

**Bandar Seri Begawan Joint Statement of
The Special Ministerial Meeting on the Heart of Borneo Initiative
7 September 2013, Brunei Darussalam**

On this auspicious occasion of 'The Special Ministerial Meeting on the Heart of Borneo Initiative' held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 7th September 2013, **We**, the Ministers responsible for **the Heart of Borneo Initiative**:

1. **Reaffirm** our joint commitment to materialize the Heart of Borneo Vision - 'Three Countries, One Conservation Vision' and 'Declaration on the Heart of Borneo Initiative' signed on the 12th February 2007 in Bali, Indonesia;
2. **Acknowledge and commend** the 5-year progressive achievements of the three countries under the Heart of Borneo Initiative as well as other national initiatives towards effective management strategies of forestry and biodiversity conservation;
3. **Enhance** collaboration between the three countries to implement joint programs and activities while ensuring synergies to complement the existing regional and international agenda such as climate change, biodiversity conservation, food, energy and water security, and poverty alleviation;
4. **Encourage** green economy and promote capacity and technological development through various endeavours such as Public Private Partnership (PPP), to strengthen trans-boundary cooperation on a multisectoral basis towards achieving sustainable development within the Heart of Borneo;

5. **Welcome** the assistance of international and regional organizations as well as dialogue partners and appreciate the involvement of relevant stakeholders in the conservation activities under the Heart of Borneo Initiative;

6. **Reiterate** our support to forest relevant processes and frameworks including the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and other related international multilateral environmental agreements; and

7. Hereby **reaffirm**:

(a) The development of practical programmes, policy and financing solutions to meet the goals of conservation and demands of sustainable economic development based on 5 pillars: trans-boundary cooperation, protected areas, sustainable natural resource management, ecotourism development and capacity building; and

(b) To create enabling conditions in the Heart of Borneo needed to realize an inclusive and balanced development.

List of Ministers:

1. The Honourable Pehin Dato Yahya, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam
2. The Honourable Dr. (HC) Zulkifli Hasan, Minister of Forestry, Republic of Indonesia
3. The Honourable Dato Dr James Dawos Mamit, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Malaysia