



Delegate Guide

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1. Welcome to RAYS 2026

Welcome to the Rainforest Youth Summit (RAYS) 2026.

This year, more than 700 youth leaders, changemakers, students, advocates, researchers, and creatives from across ASEAN and beyond have gathered in Kuching, Sarawak under the theme, "*Youth: Many Ways, One Planet.*"

Held in the heart of Borneo, one of the world's most ecologically significant rainforest regions, RAYS 2026 is a space for young people to connect, learn, collaborate, and explore practical pathways towards a more sustainable future. The theme reflects the belief that while we come from diverse cultures, communities, and experiences, we share a common responsibility for the planet we call home.

Over the next three days, you will engage with inspiring speakers, participate in meaningful discussions, build new connections, and contribute your own perspectives to a growing regional and global community of young leaders. Through dialogue, collaboration, and shared experiences, we hope this summit inspires new ideas, lasting partnerships, and action that continues long after RAYS concludes.

Welcome to Sarawak. Welcome to RAYS 2026. Welcome to a community united by many voices, many perspectives, and one shared planet.

2. Summit Overview

Dates: 24 – 26 June, 2026

Location: voco Kuching by IHG, Sarawak, Malaysia

Theme: Youth: Many Ways, One Planet

Getting There:

- **Airport transfer** will not be provided unless it has been arranged specifically with the organising committee
- **Grab (e-hailing services)** are available and reliable in Kuching. The summit venue is 10 minutes away from the airport and 15 minutes away from the city centre by car.

Key Features:

- Keynote dialogues, plenary sessions, and spotlight conversations featuring leading voices from across sustainability, conservation, culture, policy, science, and youth leadership
- Skills-based workshops, youth-led labs, and policy-focused discussions grounded in lived experience and practical action

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- Planet Futures Forum, an immersive climate governance simulation exploring real-world decision-making, negotiation, and systems thinking
- Delegate Speaker sessions showcasing youth-led initiatives, community experiences, and emerging perspectives from across ASEAN and beyond
- Curated excursions including visits to Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, and Jungle Night Walks, and attendance at the opening day of the Rainforest World Music Festival 2026

3. Registration & Summit ID Tag

All delegates must register to receive their ID Tag. Your ID Tag must be worn at all times during summit hours for access to official summit areas and activities.

Pre-Registration, June 23

- 3:00PM - 4:00PM: Lobby, voco Kuching by IHG
- 7:30PM - 8:30PM: Lobby, Raia Hotel & Convention Centre Kuching

Summit Day Registration, June 24

- 8:00AM - 9:00 AM: Level 2, voco Kuching by IHG

What you'll receive:

- Summit lanyard with ID Tag
- Reusable RAYS tote bag
- Official T-shirt and merchandise

Dress Code: Smart casual or traditional attire is welcome. Remember to bring something cozy for air-conditioned spaces, and appropriate outdoor attire if you have signed up for the nature excursions.

To celebrate the diversity of the RAYS community, we invite all delegates to showcase their cultural heritage on the final day of the summit (26 June) by wearing traditional attire, incorporating a cultural element into their outfit, or bringing a meaningful item that represents their culture

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4. Summit Schedule

The updated programme schedule will be shared on **The Event App by EventsAir** and will be regularly updated on the [Official RAYS Website](#). Here's a quick look:

Day 1 (24 June): Opening Ceremony, AM/PM Plenaries, AM/PM Workshops, Masterclass Sessions, Screenings, Planet Futures Forum (PFF)

Day 2 (25 June): AM/PM Plenaries, AM/PM Workshops, Masterclass Sessions, Screenings, Planet Futures Forum (PFF)

