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Dear Honoured Discussants,

**A CONVERSATION TOGETHER ON POVERTY, INEQUALITY &
HUMAN RIGHTS IN MALAYSIA**

Date: May 23, 2019 (Thursday)
Time: 10.00am to 12.30pm
Venue: Kingsley Strategic Institute
Lot 10.01 (West Wing), Level 10, Menara BRDB, 285, Jalan
Maarof, Bukit Bandaraya, 59000 Kuala Lumpur (Behind Bangsar
Shopping Complex)

The United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, Prof Philip Alston, will conduct an official country visit to Malaysia from 12 to 22 August 2019 at the invitation of the government. His visit will focus on the links between poverty and the realization of human rights in Malaysia. Prof Philip Alston is calling for input and analysis from Malaysia on this theme. This was to be submitted before his visit by June 14, 2019.

In this context KSI and the CSO-SDG Alliance is hosting a conversation together on this theme for feedback. We welcome you to come in person and share your views. We appreciate your written comments too,

There are eight questions given to us which can service as our outline for discussion. These are:-

- 1) The nature of poverty and inequality in Malaysia, including how poverty is or should be defined and measured, its prevalence, and its distribution.
- 2) The major challenges and human rights-related problems facing people living in poverty.
- 3) People disproportionately impacted by poverty, including women, children, minorities, non-citizens, and people living in urban and rural areas.
- 4) The impact of poverty on civil and political rights, as well as on economic, social and cultural rights such as the rights to health, housing, food, education and social security.
- 5) The impact of environmental issues and climate change on people living in poverty.



- 6) The role of infrastructure and development projects; international financial institutions; the management of public finances; and multinational or domestic corporations in relation to poverty.
- 7) Regions, provinces, districts, or cities in Malaysia that the Special Rapporteur should visit because of their particular relevance to poverty and human rights.
- 8) Individuals and organizations with whom the Special Rapporteur should meet during his country visit.

We are inviting a number of resource persons to share their views. They will include Datuk Yusof Kassim (Commact Chair), Dr Madeline Berma (Former UKM), Mr Jeffery Phang and Dr Lin Mui Kiang (CSO SDG Alliance). We are also hoping organisations working among the poor such as Malaysian CARE, YKPM, Dhrra Malaysia, Hunger Hurts Malaysia and many more will join us at this discussion and share their views for policy review. The discussion will be moderated by Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria (Alliance & KITA-UKM)

We also encourage all of you to also submit directly your views and comments to the Special Rapporteur Email: srextremepoverty@ohchr.org For more details please read:- <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/Pages/VisitMalaysia.aspx>

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