



# **Sarawak: The Region's New Growth Frontier**

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# About InvestSarawak

InvestSarawak serves as a One-Stop Centre (OSC) for all investors. It is the Investment Promotion, Industry Development and International Trade agency under the purview of the Ministry of International Trade, Industry and Investment (MINTRED) Sarawak.

## Vision

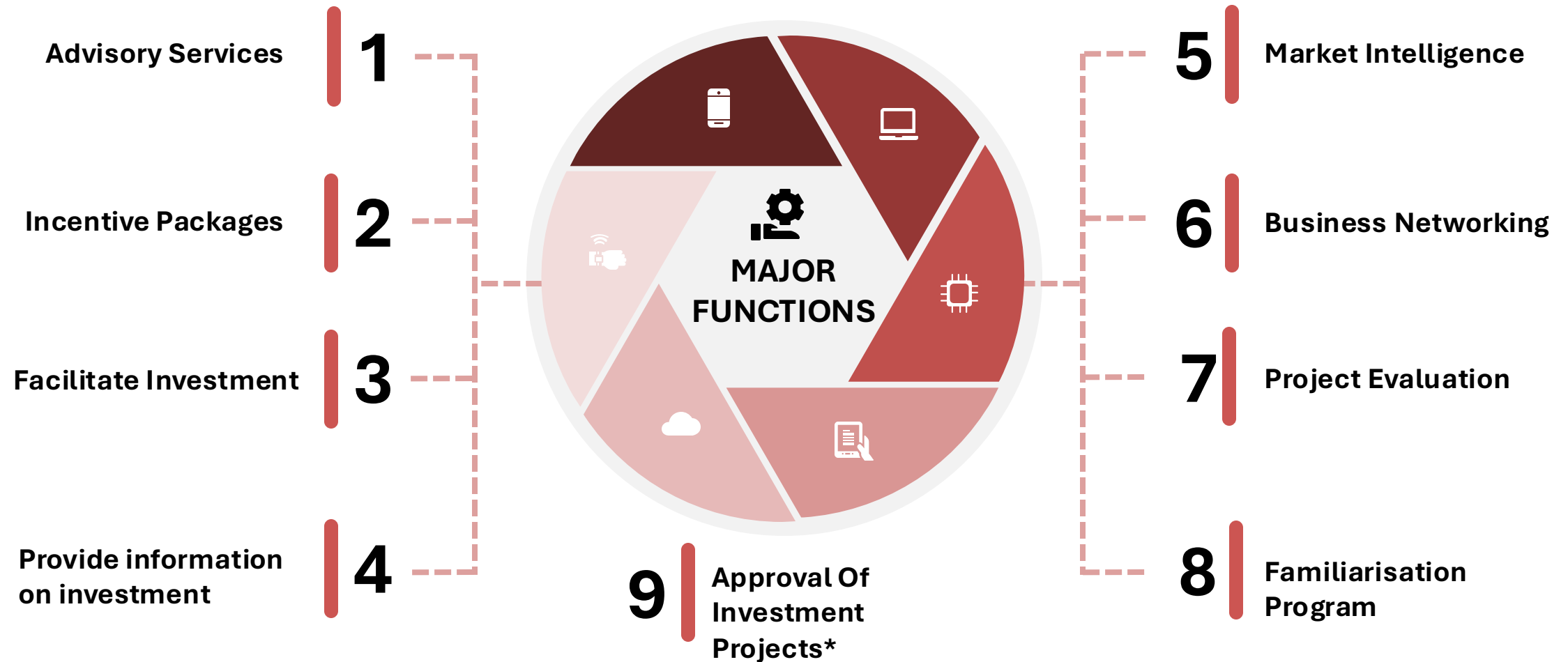
To advance Sarawak's sustainable development agenda by driving positive economic and social impacts while safeguarding the environment.

## Mission

To position Sarawak as the region's preferred destination for sustainable investments, supported by a thriving local economy, strong policies, and a focus on high-tech, knowledge-based industries that create jobs and partnerships.



