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# Foreword



With less than two years to go before the launch by the end of 2015 of the ASEAN Community, the work of ASEAN has been focusing on implementation of the remaining measures of the three Community Blueprints, especially the prioritised deliverables.

On the political-security realm, having addressed 28 out of the 32 remaining measures in the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint, in striving to continue to provide a strong platform for dialogue and cooperation to enhance peace and security in the region in the face of complicated developments, especially dangerous developments in the South China Sea, and to pursue mutually-beneficial relations with Dialogue Partners, ASEAN remained united and maintained its central and proactive role in the evolving regional architecture and strengthened the Association's place and identity in the international community.

On the economic front, with notable progress achieved in trade facilitation, standards and conformance, financial services, competition policy and law, infrastructure and small medium enterprises development and integration into the global economy, the rate of implementation of the measures due under the Economic Community Blueprint has increased to 81.7 %. In the context of global economic uncertainties and other challenges facing the region, the benefits of economic integration are apparent for all ASEAN Member States as reflected in positive economic growth and the substantial increase in intra-ASEAN trade.

In line with the emphasis put on building a people-oriented, people-centered Community, ASEAN continued to attach great importance to the work of the Social-Cultural pillar. To date, nearly 90% of the action lines in the ASEAN Social-Cultural Community Blueprint have been implemented. Progress is reflected in important areas of cooperation such as science and technology, fighting non-communicable diseases, environmental education, sub-regional haze monitoring, promotion of ASEAN cultural heritage, protection and promotion of the rights of women workers, leadership development and disaster management and response.

With the aim of integrating the newer ASEAN Member States and narrowing the development gaps to ensure the benefits of ASEAN integration are fully realised and shared within the ASEAN Community, ASEAN stepped up efforts to enhance implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration Work Plan (2009-2015) and ASEAN's engagement with sub-regional frameworks.

Continued efforts to implement the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) have focused on improving its monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, enhancing engagement with Dialogue Partners to mobilise resources and forge cooperation activities as well as undertaking outreach communication activities.

ASEAN is also embarking on the review and strengthening of its institutions and mechanisms in order to respond to existing and emerging needs of the ASEAN Community and chart ASEAN's future beyond 2015. In doing so, more than ever ASEAN realizes the organic relationship between peace, stability, security and prosperity. The theme chosen for this year's Myanmar Chairmanship "Moving forward in Unity to a Peaceful and Prosperous Community" may continue to guide ASEAN's work far beyond 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Minh', with a few dots to the right.

**LE LUONG MINH**  
Secretary-General of ASEAN



The ASEAN Leaders at the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 9-10 October 2013.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit

During the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit on 9-10 October 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan under Brunei Darussalam's Chairmanship, the ASEAN Leaders reiterated their commitment to realise an ASEAN Community that is politically cohesive, economically integrated and socially responsible by 2015. In this regard, the Leaders reviewed the progress made in ASEAN's community building efforts across the three Community pillars, and resolved to intensify the implementation of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015).

The ASEAN Leaders had extensive discussions on the future directions of the ASEAN Community beyond 2015, and adopted the Bandar Seri Begawan Statement on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision to further advance ASEAN's cooperation in meeting the aspirations and needs of the ASEAN peoples.

True to the spirit of the theme "Our People, Our Future Together" of Brunei Darussalam's ASEAN Chairmanship, the Leaders adopted important declarations towards building a caring and sharing ASEAN Community, including the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Non-communicable Diseases in ASEAN, the Declaration on Elimination of Violence Against Women and Elimination of Violence Against Children in ASEAN, the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment, the ASEAN Declaration on Enhancing Cooperation in Disaster Management, and the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection.

The ASEAN Leaders agreed on the need to strengthen the ASEAN Secretariat and review the ASEAN Organs with a view to strengthening the institutional framework

for the ASEAN Community, and looked forward to the early establishment of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs.

The Leaders emphasised the need to intensify efforts in implementing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC), particularly through more effective coordination, communication and resource mobilisation. The Leaders also recognised the importance of ensuring synergy and mutual reinforcement between sub-regional cooperation arrangements and the MPAC.

With regard to the implementation of the IAI Work Plan II, the Leaders welcomed the efforts to further strengthen the IAI as ASEAN's platform for achieving equitable economic development and narrowing the development gap in the region. The Leaders looked forward to the results of the Mid-Term Review of the IAI Work Plan II (2009-2015), particularly in terms of identifying concrete and practical measures to fast-track the completion of IAI's objectives and clear recommendations on future direction.

In external relations, the Leaders reiterated the importance of ASEAN's central role and leadership in the evolving regional architecture and reaffirmed ASEAN's commitment to work closely with all ASEAN's external partners to ensure the maintenance of peace, security, stability and prosperity through the various ASEAN-led processes, including the ASEAN Plus One, ASEAN Plus Three, ARF, ADMM-Plus and East Asia Summit (EAS).



# 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit

Myanmar, for the first time in seventeen years after admission to ASEAN, hosted the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 10-11 May 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw with the theme “Moving forward in Unity to a Peaceful and Prosperous Community.” The theme is apt and timely in the process of building the ASEAN Community where peace, progress and prosperity are intertwined and where unity is essential to achieve these goals. The theme was reflected throughout the discussions of the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. The Leaders emphasised that ASEAN unity is a foundation for the success of the ASEAN Community as well as ASEAN’s continued relevance and credibility in the fast changing global environment and the evolving regional architecture.

