
Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad



Nik Nazmi is a dynamic Malaysian leader, environmental advocate, and seasoned politician with over 15 years of public service experience. As the former Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (2023–2025), he spearheaded Malaysia’s ambitious push towards net-zero emissions, biodiversity conservation, energy transition and water transformation, navigating the intersection of economic growth, climate resilience, and equitable transition. A trailblazing voice for youth empowerment and progressive governance, Nik Nazmi rose to prominence as the youngest state assemblyman elected in Malaysia’s 2008 general election and has since championed transparency, education reform, and environmental justice.

Educated at King’s College London, where he studied law, he blends global perspectives with local insights to inspire audiences on building resilient, inclusive futures. An acclaimed author and sought-after keynote speaker, Nik Nazmi delivers compelling talks that bridge policy, innovation, and action, making complex global challenges accessible and urgent.

Key Achievements

Environmental Leadership: As Minister, advanced Malaysia’s Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, launching initiatives for critical minerals strategy, just transition frameworks, and unlocking climate finance.

Political Milestones: Elected MP for Setiawangsa in 2018 (flipping a long-held UMNO stronghold) and re-elected in 2022, contributing to the formation of Malaysia’s Unity Government. Previously served as Selangor State Assemblyman (2008–2018), Deputy Speaker, and State Executive Councillor for Education and Innovation.

Global Recognition: Featured speaker at UN climate and environmental meetings, international forums, Oxbridge and Ivy League universities; author of influential books on politics and sustainability, including insights into youth activism and environmental policy.

Speaking Topics

Nik Nazmi’s presentations are insightful, forward-looking, and grounded in real-world policy wins, drawing on his ministerial tenure and frontline advocacy.

Climate Action and Just Transition: Strategies for balancing economic development with net-zero goals, including workforce reskilling and equitable green policies—lessons from Malaysia’s energy transition roadmap.

Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions: Protecting ecosystems amid rapid urbanization; harnessing finance and innovation to safeguard treasures like Malaysia's rainforests.

Unlocking Capital for Sustainability: Mobilizing private and public funds for climate resilience, with case studies on green bonds and critical minerals supply chains.

Youth Leadership in Politics and Change: Empowering the next generation for transparent, inclusive governance—drawing from his journey as a young reformer.

Global Environmental Diplomacy: Navigating international agreements like the Paris Accord and COP commitments from a developing nation's perspective.

Selected Publications

Saving the Planet: Climate and Environmental Lessons from Malaysia and Beyond (Penguin Randomhouse Southeast Asia, 2025)

Malaysian Son: A Progressive's Political Journey in the Heart of Southeast Asia (Penguin Randomhouse Southeast Asia, 2022)