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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Sustainability, energy access and efficiency, climate change – all of these have been priority issues at a global level since 178 Governments (including Malaysia) signed the Agenda 21 action plan in the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio. Since then there has been an increased awareness of sustainability issues at all levels of society, and an increase in governments' measures to lead their countries towards a more energy efficient, sustainable future. Progress however has been slow, as indicated in subsequent summits leading governments to recommit to the Millennium Development Goals and their expansion in 2015 as the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development). By adhering to these new SGDs, governments are renewing their efforts to improve access to affordable and clean energy, increasing energy efficiency, promoting sustainable growth and practices in communities, responsible consumption and production of resources, taking action to mitigate and adapt to climate change, among others. These renewed efforts come through the passing of new laws, promoting guidelines for sustainability, sometimes financial incentives. It is up to communities to implement them and produce results that together will have an impact at a national level. HEIs, as a fundamental pillar of society, must take the necessary steps to promote energy efficiency and sustainability measures at university level, and among their local sphere of influence.