The ASEAN Leaders had productive discussions on the timely realisation of the ASEAN Community by 2015, strengthening of ASEAN institutions and future directions for the ASEAN Community’s post-2015. The Leaders adopted the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on Realisation of the ASEAN Community by 2015 which highlighted a number of key priority areas across the three pillars for enhanced and accelerated implementation.

The Leaders noted the encouraging progress in ASEAN political-security cooperation which continues to provide a strong foundation for dialogue and cooperation to enhance peace and security in the region. The Leaders further welcomed the successful conclusion of the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro between the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front on 27 March 2014, as well as the important roles of several ASEAN Member States in this effort, especially Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam. The success of the peace process has further enriched ASEAN’s experiences and best practices in the promotion of peace and reconciliation in the region.

In the economic pillar, the Leaders recognised that ASEAN’s economic performance remains robust despite domestic and global challenges. In this respect, the Leaders agreed to remain vigilant in implementing outstanding action lines in the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 and agreed to intensify ASEAN’s efforts to ensure timely implementation of high-impact measures identified in 2013.



The ASEAN Leaders also welcomed the progress of the implementation of the MPAC, which would promote economic growth, narrow development gaps and contribute to ASEAN integration and community building. The Leaders recognised the importance of mobilising financial and technical resources, utilisation of the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF) as well as the promotion of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) as a model for financing infrastructure projects.

In the socio-cultural front, the Leaders reiterated their continued efforts to move towards a people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN Community. In this regard, the Leaders are committed to creating an environment which would allow ASEAN peoples to participate in and benefit from the ASEAN Community building process. The Leaders also agreed to intensify efforts to implement the socio-cultural priority areas identified during Myanmar’s Chairmanship this year which include, among others, disaster management, climate change, migrant workers, and social protection.

On external relations, the Leaders welcomed the adoption of the Guidelines for ASEAN’s External Relations which will be used for developing cooperation with new interested external parties. The Leaders also agreed to further consolidate and strengthen the EAS process, as well as to measure the coherence and effectiveness of various programmes and activities within the EAS.

# ASEAN's Year in External Relations

ASEAN's external relations continue to progress as reflected in the increased interest to establish formal relations with ASEAN by external parties which are sovereign states, regional groupings or international entities. As of 16 May 2014, 78 sovereign states and one regional organisation, including the 10 ASEAN Dialogue Partners of ASEAN, have accredited their Ambassadors to ASEAN. ASEAN has also established 43 ASEAN Committees in Third Countries (ACTC) to assist in coordinating and facilitating ASEAN matters with their respective host countries. In order to continue to manage, develop and expand ASEAN's external engagement effectively, the Guidelines for ASEAN's External Relations was adopted by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in May 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw.

## ASEAN Dialogue Relations

### ASEAN-Australia

- Australia appointed its first resident Ambassador to ASEAN, H.E. Simon Phillip Merrifield, and

established a separate Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta in September 2013.

- To date, all 12 signatories of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) are Parties to the Agreement. The First Protocol covering Chapters in Trade in Goods and Rules of Origins has been finalised for signing in 2014. In addition, the AANZFTA Committee on Competition has been established and held its inaugural meeting in Cebu City, the Philippines in November 2013.
- Australia continues to contribute its resources to the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Economic Cooperation Support Programme (AECSP), which supports not only economic cooperation projects and activities related to the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) but also ASEAN's efforts to establish the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).
- Australia has extended the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme Phase II



The ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) visited Australia on 27 May to 1 June 2014 as part of the commemorative activities for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASEAN-Australia relations.



(AADCP II), which was launched in 2009 with a budget of A\$57M, to the end of 2019.

- Australia also committed to support the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) work programme for the period 2013-2015, and the operationalisation of the AHA Centre.
- Australia commenced the Australia Asia Programme to Combat Trafficking in Persons (AAPTIP) since August 2013. The A\$50M- Programme will be implemented for a period of 5 years.

## ASEAN-Canada

- Following the adoption of the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership Programme (ACEPP) in April 2013, three projects on financial regulations, mitigation of biological threats, and counter-terrorism, with a total funding of over CAD10 million have been proposed for implementation.
- The ASEAN Economic Ministers will undertake a Roadshow to Canada in June 2014 to promote business opportunities and develop further linkages between business communities of ASEAN and Canada.
- Cooperation in the area of connectivity has also gained momentum with the establishment of the ASEAN “Infrastructure Centre of Excellence” supported by Canada in collaboration with Singapore and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and most recently the convening of the ASEAN-Canada Seminar on “Enhancing Connectivity through Public-Private Partnership” on 10 April 2014 at the ASEAN Secretariat.
- Canada has also provided a software named “ASEAN Online”, valued at CAD1.3 million, to the ASEAN Secretariat to enhance its information management.

