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**14TH GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY OF THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
(NAM S&T CENTRE)**

PUTRAJAYA, 5 SEPTEMBER 2017 - Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau today officiated the opening of the 14th Governing Council Meeting of the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre) and the Forum On Climate Change: Impact and Responses.

This meeting is being attended by 28 delegates from 16 countries comprising of Ambassadors/ Head of Ministry/ Department/ Agency of Science and Technology in the respective NAM S&T member countries and representatives from the Embassy of NAM S&T Member Countries in Malaysia.

The NAM S&T Centre is an intergovernmental organisation consisting of 48 non-aligned and other developing countries located in various region of the world that covers Africa, Asia, Middle East, America and Europe. The Centre is given a mandate to promote the fullest possible and mutually beneficial technological collaboration among scientists and technologists and scientific organizations from among the member countries.

Malaysia's involvement in NAM S&T Centre started in 1994 when the country became a member to the Centre. Since then, Malaysia has played an active role by jointly organising activities with the Centre such as workshops and training courses in the country.

Malaysia through Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar bin Haji Yahaya, Secretary General of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia is also the Vice President of the Governing Council of NAM S&T Centre elected during the 13th Governing Council Meeting held in Sandton City, South Africa in 2013.

Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau also announced that Malaysia have also acceded to the NAM S&T Statute. According to him, "This shows Malaysia's full commitment and support to the NAM S&T Centre's purpose of being a platform for consolidated effort on strengthening and promotion of science and technology cooperation".

Meanwhile, the forum on climate change has attracted more than 100 participants from Academia and Non-governmental Organization. The invited speakers are Prof. Dr. Don Cowan, Director for the Centre for Microbial Ecology and Genomics, University of Pretoria, South Africa, Prof. Dato' Dr. Azizan bin Hj Abu Samah, Director of the National Antarctic Research Centre, University of Malaya and Dr. Hezri Adnan, Honorary Associate Professor at The Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University. The speakers will share their insights and knowledge on impact of climate change and how the nation and the community can response to the challenges.

Malaysia firmly believes that international collaboration and cooperation is the best way to achieve a better understanding on the climate change and how we can use science and technology to mitigate and response to this issue.

MOSTI through their agency, Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation have taken the initiatives to organize the Forum on Climate Change: Impact and Responses as an engagement platform to spur discussion on the impacts of climate change and the roles of various stakeholders in this issue, in the hopes to achieve the commitment of all parties in mitigating the effects of the changing climate.

MOSTI also extended the invitation to all delegates and participants to the National Innovation and Creative Economy Expo 2017 (NICE 2017) to be held on October 12 to 16, 2017 at Technology Park Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur and to the MCY Summit 2017 to be held on 5 and 6 December 2017 in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in hope that their presence at the upcoming program will enhance the countries' networking opportunities in technology transfer and commercialisation.