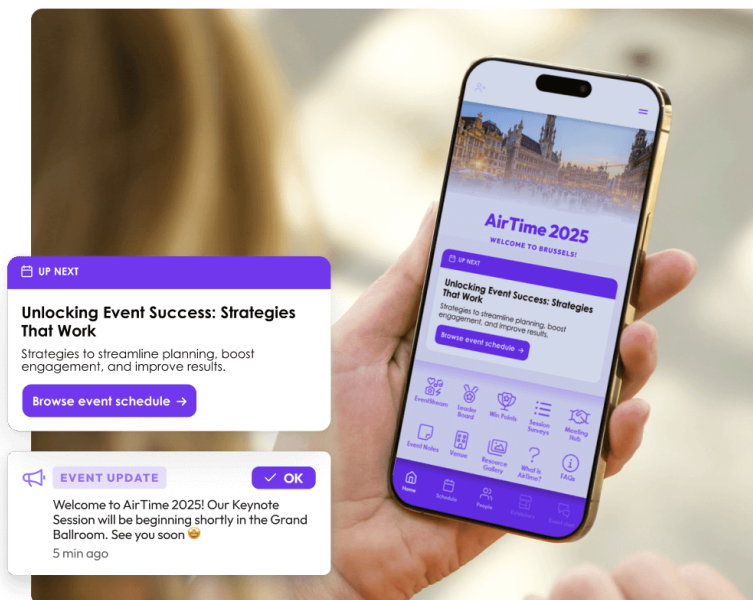
Day 3 (26 June): Planet Futures Forum (PFF), Youth Statement, Closing, Day 1 of Rainforest World Music Festival

5. The Event App by EventsAir (Attendee App)

Your digital companion to the summit.

Access: Delegates would have received an email with instructions to download the app.

Please ensure that you have completed the process. Failure to do so may result in missing important updates and slow down registration on event day.



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Features:

- Full summit schedule & session details
- Build your personalised summit agenda
- Event alerts, updates & notifications
- Post-summit community updates

Getting Started with The Event App by EventsAir (Attendee App)

1. Download **The Event App by EventsAir (Attendee App)** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Open the app and type in event code: **RAY2026**.
3. Enter the email address you used to register for the summit.
4. When prompted, enter the **App PIN** provided in your email.
5. See a session that interests you? Tap the ★ icon to add it to your favourites and create your own personalised summit schedule.

Download the app:

Google Play Store:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.eventsair.attendeeapp>

Apple App Store:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/the-event-app-by-eventsair/id1142851582>

6. Meals

All meals provided during summit hours are Halal-certified and will not contain beef, but we do understand that individuals will have varied needs and requirements.

7. Code of Conduct

We expect all participants to uphold:

- Respect for all people, cultures, and communities
- Consent-based interactions
- Zero tolerance for discrimination, harassment, or violence

Violation may result in immediate removal from the venue, RAYS Community Platform and will no longer be granted access to the summit.

Kindly refer to: [RAYs 2026 Code of Conduct, Inclusion & Participation Guidelines](#)

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8. Health and Safety

Precautions

Masking is optional but welcomed. If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend the summit activities and bring along essential medication to support any conditions.

Emergency Information

Your safety and wellbeing are our top priority at RAYS 2026.

In the event of an emergency during the summit, please take the following steps:

- **Alert a member of the RAYS team or volunteer** - they can be identified by their official Summit ID Tags (and Volunteer Vests).
- If needed, dial **999** (Malaysia's national emergency number) for police, ambulance, or fire services.

 Nearest Hospital:

Sarawak General Hospital

Jalan Hospital, 93586 Kuching, Sarawak

 Open 24 hours

 +60 82-276666

Stay safe, stay aware - and don't hesitate to reach out if you or someone around you needs help.

9. Sustainability Initiatives

At RAYS, sustainability isn't a side topic, it's the heart of the experience.

What we're doing:

- Digital-first materials, print only when necessary
- Low-carbon meals options using locally sourced ingredients
- Reduce consumption of single-use plastics

What you can do:

- Bring and use reusable water bottles & utensils
- Dispose of waste responsibly

10. Rainforest World Music Festival Day-1 Ticket Collection

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All attendees including speakers, delegates, workshop leaders and volunteers are eligible to receive a Day-1 ticket to the Rainforest World Music Festival (RWMF)!

Ticket Collection: Your RWMF ticket can be collected on **Day 3 (26 June)** at the designated counter at the summit venue between **10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**.

Transportation: All participants will have to manage their own travel to the Rainforest World Music Festival.

To support seamless travel, the city provides a free shuttle service from selected pick up points in Kuching directly to the festival grounds in Santubong. Please visit the [RWMF website](#) and [social media](#) for the shuttle schedule.

11. On-Site Support

For any questions, support, or assistance during the summit, please approach our team of volunteers.

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