## ASEAN-China

- ASEAN and China celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Strategic Partnership in 2013 with a number of commemorative activities. A Joint Statement on the Commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership was adopted at the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit in October 2013 in Brunei Darussalam. The Joint Statement expressed the commitment to advance, enhance and deepen ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for mutual benefits and to work towards greater achievements in the relationship in the next 10 years.
- Following the decision of the Leaders, officials of ASEAN and China have commenced discussions on the upgrade of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area. An elements paper, which would be used for subsequent negotiations, is currently being finalised for submission to the Ministers at the AEM-MOFCOM Consultations in August 2014.
- ASEAN and China continue to enhance cooperation on connectivity through the mechanism of ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and the Chinese Working Committee of China-ASEAN Connectivity Coordination Committee (CWC-CACCC). The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ACCC and CWC-CACCC was held on 28 August 2013 in Brunei Darussalam to discuss and identify key projects to support the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC).
- At the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit, the Leaders reaffirmed the importance of the maintenance of peace, stability and maritime security in the region, and stressed the importance of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), the Joint Statement of the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DOC and the adoption of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the DOC. ASEAN and China also agreed to continue to strengthen the implementation of the DOC and maintain the momentum of the regular official consultations and work toward the adoption of a Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC)



as provided for by the DOC. In this regard, following the first formal consultations on the COC on 14-15 September 2013 in Suzhou, China, the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on DOC was held on 17-18 March 2014 in Singapore and the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Senior Officials' Meeting on DOC on 21 April 2014 in Pattaya, Thailand, to move forward the momentum on the implementation of the DOC and consultations on the COC.

- 2014 is designated as the ASEAN-China Cultural Exchange Year. In this regard, both are conducting various activities to enhance ASEAN-China friendship and cooperation.

## ASEAN-European Union (EU)

- The ASEAN-European Union (EU) dialogue relations have witnessed a number of important achievements in 2013, including the successful convening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-EU Business Summit in March 2013 in Ha Noi, and the adoption of the ASEAN-EU Trade and Investment Work Programme (2013-2014) at the sideline of the 12<sup>th</sup> AEM-EU Trade Commissioner Consultation in March 2013 in Ha Noi.
- ASEAN and the EU have also made good progress in the implementation of the various cooperation programmes, among others, the signing of a Grant Contract of the ASEAN Regional Integration Support

by the EU (ARISE) Programme at the ASEAN Secretariat, and the continued implementation of the Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI) Facility, which supports the implementation of the ASEAN-EU Human Rights Programme.

- To support their respective goals of achieving a connected region and to forge greater ASEAN-EU connectivity, representatives from both sides held a policy dialogue in Brussels on 24-28 February 2014. The policy dialogue explored ways to promote cooperation on connectivity. The dialogue was convened during the visit to the EU on 24-28 February 2014 by the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and senior officials from ministries or agencies coordinating the implementation of the MPAC.

## ASEAN-India

- Cooperation between ASEAN and India continues to grow as reflected in the increasing number of implemented projects and activities under the Plan of Actions to Implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2010-2015).
- Following the conclusion of negotiations for trade in services and investment, the enabling Agreements, i.e. the ASEAN-India Agreement on Trade in Services and Agreement on Investment, have been scheduled for signing at the ASEAN Economic Ministers-India Consultations in August 2014. ASEAN and India are also set to review the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement with a view to making possible improvements particularly on the rules of origin.
- ASEAN and India are now working on establishing an ASEAN-India Centre in New Delhi to promote trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchanges, among others.

## ASEAN-Japan

- ASEAN and Japan celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation

throughout 2013 by implementing various commemorative events, including an ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit held on 14 December 2013. The Summit adopted the Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation and its Implementation Plan.

- There has been steady progress in the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Plan of Action (POA) 2011-2015 to Implement the Joint Declaration for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership for Prospering Together. The POA is considered an important document that would contribute towards achieving ASEAN's community building targets by 2015. ASEAN and Japan also agreed to speed up the full and effective implementation of the POA.
- ASEAN and Japan continue to enhance their cooperation on transnational crime with the convening of the inaugural ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime on 18 September 2013 in Vientiane. The two sides also underlined the importance of enhancing cooperation to fight against terrorism and other forms of organised crime including cybercrime. In addition, the inaugural ASEAN-Japan Cybercrime Dialogue was held on 27-28 May 2014.
- ASEAN and Japan are making good progress in the implementation of 10-Year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap. At the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit in November 2013, it was reported that 66 activities or 84.6% of the activities under the Roadmap had been implemented, especially in the areas of intellectual property, information and communication technology, industrial human resource development and medical collaboration.
- Following the completion of negotiations for trade in services and investment under the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP), both sides are now looking into the most appropriate legal instrument to incorporate Trade in Services (including the Annexes on Financial Services and Telecommunications), Movement of Natural Persons (MNP) and Investment into the AJCEP Agreement.
- ASEAN and Japan continue to place emphasis on people-to-people contacts and cultural exchanges.

The Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) 2.0, which was launched in early 2013, is currently on-going. The programme would bring a total of 30,000 young people from ASEAN and other Asian Countries to Japan. As of May 2014, 5 projects of JENESYS 2.0 have been completed while 8 projects are on-going.

