Brunei Darussalam’s
2020 Voluntary National Review (VNR)
Brunei Darussalam’s VNR Process - Summary

- Registered to present during 2020 HLPF by early 2019

- Established Ministerial Level Special Steering Committee and Working Committee for preparation of the VNR

- Direct engagement on drafting the VNR report with government ministries and agencies by October 2019

- Organised a national workshop with UN ESCAP in January 2020 for VNR preparation and SDG implementation.

- 1st draft VNR report circulated by January 2020 for comments. Due to COVID-19, direct engagements with Ministries and NGOs was shifted online. Virtual discussions and interviews with NGOs based on clusters were conducted by April 2020.

- VNR Report covered all 17 SDGs and Ministerial statement was delivered via pre-recorded video.
Challenges and Way Forward

(1) **Data: The need to strengthen data availability for SDGs**

- To be supported by the newly established National Data Coordination Steering Committee in October 2020.

(2) **SDGs to complement Brunei Darussalam’s National vision, Wawasan Brunei 2035**

- National Coordination Committee for the SDGs now chaired by the Prime Minister’s Office.
- The Office of Wawasan Brunei 2035 functions as the Secretariat to the Committee

(3) **Increasing Recognition of SDGs**

- Participation in talks and events for example Teens In AI (12 – 19 September 2020): Building AI solutions to align with the UN SDGs and the socialisation of SDGs amongst youth audience
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Thank you