

APEC Keynote Speakers, Panelists, and Moderators Short Biography



Ms Gita Yulianti Suwandi, S.T., M.Plan.

- Master's degree in Planning in the Environmental Management Department at Lincoln University, 2019
- Head of Program and Budget Preparation Division II, (Kepala Bagian Penyusunan Program dan Anggaran II) in Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana Republik Indonesia (National Disaster Management Agency of the Republic of Indonesia).
- Research Paper Author/Contributor/Writer
 - Community Participation in Development Planning: Implementation and Strategies at Local Level A Case Study in Bima City, Indonesia
 - Roadmap Pengarusutamaan Gender di Lingkungan BNPB 2021-2024
 - Buku Risiko Bencana Indonesia (RBI)



Mr Mohd Faizal Bin AB Hamid K.M.N

- Accounting Degree from the International Islamic University, 2000
- Master's Degree in Management from the Open University Malaysia, 2018
- Senior Principal Assistant Director at the National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA) under the Prime Minister Department focuses on building the community's disaster resilient (Community-Based Disaster Reduction Management, CBDRM)
- Presented various papers on management, community, disaster management and bilateral-multilateral relations in the local and international fora.
- Contributor:
 - Commander for Covid-19 Humanitarian Rescue Mission, Rome – Fiumicino International Airport, 2020
 - Head of Secretariat for Covid-19 Fund NADMA in providing aid to the affected citizens, 2020
 - Policy Paper on Ownership Issues of the housing Aid for Disaster (Tsunami and Flood), 2019



TPr Dr. Chee Ping Ngang

- Director, Corporate Division, PLANMalaysia (Federal Department of Town and Country Planning)
- Obtained her Bachelor Degree in Town and Regional Planning from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) in 1997, Master of Landscape Architecture from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) in 2002, and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Climate Change and Spatial Planning from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 2015.
- She has more than 23 years of experiences in urban and regional planning with major involvements in Strategic Planning, National Physical Planning, Local Development Planning, Sustainability Assessment and Environmental Planning.



Assoc. Prof. Dr Mohd Ramzi Mohd Hussain

- Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture (Hons), UTM, Malaysia
- MA/PG Dip in Urban Design, Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom
- PhD in Urban and Regional Planning (GIS and Human-Computer Interaction), UTM Skudai, Malaysia
- Associate Professor at Department of Landscape Architecture, KAED, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Registered Landscape Architect with the Institute of Landscape Architects Malaysia (ILAM).
- Currently a Director, Office of Occupational, Safety, Health in Built Environment (OSHBE), IIUM.
- His research interests include Urban Design/Urban Landscape, Cultural Landscape; Residential Landscape; GIS and Human-Computer Interaction; Environmental Planning.



Mr Ahmad Farhan Roslan

- Mr Ahmad Farhan Roslan is a researcher at the Construction Research Institute of Malaysia (CREAM).
- He holds a Master of Science in Building Technology from Universiti Sains Malaysia.
- He is currently a PhD candidate and researcher in the THINKLab, University of Salford, Manchester.
- He has experience in developing strategic plans and digital initiatives in the construction industry.
- He is passionate about exploring innovation and applying them to practices and society.
- In this project, he is responsible for managing the work package team to develop the "pandemic-resilient cities and built environment" strategy



Dr. Khairul Hisyam Kamarudin

- Dr Khairul Hisyam Kamarudin is a senior lecturer in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia Johor Bahru.
- He has PhD in Planning (with a focus in Sustainable Tourism) from Oxford Brookes University, UK.
- He received his Bachelor's degree and master's degree from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia in Urban and Regional Planning (URP).
- Research interests in sustainable development, regional and rural planning, and community/social resilience to disaster.
- Research Paper Author/Contributor/Writer:
 - "Kemampuan Ekonomi Luar Bandar" (Rural Economic Sustainability), 2019
 - "Asian Smallholders in Comparative Perspective" (2019)
 - International Journal of Built Environment and Sustainability (IJBES) for SUDLiC special issue (July 2022) publication "Sustainable Cities for all: Urban Spatial Responses to Covid-19".\