## ASEAN-Republic of Korea

- 2014 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations. To celebrate this milestone, various commemorative activities are being implemented throughout the year in ASEAN Member States and the ROK, including the convening of the ASEAN-Korea Special Summit which will be held in December 2014 in the ROK.
- ASEAN and the ROK are making further efforts towards achieving the target of USD 150 billion in trade volume by 2015. These efforts include possible further liberalisation and improvements in the ASEAN-Korea Trade in Goods Agreement to encourage its full utilisation.
- The inaugural meeting between the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and the ROK's Task Force on Connectivity, held in June 2013 in Balikpapan, Indonesia, explored cooperation in the implementation of the MPAC, especially in the areas of infrastructure and information and communication technology, people-to-people and mobilisation of innovative financing for connectivity, including through public-private partnership.
- ASEAN-ROK cooperation in other areas has also seen progress. ASEAN and the ROK launched flagship projects on environmental cooperation for the 6<sup>th</sup> phase covering the period 2013-2014. A Memorandum of Cooperation between the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the ASEAN-Korea Environmental Cooperation Project (AKECOP) was signed in November 2013 in the ROK. ASEAN and the ROK are also working on an extension of the current Agreement between ASEAN and the ROK on Forest Cooperation, which will expire on 4 August 2014.



## ASEAN-New Zealand

- New Zealand appointed Ms. Stephanie Pamela Lee as its first resident Ambassador to ASEAN.
- ASEAN and New Zealand have agreed to hold an ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit in 2015 to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations.
- The implementation of the areas of focus for 2013-2014 under the Plan of Action (PoA) to Implement the Joint Declaration for the ASEAN-New Zealand Comprehensive Partnership (2010-2015) is on-going.
- To date, all 12 signatories of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) are Parties to the Agreement. The First Protocol covering Chapters in Trade in Goods and Rules of Origins has been finalised for signing in 2014. In addition, the AANZFTA Committee on Competition has been established and held its inaugural meeting in Cebu City, the Philippines in November 2013.
- With the support from Australia and New Zealand, the AANZFTA Economic Support Programme (AECSP), now in its third year, continues to support economic cooperation activities and long-term projects for implementation of the FTA and towards achieving broad economic integration and improve business utilisation.
- The four Flagship Initiatives on scholarship, young business leadership, disaster risk management, and agricultural diplomacy have contributed to the enhancement of capacities of ASEAN Member States in these areas, as well as to ASEAN Community building efforts.

## ASEAN-Russian Federation

- ASEAN-Russia cooperation is progressing well. Currently, both sides are implementing the ASEAN-Russia Comprehensive Programme of Action (CPA) to Promote Cooperation between ASEAN and Russia 2005-2015 which, among others, include

political security, economic and socio-cultural cooperation.

- Cooperation on combatting terrorism and transnational crime continues to witness good progress with ASEAN Senior Officials on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) agreeing to explore the possibilities of practical cooperation in the area of anti-money laundering/counter-financing of terrorism.
- Economic Ministers from ASEAN and Russia endorsed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> AEM-Russia Consultations on 21 August 2013 the Work Programme for the ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Roadmap to further promote and enhance economic cooperation.

## ASEAN-United States of America

- The First ASEAN-US Summit was held in October 2013 in Brunei Darussalam, which manifests the strong commitment of both sides to further elevate the ASEAN-US partnership.



U.S. Secretary of State, John Kerry visited Secretary-General of ASEAN, Le Luong Minh at the ASEAN Secretariat.

- In the economic field, apart from the on-going implementation of the ASEAN-U.S. Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA) signed in 2006, both sides are also implementing the U.S.-ASEAN Expanded Economic Engagement (E3) initiative, which was launched at the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting in November 2012. The E3 is aimed at promoting closer economic cooperation between the two sides.

- Other new initiatives such as the Fulbright US-ASEAN Initiative, the Young Southeast Asian Leader Initiative (YSEALI) and the ASEAN-U.S. Science and Technology Fellows Programme are contributing to the further deepening of ASEAN-US people-to-people linkages.
- In December 2013, two new five-year support programmes, namely the ASEAN Connectivity through Trade and Investment (ACTI) and the ASEAN-US Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development and Security (ASEAN-US PROGRESS) were launched, with a total funding of over \$30 million, to assist ASEAN in realising the goals and priorities under the three pillars of ASEAN Community building.

