kenya and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for organizing this international assembly here in the beautiful city of Nairobi.
2. At the outset, Brunei Darussalam reaffirms its commitment to the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, targeting a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, as per our Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). To achieve this, we have delivered on target performance against our key mitigating strategies in the BNCCP such as reduction in industrial emissions, increase in solar, reduction in emissions from land transport, efficient power management and also implemented a Mandatory Reporting Directive for enhanced transparency in emissions reporting and are developing a National Adaptation Plan for climate resilience.
3. Furthermore, Brunei Darussalam is spearheading regional climate action by hosting the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change, aimed at boosting climate change mitigation and adaptation in Southeast Asia through research, data exchange, policy recommendations, and international collaboration. This initiative reflects our dedication to a climate-resilient, low-carbon ASEAN region, emphasising our collective commitment to addressing climate change and environmental sustainability.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. Brunei Darussalam shares the concerns of member states on the impact of marine plastic debris and fully supports the process of establishing the internationally legally binding instrument to combat plastic pollution. By adopting innovative and circular approaches to tackle the challenge, we hope that UNEA-6 will chart a path towards concrete progress.
5. Recognizing this, Brunei Darussalam initiated the all year National-scale Marine Debris Beach clean-up called Coastal Marvel Campaign, aimed to empower society and instill a sense of responsibility toward protecting and conserving the environment through proper waste disposal methods. To date, 62% of the waste collected are plastic waste.
6. Brunei Darussalam's success in implementing the "No Plastic Bag Everyday" initiative in major retailers and supermarkets has made significant progress, reducing plastic bags from ending up in landfills.

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7. Brunei Darussalam's forest covers over 70% of its land. Our objective is to plant 500,000 trees by 2035 to enhance our carbon sink.
8. At this juncture, I would like to congratulate the One Hundred and Fifty Six (156) countries that have ratified the Kigali Amendment under the Montreal Protocol. Brunei Darussalam is in the final preparation to ratify the Kigali Amendment and with UNEP as our lead implementing agency, we are committed and ready to promote the use of Zero Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP) and low Global Warming Potential (GWP) technology to support the implementation of this Amendment.
9. We believe our continued cooperation with UNEP can provide the support for capacity building and technology assistance in finding appropriate alternatives to Hydro Fluoro Carbons (HFCs) that will give positive results to a healthy and safe environment.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

10. Brunei Darussalam is confident that UNEA 6 would be the epitome of addressing the solutions to tackle the global triple crisis, which would require cooperation among Member states and other stakeholders. With that, I look forward to a fruitful meeting and solid outcomes.

Thank you.