

# QADIM HUB NEWSLETTER

## DIRECTOR MESSAGE

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Qadim Hub is a part of Knowledge for Change (K4C) Consortium, an initiative of the UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. Qadim Hub is under the management of University Sustainability Centre (USC), UNIMAS.

At Qadim Hub, our mission is to serve as a dynamic hub of knowledge, innovation, and collaboration. Aspiring to be a regional node in sustainable community transformation, we are committed to driving sustainable community transformation through Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR). Our journey is grounded in the belief that knowledge, when shared and applied, becomes a powerful force for positive change.

We invite you to engage with us, learn from our experiences, and join us in our pursuit of knowledge that transforms. Together, we can shape a brighter and more sustainable future for communities here in Malaysia and beyond.

**"UNIMAS – Community Driven University for A Sustainable World"**

Warm regards,  
Assoc. Prof. Noraziah Abdul Wahab  
**Director, University Sustainability Centre, UNIMAS**





## VISION

Qadim Hub is a globally recognized hub committed to educating the next generation of community-based researchers for advancing knowledge democracy and co-creation of place-based actionable knowledge.

## VISION & MISSION

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To strengthen community-based research via formal, structured and international partnered training initiatives.

## UNIMAS ACADEMICIANS RECEIVED UNESCO CBPR MENTOR CERTIFICATION



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Three UNIMAS academicians attended the CBPR Mentor Training Program (MTP) organized by UNESCO Chair in Community-Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, through University of Victoria, Canada and PRIA Institute, India. The 21-week certification program was held online from September 29, 2021, to March 31, 2022., followed by the K4C Mentor residency, which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from October 30-November 6th, 2022.

Qadim Hub mentors involved were Prof. Dr. Narayanan A/L N. Kulathu Ramaiyer, Assoc. Prof. Noraziah Abdul Wahab and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rafeah Wahi. The MTP face-to-face learning residency brought together mentors from MTP cohorts 5, 6, 7, and 8. Participants were thrilled to see each other in person after many years and excited to be in Malaysia, where they were hosted by the Mizan K4C Hub at the Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) at the International Youth Centre of the Ministry of Youth and Sports. Suriani Dzulkifli, Nandita Bhatt, Prof. Dr Darlene Clover, Assoc. Prof. Dr Mahazan Abdul Mutalib joined Dr Rajesh Tandon and Prof. Dr Budd Hall as facilitators. for the residency program.

At the end of the MTP program, all Qadim Hub mentors successfully received CBPR mentor certification from University of Victoria, Canada and PRIA Institute, India.

# QADIM HUB COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH (CBPR) MODULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

7th and 8th June 2023 | Serapi Hotel, Kuching

Qadim Hub, University Sustainability Centre, organized the Qadim Hub Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Module Development Workshop on 7th and 8th June 2023 at Serapi Hotel.

A total of 15 lecturers representing the Borneo Studies Institute (IPB), Institute of Social Informatics and Technological Innovations (ISITI), and community researchers from UNIMAS participated in this workshop. The workshop aimed to develop CBPR modules for professional programs to be offered by Qadim Hub.

The workshop was facilitated by three CBPR mentors accredited by the UNESCO Chair of Participatory Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, namely Prof. Dr. Narayanan A/L N. Kulathu Ramaiyer, Assoc. Prof. Noraziah Abdul Wahab, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rafeah Wahi.

These CBPR professional programs will be the first of their kind in the Borneo region, offering modules that equip participants with the knowledge and skills to conduct impactful and effective community programs.

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the project video



# QADIM HUB WRITING WORKSHOP

The Qadim Hub Writing Workshop was organized by Qadim Hub, University Sustainability Centre on 16 & 17 August 2023 at Raia Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak.

This workshop aimed to provide a platform for community researchers to share their experiences in conducting community programs through writing. This aligns with Qadim Hub's role as part of the Knowledge for Change (K4C) UNESCO consortium in community knowledge sharing and dissemination activities.

The workshop was attended by 23 community researchers from the Institute of Social Informatics and Technological Innovations (ISITI), Borneo Studies Institute (IPB), community project leaders, and Qadim Hub mentors.

Activities during the workshop included knowledge sharing by Prof. Dr. Poline Bala, Director of IPB, community experience sharing by participants, and brainstorming and writing sessions.

At the end of the workshop, participants submitted their writing outputs, either in the form of journal manuscripts or book chapters.



## QADIM HUB AT ICORESCT 2023

Two Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) mentors from Qadim Hub participated as Invited Speakers at the 1st International Conference on Renewable Energy and Sustainable Community Transformation (ICORESCT) hosted by Universitas Balikpapan, Indonesia on 6 & 7 October 2023.