## ASEAN Plus Three (APT)

- At the 16<sup>th</sup> APT Summit held on 10 October 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, the Leaders adopted the APT Cooperation Work Plan (2013 - 2017) which includes emerging priority areas and key measures to deepen cooperation.
- In finance and monetary cooperation, progress has been steady. At their 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 3 May 2014 in Astana, Kazakhstan, the APT Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (AFMGM+3) agreed to endorse the “Guidelines for Further Cooperation with the International Monetary Fund” to help enhance the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation’s effectiveness. The 17<sup>th</sup> AFMGM+3 also welcomed the continuous efforts of ASEAN Plus Three Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) to improve the quality of its surveillance reports by expanding the scope of its analysis to include sector-level issues and risks stemming from external sources.
- The APT cooperation on energy witnessed good progress. At the 10<sup>th</sup> APT Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM+3) on 25 September 2013 in Bali, Indonesia, the Ministers agreed that enhancing ASEAN connectivity would bring the region closer to its goal of achieving greater energy security. The Ministers also noted that capacity building, information sharing and exchange amongst the countries are key to the cooperation and promoting sustainable development and low-carbon growth economies.
- In the area of social welfare and development, the APT Ministers for social welfare and development had their fourth meeting on 7 September 2013, in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The Ministers agreed to strengthen APT collaboration in social welfare and development through projects and activities that provide opportunities to learn from each other’s achievements, good practices, and lessons learned.
- In the area of culture, at the 6<sup>th</sup> APT Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA+3) on 19-20 April 2014 in Hue, Viet Nam, the Ministers reiterated the importance of APT cooperation in the areas of culture and arts, especially on the sharing of the implementation of arts and culture policies, human resources development, cultural heritage and development of small and medium-sized cultural enterprises, including creative industry projects.
- At present, the APT countries are undertaking a general assessment of the recommended actions in the East Asian Vision Group (EAVG)-2 Report with the aim to sort out a number of actions that are feasible for implementation in the short, medium and longer terms. The final report of the assessment will be submitted to the 17<sup>th</sup> APT Summit in 2014.
- In the area of information, broadcasting and media, the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMRI+3 meeting held on 12 June 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar agreed to further intensify the APT cooperation through the ASEAN-China Work Plan on Enhancing ASEAN-China Cooperation through Information and Media (2010-2015), and the Work Plan on Enhancing ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Through Information and Media (2012–2017), and other initiatives to use broadcasting and publications for fostering friendly ties and relationships, implement projects on digital content, human resource development, and exchanges in digital broadcasting technology, etc.



# إيئت أسيا ساميتك - ٨

## 8<sup>th</sup> EAST ASIA SUMMIT

10 OCTOBER 2013  
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM



### East Asia Summit (EAS)

- There has been further progress in EAS cooperation, especially in the six priority areas of environment and energy, education, finance, global health issues and pandemic diseases, natural disaster mitigation and ASEAN connectivity.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> EAS Energy Ministers' Meeting (EAS EMM) was held in September 2013 in Indonesia. The Ministers highlighted the steady progress made in the implementation of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force (EAS ECTF) Work Plan 2012-2013 for the work streams of Energy Efficiency and Conservation; Biofuels for Transport and Other Purposes; and Energy Market Integration.
- Under the EAS Education Plan (2011-2015), education cooperation projects are being implemented aimed at improving the quality and mobility of qualifications across the region.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Informal EAS Finance Ministers' Meeting was held in October 2013 in the United States during which the Ministers expressed their support to enhance cooperation in this priority area of work.
- In the implementation of the Declaration of the 7<sup>th</sup> EAS on Regional Responses to Malaria Control and Addressing Resistance to Antimalarial Medicines, the Asia-Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) was established and convened its First Meeting in October 2013 in Brunei Darussalam to endorse and promote regional political leadership and collaboration against the disease.
- EAS cooperation on disaster management has been further enhanced through various mechanisms, including through the support of the EAS participating countries to the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre).
- In support of the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and to enhance connectivity within East Asia, the EAS participating countries conducted a number of meetings and workshops in 2013 on issues such as financing connectivity projects, creating synergies towards

enhancing connectivity and commencing a dialogue on regulatory issues.

- The Declaration of the 8<sup>th</sup> EAS on Food Security was adopted in October 2013 in Brunei Darussalam to enhance EAS cooperation on this area.
- The EAS participating countries are also developing a Plan of Action to Implement the Phnom Penh Declaration on EAS Development Initiative which was adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> EAS on 20 November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

## ASEAN-ECO

- At the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ECO Ministerial Meeting held on 26 September 2013 in New York, ASEAN and ECO agreed that the two Secretariats should further work together to develop a new work plan for their cooperation activities, as well as to further conduct exchange of visits to share best practice and experience.
- The Meeting discussed the importance of promoting the role of private sectors in forging closer cooperation between the two regions and agreed to support the proposed hosting of ASEAN-ECO Tourism Forum by Turkey in Ankara in 2014 and the proposed hosting of ASEAN-ECO Business Forum by Azerbaijan in Baku in 2014.

## ASEAN-GCC

- ASEAN and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) held their 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting on 26 November 2013 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- The Meeting reiterated the strong commitment of both sides to deepen cooperation in the priority areas of trade and investment, finance, food and energy security, education, culture and tourism. The Meeting also agreed to strengthen ASEAN-GCC cooperation in other areas such as counter-terrorism, cyber crime, pandemics, disaster management and connectivity.
- The Ministers tasked the Secretariats of ASEAN and GCC to work on a new Plan of Action for

cooperation. The ASEAN-GCC Plan of Action (2014-2015) is currently being formulated.

- The Meeting welcomed Singapore's proposal to host an ASEAN-GCC Workshop in June 2014.

