

Energy and Nature Forum 2025: Our Shared Vision for a Nature Positive Energy Transition

The inaugural Energy and Nature Forum, organised by PETRONAS and its contributing partners, took place from June 13 to 15, 2025. Held in advance of Energy Asia 2025, the forum brought together over 300 international energy sector leaders, government officials and representatives from civil society, academia, not-for-profit and international organisations. The goal was to understand and discuss the complexities and opportunities arising from the interdependencies between energy and nature.

Nature needs to be put at the heart of the energy transition. When addressed together with climate change, the energy systems of the future will enable people and natural ecosystems to thrive in a fair and balanced way.

Participants envisioned a nature positive energy transition that:

- Proactively and holistically embeds practical solutions to halt and reverse nature and biodiversity loss into business, innovation and investment strategies, across the value chain and throughout energy project lifecycles.
- Mainstreams nature actions as a strategic business imperative for companies, which in turn supports governments' pursuits of economic resilience and energy security.
- Demonstrates accountability, builds trust through regular disclosures and harmonises with global efforts to address climate change and nature loss.

To achieve this, it was acknowledged that the energy sector, government, private sector and civil society actors need to:

- Adopt a whole-of-society approach to conserving and protecting nature, moving beyond compliance to recognise healthy natural ecosystems as a value driver for business.
- Pursue purposeful, cross-sectoral collaborations, including partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and local communities, to drive actions that support a nature positive energy transition. These efforts should align with the targets set by the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework that aims to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030.
- Set robust targets and metrics for nature, leveraging digital technology and artificial intelligence to make real, positive and measurable impacts.
- Work together with urgency and clarity, adopting a common language for nature that unites everyone towards a shared vision.
- Progress forward with courage, accountability and humility to enable an energy transition that leaves a legacy of healing and ecosystem restoration.

