



4TH D-8 NPRI SUMMIT

06 - 09 OCTOBER 2025 | MONDAY – THURSDAY

UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA, JOHOR, MALAYSIA

PERSADA JOHOR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, JOHOR, MALAYSIA

DAY 1

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| Time | Programme | Venue |
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| 08:45 – 09:00 am | Registration & Welcome Refreshments | UTM Senate Hall Foyer |
| 09:00 – 09:15 am | Arrival of VIPs and Delegates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam The Secretary General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) 2. H.E Ambassador Mustafa Ozcan Director I of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) 3. Professor Dr. Mohd Shafry bin Mohd Rahim UTM Vice-Chancellor 4. All delegates. | UTM Senate Hall |
| 09:15 – 09:45 am | Opening Ceremony of the 4th D-8 NPRI Summit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Anthem 2. Welcome Address by UTM Vice-Chancellor 3. Opening Remarks by The Secretary General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) | UTM Senate Hall |
| 09:45 – 10:00 am | D-8 NPRI Focal Person Appointment Ceremony (Certificate presentation) By The Secretary General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) Witness UTM Vice-Chancellor | UTM Senate Hall |
| 10:00 – 10:15 am | D-8 NPRI Secretariat Office Launching (Ribbon cutting+Video Only) By The Secretary General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) Witness UTM Vice-Chancellor | UTM Senate Hall |
| | D-8 NPRI Secretariat Activities Platform* By CEO of Cloudswired Technologies | |
| 10:15 – 10:30 am | UTM & D-8 NPRI Exchange Ceremony* By UTM Vice-Chancellor to all delegates Witness The Secretary General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8), UTM DVCs | UTM Senate Hall |
| 10:30 – 10:45 am | OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO All delegates. | Sultan Ibrahim Chancellor Building Foyer |
| 10:45 – 11:00 am | Coffee / Networking Break | UTM Senate Hall Foyer |
| 11:00 – 11:45 am | 4th D-8 NPRI Keynote Session Keynote Speech by Ambassador (Retd.) Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari Former Secretary-General (2018-2021). | UTM Senate Hall |
| 11:45 – 1:00 pm | 4th D-8 NPRI Roundtable Discussion (Theme: Driving Regional Innovation, Shaping Sustainable Global Solutions) Each member country/institution presents for 5 minutes. • 11 members → ~55 minutes + Q&A buffer. | UTM Senate Hall |



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| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Networking Lunch | |
| 2:00 – 4:30 pm | 4th D-8 NPRI Research, Development and Innovation Council (RDIC) / Governing Board Meeting Main Agendas Fostering Research and Innovation Identify priority research areas and promote collaborative innovation initiatives. Strengthening Partnerships Enhance cooperation among member institutions, industry, and government agencies. Addressing Global Challenges Develop joint strategies to tackle pressing issues such as climate change, energy transition, and digital transformation. Policy Integration and Capacity Building Align member policies to support innovation and build the capacity of researchers and institutions. <i>During the meeting, all member representatives will have the opportunity to propose or present possible activities and initiatives, along with an indicative month or timeline for implementation that contributes to achieving the agreed agendas.</i> Closing Announcements | UTM Senate Hall |
| 4:30 – 6:00 pm | Informal Welcome High Tea for Delegates | UTM Vice-Chancellor Residence |



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4TH D-8 NPRI SUMMIT | 07 OCTOBER 2025 | TUESDAY
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| Time | Programme |
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| 08:00 – 09:00 am | Arrival of Guests and Registration |
| 09:00 – 10:30 am | Opening Ceremony of UTM Global Connect |
| 10:30 – 11:00 am | Break & Refreshments |
| 11:00 – 11:30 am | Keynote Address I - “Artificial Intelligence Integration for the Future University: A Malaysian Perspective” Mr. Shamsul Izhan Abdul Majid Head, The National Artificial Intelligence Office (NAIO) |
| SESSION 1: Elevating University Visibility- Amplifying Impact, Inspiring Excellence | |
| 11:30 – 12:30 pm | Panel Session I: Elevating University Visibility- Amplifying Impact, Inspiring Excellence i. Professor Dr. Koichi Node President, Saga University, Japan ii. Professor Dr. Ehsan Mesbahi Academic Provost and Associate Vice President (International) Malaysia, University of Southampton Malaysia |
| 12:30 – 12:35 pm | Group Photo |
| 12:35 – 13:00 pm | Exhibition (UTM NALI & INATEX) |
| 13:00 – 14:00 pm | Lunch Break |
| 14:00 – 14:30 pm | Keynote Address II Professor Venky Shankararaman President, The Asia-Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE) |
| 14:30 – 15:30 pm | Panel Session II: Moving Forward Action Plan – Unlocking University Potential i. Professor Dr. Nikita Anisimov Rector, HSE University, Russia ii. Professor Dr. Irwan Meilano Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia |
| 15:30 - 15:40 pm | Break |
| 15:40 – 16:00 pm | Collaboration Exchange Session |
| 16:00 – 17:30 pm | Quickfire Connect |
| 17:45 – 19:30 pm | Welcome Reception |



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| SESSION 2: Forging Innovative Research-Empowering Discovery, Shaping Future | |
| 09:00 – 09:30 am | Registration |
| 09:30 – 10:30 am | Collaborative Research Excellence Programme Open to all preferably Research Deans/ Directors / Researchers and Directors of International Office - University Leaders, Presidents, Vice- Chancellors, Rectors are also invited to join |
| 10:30 – 11:00 am | Break & Refreshments |
| 11:00 – 12:30 pm | (Continue) Collaborative Research Excellence Programme Open to all preferably Research Deans/ Directors / Researchers and Directors of International Office |
| | UPF2025 Presidents' Roundtable/ Summit Exclusively for University Leaders, Presidents, Vice-Chancellors, Rectors |
| 12:30 – 13:00 pm | Closing Session of the 14th UTM University Presidents Forum 2025 |
| 13:00 - 14:00 pm | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:30 pm | Closing Ceremony of UTM Global Connect* |
| 19:30 – 22:00 pm | Appreciation Dinner with Institut Dato' Onn, Johor* |

DAY 4

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INSTITUT DATO ONN, JOHOR, MALAYSIA

| Time | Programme |
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| 08:30 – 09:00 am | Registration |
| 09:00 – 11:00 am | Discussion and Networking with Centre for Real Estate Studies on Sustainable Built Environment Global Exchange |
| 11:00 – 11:15 am | Break & Refreshments |
| 11:15 – 12:15 pm | Leadership Exchange Ceremony and Networking with Institut Dato Onn, Johor |
| | Group Photo |
| 12:30 - 13:00 pm | Lunch |