## ASEAN-UN

- The 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-UN Summit held on 10 October 2013 in Brunei Darussalam noted good progress in the implementation of the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the UN and its Plan of Action. The ASEAN Leaders and the UN Secretary-General encouraged the Secretariats of ASEAN and the UN to develop a work plan which identifies immediate priorities and measures to implement cooperation activities in 2014-2015.
- The work plan is currently being drafted and will be submitted to this year's ASEAN-UN Ministerial Meeting for adoption. The 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-UN Summit also took note of the joint recommendations by the two Secretariats on strengthening the ASEAN-UN partnership, including the enhanced liaison functions of the two Secretariats to facilitate ASEAN-UN cooperation. A liaison office of the UN will be established in Jakarta in 2014.
- Following the success of the two ASEAN-UN workshops on conflict prevention and preventive diplomacy held in Jakarta in 2012 and 2013 respectively, an ASEAN-UN regional dialogue on conflict prevention and maintenance of peace and stability in multi-cultural society is planned to be held in June 2014 in Kuala Lumpur.

## ASEAN-UN Specialised Agencies

- ASEAN and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) signed the Framework Agreement for Cooperation in December 2013.
- The Agreement, an important milestone in ASEAN-UNESCO cooperation, sets out the course for cooperation for the five years (2014-2018) and beyond, and spells out seven main areas of

cooperation: (i) education, (ii) science, technology & innovation (STI); (iii) disaster risk reduction; (iv) environmental sustainability; (v) social and human sciences; (vi) culture; and (vii) communication & information.

- ASEAN and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) are currently working to finalise a Framework Agreement for Cooperation (FAC). The FAC is expected to be signed in August 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw.

## ASEAN-Norway

- In response to the strong desire expressed by Norway to establish cooperative relations with ASEAN, both sides are now working on a Joint Statement on ASEAN-Norway Cooperation. The Joint Statement is aimed at launching the ASEAN-Norway Partnership that is action-oriented, mutually beneficial and forward-looking, and comprising political and security, economic and socio-cultural cooperation.

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**ASEAN**  
**Cross-Communities**

## ASEAN Connectivity

Synergistic efforts to enhance ASEAN Connectivity would contribute to ASEAN Community building and benefit all ASEAN Member States. The Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) was adopted by ASEAN Leaders at the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2010 to leverage on the strategic location of the ASEAN region given that a *well-connected* ASEAN will promote economic growth, narrow the development gaps, enhance the competitiveness of ASEAN, contribute to promoting deeper ties among ASEAN peoples, and connect ASEAN Member States with the rest of the world.

To date, significant progress in the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity has been achieved. For physical connectivity, the ASEAN Highway Network (AHN) is progressing well although there remain sections which are being upgraded to “Class III” in Lao PDR and Myanmar. The implementation of Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL) sections from Singapore to Phnom Penh are on schedule. However, the SKRL sections from Cambodia to Viet Nam encounter financial constraints. ASEAN is operationalising the three priority Roll-on/Roll-off (RoRo) Shipping Network routes, namely General Santos – Bitung route, Melaka – Dumai route and Belawan – Phuket – Penang route. The West Kalimantan – Sarawak power interconnection project is expected to be operational commercially in 2015.

For institutional connectivity, efforts to operationalise ASEAN transport facilitation agreements are currently ongoing. Both the Air Transport Economic Cooperation Work Plan (2014-2015) and Air Transport Technical Cooperation Work Plan (2014-2015) were adopted to

further facilitate the establishment of the ASEAN Single Aviation Market (ASAM). The exchange of ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) Form D and ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) were successfully conducted by 7 participating Member States under the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) Pilot Project.

For people-to-people connectivity, the ASEAN Curriculum Sourcebook (for primary and secondary schools) was developed in 2012, and ASEAN is now working on ways to utilise the Sourcebook. The development of ASEAN Virtual Learning Resources Centre (AVLRC) is progressing well.

While recognising the achievements thus far, it is essential to address three critical challenges in enhancing ASEAN Connectivity, namely resource mobilisation, effective coordination and targeted communications.

ASEAN has been working on resource mobilisation, including the development of public-private partnership (PPP) agenda to address infrastructure needs that are beyond the resources of ASEAN Member States.

It is also essential to coordinate effectively the efforts of various sectors at the regional, sub-regional and national level as ASEAN works towards the common goal of enhanced ASEAN Connectivity by pooling their knowledge, expertise, and technical resources.

There is also a need to ensure the full participation of all ASEAN stakeholders and to target communications efforts to specific group of stakeholders who can provide inputs and contribute to the implementation of MPAC.



### ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC)

Established:	2011, meets at least two times a year, with additional meetings as appropriate
Last Meeting:	1/2014 Meeting of ACCC, 20-21 March 2014, Jakarta, Indonesia

Pursuant to the adoption of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) by ASEAN Leaders at the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2010, the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) was established to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the MPAC and report to the ASEAN Coordinating Council Ministers and the ASEAN Leaders on the progress of its implementation.

The ACCC has met eleven times since its establishment in April 2011. The ACCC has developed a scorecard to keep track of the implementation of various initiatives.

The ACCC will work closely with appointed National Coordinators and the relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies in undertaking an assessment of the implementation of the MPAC which will be reported to the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) meeting in November 2014. The ACCC has also been working with sub-regional arrangements, Dialogue Partners, multilateral organisations and other external partners to facilitate the implementation of the Master Plan at the regional, sub-regional and national level.