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# Qadim Hub Showcases CBPR Impact

## at 1st International Conference on Renewable Energy and Sustainable Community Transformation (ICORESCT) 2023

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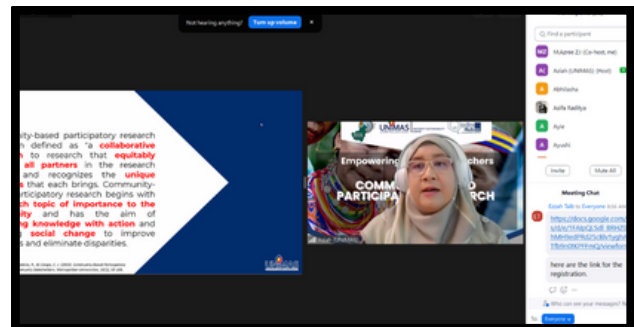
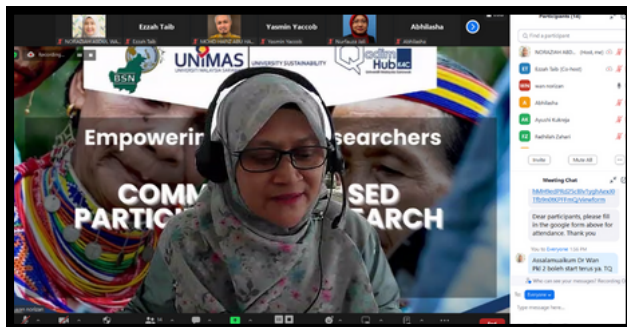


This conference, co-hosted by Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS), brought together a diverse range of academics, researchers, professionals, students, and stakeholders sharing research findings and recent developments in renewable energy and sustainable community transformation.

Associate Professor Noraziah Abdul Wahab, Director of the University Sustainability Centre (USC), UNIMAS, presented on "Sustainability Leadership and Transformational Social Change." Meanwhile, Associate Professor Dr. Rafeah Wahi, Qadim Hub Coordinator, USC, delivered a presentation titled "CBPR for Sustainable Community Transformation."

Qadim Hub's involvement in this conference demonstrates recognition of UNIMAS as a community-based university, as well as Qadim Hub's commitment to community empowerment and sustainability through Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR).

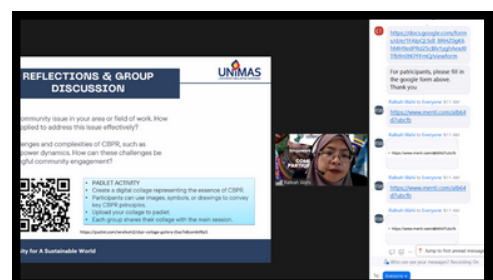
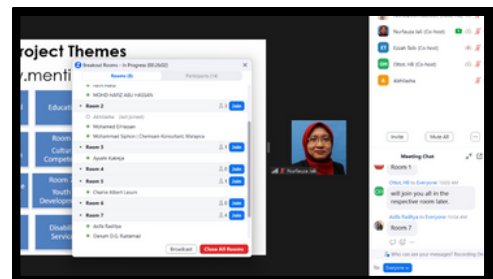
# Young Researchers Workshop: Empowering Young Researchers through Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)



Qadim Hub organized an online workshop titled Young Researchers Workshop: Empowering Young Researchers through Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) on 16 - 18 November 2023 via Zoom platform.

In the intensive 3-day online training, participants were exposed to vital skills in CBPR to drive positive social change, including understanding community, designing CBPR project, ethical considerations and knowledge management and sharing. Attendees also learned to pitch their CBPR project concepts to key stakeholders.

The workshop was conducted by Qadim Hub CBPR mentors; Assoc. Prof. Noraziah Abdul Wahab and Assoc. Prof. Rafeah Wahi, together with other speakers/facilitators with vast experiences in community programmes, namely Dr Wan Norizan Wan Hashim, Ts Nurfaufa Jali and Mr Haslan Ottot.



The workshop was attended by 25 young researchers from Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei and India. This workshop is organized by Qadim Hub as a part of Borneo Studies Network (BSN) activities in 2023. The workshop is also a satellite event of 10th eBorneo Knowledge Fair 2023 (eBKF10 '23).



## QADIM HUB CALL TO ACTION

Qadim Hub invites community partners, agencies, and industries to collaborate with us in advancing Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) through comprehensive training initiatives aimed at fostering sustainable social change. Contact:

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