



**PRESS STATEMENT
LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT**

COMMONWEALTH LAW MINISTERS MEETING 2026

FIJI, 10 February 2026 - Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform), YB Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said has concluded her official participation at the Commonwealth Law Ministers Meeting (CLMM 2026) held in Nadi, Fiji, from 9 to 10 February 2026. The biennial meeting was chaired by the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Hon. Shirley Botchwey along with the Hon. Siromi Turaga, Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney General of Fiji. CLMM 2026 brought together Commonwealth Law Ministers, Attorney Generals and senior legal officials to deliberate on contemporary legal and governance challenges. Malaysia's participation reaffirmed its commitment to principled law reform, institutional integrity and international legal cooperation.

Malaysia presented, for the first time at the Commonwealth level, a Government of Malaysia initiated discussion paper on Third-Party Funding, which was accepted by the Commonwealth Secretariat and listed as an official agenda item. Malaysia emphasised the importance of a balanced framework that supports access to justice while ensuring clear and transparent regulation to manage conflicts of interest and safeguard the integrity of dispute resolution. The Asian International Arbitration Centre (Malaysia) (AIAC) also shared updates on Malaysia's recent amendments to the Arbitration Act 2005 (*Act 646*), the Code of Practice for Third-Party Funding 2026, and the disclosure framework under the AIAC Rules 2026, which collectively promote transparency and responsible funding practices.

During the Meeting, Malaysia also shared its ongoing reform priorities under the ‘Kerangka Akauntabiliti MADANI 2026’ framework aimed at strengthening accountability, improving access to justice and enhancing public confidence in legal institutions as announced by YAB Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia including the proposed separation of the Attorney General and Public Prosecutor roles, the introduction of a 10 year term limit for the Prime Minister, the establishment of a National Ombudsman and the forthcoming Freedom of Information Act.

Held under this year’s theme, *“Anchoring Justice in Changing Tides: Strengthening the Rule of Law for a Resilient Future,”* the Meeting underscored the importance of resilient legal systems capable of responding to technological change, cross-border risks and evolving societal expectations while upholding democratic values and human rights. Malaysia contributed to discussions on legal responses to misinformation and disinformation, and the responsible use of artificial intelligence in justice systems, advocating balanced approaches that safeguard due process, transparency and the integrity of legal proceedings.

Malaysia looks forward to continued collaboration with Commonwealth partners in advancing practical and forward-looking legal solutions. The Minister was also accompanied by Solicitor General II Dato’ Seri Umar Saifuddin Jaafar, officials from the Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister’s Department (BHEUU, JPM), the Attorney General’s Chambers (AGC) and AIAC.

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