To effectively socialise the ASEAN Connectivity initiative to relevant stakeholders and to encourage their participation in the implementation of MPAC, the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Connectivity Symposium with the theme of “Partnering Private Sector for ASEAN Connectivity” was held in Brunei Darussalam on 27 August 2013. The Symposium focused on engaging the private sector and explored the potential of developing Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) to support the implementation of the MPAC. The fifth ASEAN Connectivity Symposium with the theme of “Catalysing Public-Private







Flags of ASEAN Member States.

Partnerships to Finance ASEAN Connectivity” would be held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar in September 2014.

To better promote the ASEAN Connectivity vision, and create greater awareness of the MPAC, the ACCC is working on short promotional videos on ASEAN Connectivity and intend to launch them in the second half of 2014.

Since the adoption of the MPAC, ASEAN’s external partners particularly Dialogue Partners have expressed interest in supporting its implementation. The ACCC has met the Japanese Task Force on Connectivity six times since 2011, the Chinese Working Committee of China-ASEAN Connectivity Cooperation twice since 2012, and had inaugural meetings with India and the Republic of Korea in 2013. The ACCC also met its non-ASEAN EAS participating countries in November 2013 to work out the issue of financing connectivity projects towards realising the MPAC. The ACCC-EU Policy Dialogue on Connectivity was held in Brussels/ Luxembourg on 24-28 February 2014. The ACCC visited India on 6-8 March 2014 to explore possible cooperation on connectivity and learn from India’s PPP experiences.

PPP was identified as a possible financing mechanism for connectivity projects. The ACCC is currently working with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on project pipelines, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) on PPP guidelines, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on risk mitigation instruments towards building the capacity of ASEAN

Member States in preparing PPP projects and delivering ASEAN Connectivity.

#### ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC)

Established:	2008, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting:	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACC, 10 May 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Senior Officials:	Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)

During the period under review, the 13<sup>th</sup> ACC held on 26 September 2013 adopted the Terms of Reference of the High Level Task Force on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing ASEAN’s Organs which is tasked to come up with strategies and recommendations to improve the coordination among ASEAN organs, strengthen the capacity of the ASEAN Secretariat and review ASEAN’s external relations. The 13<sup>th</sup> ACC also adopted the Guidelines on the Use of the Name “ASEAN”.

Under the Chairmanship of Myanmar, the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACC was held on 10 May 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw. The Meeting discussed preparations for the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and exchanged views on the ASEAN Community building process. The Meeting also had extensive discussions on the functions and operations of the ASEAN Secretariat, the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, the implementation of the IAI Work Plan, the progress of

ASEAN Connectivity, the work of the ACC Working Group on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 as well as the High Level Task Force on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs.

The ACC adopted the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Secretary-General of ASEAN as the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator (AHAC). The TOR is aimed at further defining the role of the AHAC and facilitating the timely activation and thus effective implementation of the AHAC's mandate in the event of major disasters to which ASEAN countries are most prone. The TOR is an important step to actualise and exercise vital cross-pillar and cross-sectoral linkages, communications and coordination, and mobilise resources during large-scale disasters, thus incorporating the lessons learned from ASEAN response during Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda.

Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)	
Established:	2009, meets regularly each month

Brunei Darussalam formally handed over the Chairmanship of the CPR to Myanmar on 11 December 2013. Under Myanmar's Chairmanship, the CPR is continuing its role and functions in accordance with the mandate stipulated in the ASEAN Charter and Terms of Reference (TOR) of the CPR. This, among others, includes supporting the work of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) and the ASEAN Community Councils, liaising with the ASEAN Secretariat on the work of ASEAN and the operations of the ASEAN Secretariat, as well as engagement with external parties.

During the period under review, the CPR completed a number of significant tasks. The CPR finalised the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing ASEAN Organs, as mandated by the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC). In addition, CPR adopted the revised TOR of the ASEAN Development Fund (ADF) which serves as ASEAN's common pool of financial resources to support the implementation of ASEAN Community building.

The CPR also made significant contributions to enhancing engagement with external parties. Documents related to external relations that have been developed by the CPR include, among others, the revised Guidelines for Accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation and the Guidelines on Convening Commemorative Summits and Commemorative Activities between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners, which were adopted by the 46<sup>th</sup> AMM on 30 June 2013; and the Guidelines for ASEAN's External Relations which was adopted by the AMM on 10 May 2014.

With 2014 as a critical juncture for the realisation of the ASEAN Community, the CPR under the Chairmanship of Myanmar will continue to further support the work of the ACC and the three ASEAN Community Councils. The CPR is entrusted to facilitate the ACC Working Group on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision in coordinating and synthesising the inputs from the three pillars to ensure coherence and consistency. The CPR is working with the ASEAN Secretariat to formulate the ASEAN Communication Master Plan (ACMP) and develop activities to celebrate the ASEAN Community in 2015. The CPR has also agreed to comprehensively review its work and develop recommendations to further enhance its roles and functions. And last but not least, the CPR will increase its level of engagement with Dialogue Partners and external parties to strengthen ASEAN's external relations.

### Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI)

The Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) was launched in 2000 by ASEAN Leaders with the aim of narrowing the development gap and promoting equitable economic growth among ASEAN Member States (AMS). The initiative is driven by technical and development cooperation to address the development divide and accelerate economic integration of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV).