Dr Shuhana Shamsuddin

- Adjunct Professor in Urban Design UTM
- President of Malaysia Urban Design Association
- Former Professor of Urban Design at Razak School of Engineering and Advanced Technology, UTM Kuala Lumpur, with more than 30 years of experience in teaching urban design
- Advisory Board of Studies panel for the Architecture and master's program at IIUM, UITM, and UKM
- Supervised PhD and Masters's students for the University of Nottingham, UK, and Queensland University of Technology, Australia
- Completed more than 30 research, published extensively internationally, and engaged in urban design consultation works cum community service to the local authorities of several major cities in Malaysia.
- Among her notable works include, KL Heritage Trail Master Plan for DBKL, Tertiary Area Studies of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Georgetown and Melaka for Jabatan National Negara, Guidelines for Urban Image by the Jabatan Perancangan Bandar dan Desa Persekutuan and the Urban Morphology for Melaka's nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- President of Malaysian Urban Design Association



Ms Alexander O'Mara

- Ms Alexander O'Mara is a senior executive and leader who has worked across various sectors, including ESG, sustainability and natural resource management, planning, property, industry, infrastructure, building, design, culture, and public space.
- Alex is now the Principal of Sustainable Solutions Advisory, which provides advice on strategy development and execution, policy, stakeholder engagement, leadership development and governance with a focus on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and sustainability in the built environment, energy, and infrastructure sectors.
- Before this, Alex was the Group Deputy Secretary, Place Design and Public Space in the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, responsible for land use planning, infrastructure contributions, design, green infrastructure, and public space.
- In the past two years, the work of her Place, Design and Public Spaces Group was recognised with over 20 awards, including the Asia Pacific Place Leaders Centrepiece Award 2021.
- Alex has been a member of several Boards and Committees, including the Australian Building Codes Board, Resilient Sydney and Placemaking NSW.
- Alex holds a Bachelor of Arts / Law (Hons 1) and a Master of Administrative Law and Policy from the University of Sydney.



Dr. -Ing Santy Paulla Dewi

- She is a senior lecturer at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) of Diponegoro University (UNDIP), Indonesia.
- She is also a member of the urban planning and urban design expertise group at DURP UNDIP.
- Bachelor of Engineering (ST) in Urban and Regional Planning from UNDIP
- Master's in development studies from Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB)
- Dr.-Ing in Urban Planning from Technische Universität, Germany
- Research interest relates to urban regeneration, gentrification, and livable cities.
- Currently, she lectures on Urban Design and Management, Planning Evaluation, and Livable Cities.



Dr. Mohd Rizal Bin Osman

- As Chief Operating Officer, Dr Rizal oversees the management and operations of URBANICE.
- He currently leads the Urban Innovation Hub department. He is responsible for implementing intelligent and innovative solutions with local urban partners through the Sustainable Urban Micro mobility (SUMm) and Komuniti Hab initiatives.
- He obtained his PhD from the University of Southampton, the United Kingdom, in 2014.
- Through his thesis, he explored 'Combining Multi-Source Satellite Sensor Imagery to Monitor and Forecast Land Use Change in Malaysia'.



Dr Wan Nurul Mardiah Wan Mohd Rani

- Senior Lecturer at Razak Faculty of Technology and Informatics, University Teknologi Malaysia
- Currently, she is the Deputy Director II, Institut Sultan Iskandar, an independent non-profit research and development organisation that specialises in planning and development that operates within the UTM
- She is also a Managing Director of ISI Ventures Sdn Bhd, an Institut Sultan Iskandar subsidiary company.
- She is the Deputy Head of Green Cities and Construction Research Group at the faculty level.
- Bachelor's Degree in Urban & Regional Planning
- Master of Science in Built Environment from International Islamic University Malaysia
- PhD in Urban Studies from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- Research interest includes Sustainable Urban Form, Resilient Cities, Risk-Sensitive Cities, and Healthy Cities.
- At the national level, she is a registered graduate member of the Malaysian Institute of Planners and a secretariat member for the Academic Research Society of Malaysia (ARMS).



Assoc. Professor Dr Harcharanjit Singh

- Senior Lecturer at Azman Hashim International Business School, UTM Kuala Lumpur.
- He started his career at Azman Hashim International Business School in 2014.
- He received his PhD (Management) from the Othman Yeop Abdullah Graduate School of Business, Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia, in 2013.
- He teaches and researches International Business, Organizational Behavior and Development, Marketing, Management, and Human Resources.
- He has authored and co-authored research papers in many reputable journals, conference proceedings, and book chapters.