# Our Functions And Services



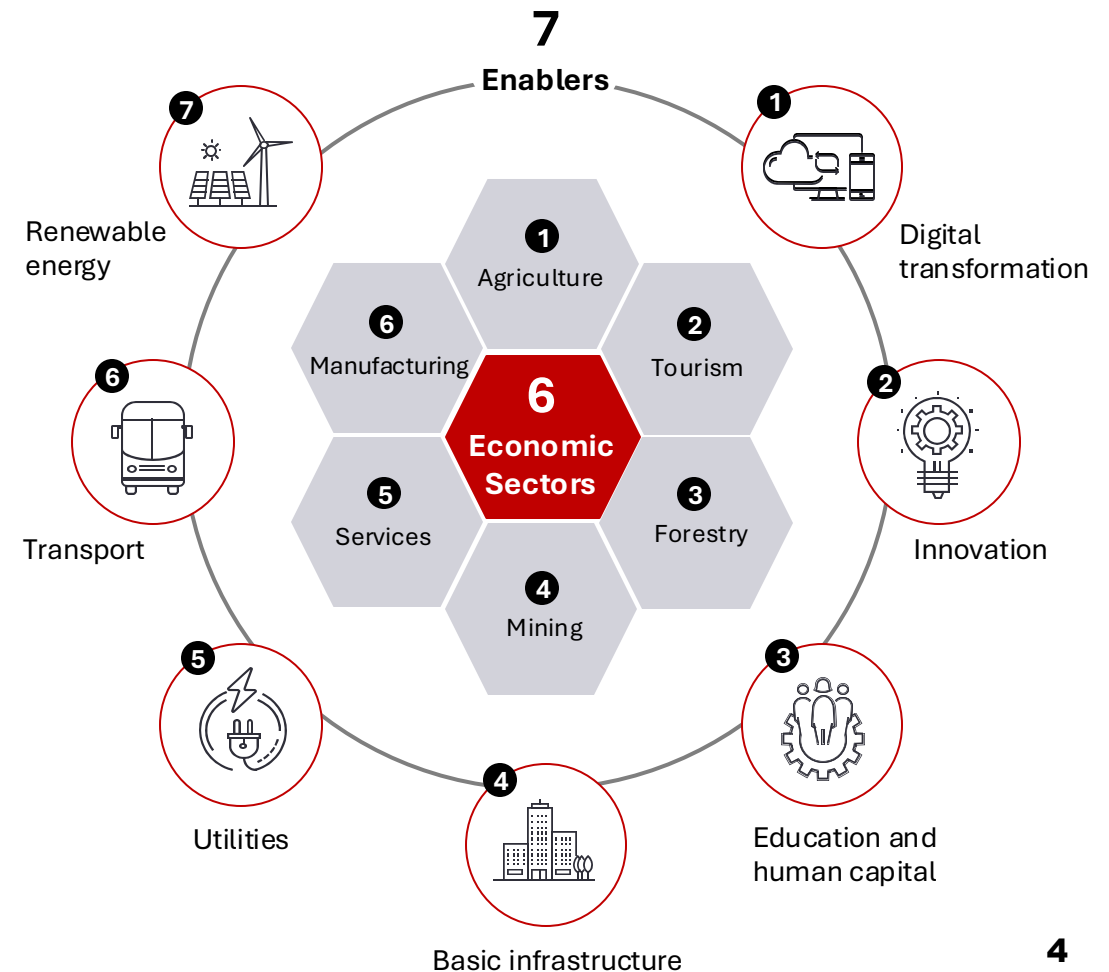
\* Currently consolidating and streamlining of Sarawak government approval processes to simplify and provide centralisation at the Board of InvestSarawak

# Post COVID-19 Development Strategy (PCDS 2030)

The PCDS 2030, launched in July 2021, is Sarawak's key strategy document.



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PCDS 2030  
Report





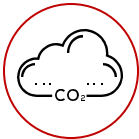
# Future that Matters: A Clear Vision

## Vast Green Energy Resources and Capabilities



### 1<sup>st</sup> State in Malaysia

to issue renewable energy certificates (REC) and enact anti-climate change law



### Up to 10 billion tonnes

of carbon capture, usage and storage (CCUS) potential



### Highly Competitive Electricity Tariffs in Asia Pacific

Up to 73% lower than neighboring countries



### 70% Renewable Energy Mix

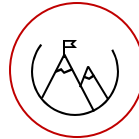
Sarawak's RE is largely powered by hydropower



### 20 GW Hydropower Potential

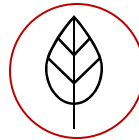
across more than 50 sites – currently 3.5 GW installed

## Massive Green Reserves



### 2.1 million hectares TPA

Sarawak's Totally Protected Areas (TPA) including national parks, nature reserves and wildlife sanctuaries



### 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites

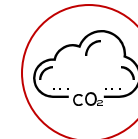
Gunung Mulu National Park and Niah National Park



### Over 60% Forest Cover (2023)

equivalent to 7.7 mil hectares

## Leader in Carbon Sequestration



### Launched Sarawak Bid Round (2024)

to call bids from multinationals to participate in Sarawak's CCUS industry

## Leader in Carbon Credit Market



### Sarawak Energy Partnered with Bursa Carbon Exchange

for inaugural hydropower REC auction



# Business Friendly Policies and FTAs

## Malaysia: Key Incentives for Foreign Investors

### Investment Tax Allowance (ITA)

60% or 100% of qualifying capital expenditure offset against 100% or 70% statutory income

### Reinvestment Allowance

60% of qualifying capital expenditure for 15 consecutive years, offset against 100% or 70% statutory income

### Global Services Hub

Incentives for trading / services companies

Tiered income tax (5% or 10%) up to 10 years

### Tax Exemption

100% tax exemption for high-tech industries up to 5 years

### Pioneer Status (PS)

Income tax exemption of 70% or 100% for 5 to 10 years

### Green Incentives

- ▶ Green income tax exemption (GITE) services – 70% income tax exemption for 3 years
- ▶ Green ITA (GITA) project / assets – 100% ITA for up to 10 years, offset against 100% or 70% income
- ▶ GITE Leasing – 70% income tax exemption for 5/10 years

### Malaysia Digital (MD) status

Incentives for Malaysia Digital activities

- ▶ Income tax exemption or ITA
- ▶ Import duty / sales tax exemption

## Sustainability



### Green Status

- ▶ 70% RE generation mix (2023)
- ▶ Hydropower RECs
- ▶ Energy efficiency initiatives for corporate sustainability



### Electricity Tariffs

Most competitive electricity tariffs in ASEAN, estimated up to 73% below neighbouring countries

## Tax and immigration



### Generous Rebates

30% rebate on industrial land premium within 5 years completion, with flexible land ownership terms



### Visa & Residency Permit

- ▶ Expat-friendly requirements for Sarawak's Malaysia My Second Home (S-MM2H)
- ▶ Proposed Digital Nomad programmes

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Bilateral FTAs

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Multilateral FTAs

## Benefits of FTAs in Sarawak

- 1 Faster entry into international markets
- 2 Increase import and export activities
- 3 Lower transaction costs
- 4 Improved investment protections
- 5 Less or no custom tax

# Current and Upcoming Projects

## Renewable Energy



- Solar
- Biomass
- Hydrogen

## Manufacturing



- Green Manufacturing / Industries

## Digital Economy



- Data Centre
- Digital Parks

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