The IAI Task Force continued to focus on the implementation of the IAI Work Plan II (2009-2015) composed of 182 prescribed actions that aim to support CLMV countries. Activities carried out were aligned with the IAI Work Plan II and included training programmes to build the capacity of CLMV government officials in the areas of trade facilitation; trade, investment and



tourism promotion; development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), public-private sector partnership; public governance; town planning; transport management; financial supervision and English language, among others.

The attachment programme saw the 12<sup>th</sup> batch of junior diplomats from CLMV countries spending 12 months at the ASEAN Secretariat to learn the operations of the ASEAN Secretariat as well as issues relating to regional and multilateral cooperation. The programme also received its first batch of junior officials under the economic and socio-cultural pillars.

The “Narrowing the Gap: Drivers and Policy Options” was published to offer a better understanding of

development gaps as well as communicate the latest findings.

These projects were implemented through the support of ASEAN-6 countries and ASEAN’s Dialogue Partners.

A mid-term review (MTR) of the IAI Work Plan II was conducted to analyse the achievements to-date, set out practical measures to effectively implement the remaining Work Plan II and chart IAI’s future direction. The IAI Task Force’s assessment and recommendations based on the MTR report will be presented to the ASEAN Coordinating Council at the end of 2014.



Mid-Term Review on the Implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan II, Jakarta, Indonesia, 20 February 2014.

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# ASEAN Secretariat's Outreach Activities



# Promoting ASEAN Community through Outreach and Media

The heightened interest toward ASEAN Community among various sectors in and out of the region has resulted in greater visibility for ASEAN. Coupled with a more defined ASEAN branding as well as a more robust social media strategy, ASEAN's outreach activities have grown in both numerical and qualitative measures.

## Increasing Awareness on ASEAN

To ensure solid grounding and spot-on implementation of communication strategy, the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) is currently working closely with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) in developing the ASEAN Communication Master Plan (ACMP) with support from a professional agency. The ACMP will provide ASEAN with a more nuanced communications strategy for key audiences which consolidates and synergises messages of the three ASEAN Community pillars. The ACMP is expected to be completed in time for the preparation of the ASEAN Community 2015 celebrations.

Increasing ASEAN awareness among stakeholders would be a challenge without the media. Hence, the Public Outreach and Civil Society Division of ASEAN Secretariat has responded to hundreds of media interview requests and queries. Media were also provided contacts with a steady stream of news and information about ASEAN events and developments.

With support of its partners, the Secretariat is working on a project involving ASEAN Member States officials to enhance their capacity to deliver outreach activities that promote awareness on ASEAN and understanding of the three community pillars – Political-Security, Economic, and Socio-Cultural – among their stakeholders in the region and beyond. The ASEAN Secretariat spokespersons will also be trained in

speaking to the media. In addition, other projects such as the production of multi-media tools and ASEAN Spotlight - a 30-minute weekly television programme that will air in all ten ASEAN Member States, are to be implemented to further enhance ASEAN awareness.

## Public Outreach

ASEC continues to conduct various outreach activities to compliment efforts aimed at raising awareness on ASEAN Community. Throughout the region, promotional materials and resource persons are being sent for public events involving local community leaders, teachers, and students. ASEC also continues to welcome thousands of visitors coming to learn about ASEAN through the Secretariat in Jakarta. From June 2013 to May 2014, ASEC received a total of 4,847 visitors comprising of students, civil society representatives, diplomats, parliamentarians and government officials.

ASEC successfully organised the 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day Celebration and ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) Book Launch and Panel Discussion – a joint event by the AICHR and the CPR on 23 August 2013 at the Secretariat. With more than 300 guests attending the event, the ASEAN Day postings received over 300 web hits world-wide. Working together with multipliers such as ASEAN Community Facebook Page on an ASEAN Photo Contest, the post about 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day Celebration reached more than 200,000 people digitally.

ASEC also supported Indonesia, host country of the ASEAN Secretariat, in its outreach event celebrating the 2013 ASEAN Day with promotional materials for the “4000 ASEAN Holding Hands” in September to raise ASEAN Community 2015 awareness amongst Indonesian students and the public. The Secretariat

provided ASEAN-branded prizes to their Facebook Photo Contest winners. All contest participants posted the event photos onto their Facebook to be seen and voted by friends and family. The effort broke the MURI (Indonesia World Records Museum) longest hand-holding record.

To celebrate the arrival of the ASEAN Community in 2015, ASEC is currently working with CPR in planning commemorative and outreach activities to be held at the national and regional levels. The activities will involve participation from a broad sector of society including the young people, private sectors, grassroots communities, artists, civil society and media in all ten Member States.

### Social Media

ASEAN’s investment in building staff capacity and dedicating a senior staff for social media yielded a stronger social media presence that has earned respectable following from many quarters. On Facebook (FB), the most popular social networking platform globally, ASEAN’s fans increased more than four times. On Twitter, ASEAN’s followers doubled in the last 12 months. On both platforms, engagement through sharing, comments and re-tweets increased exponentially during this period. The Secretariat has successfully used these social media platforms to reach millions of people during key events such as the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits.

But beyond the numbers, ASEAN’s solid standing in the social media community is reflected by the quality of its followers and how it has driven conversation in the media. Current followers include high-ranking politicians, diplomats, celebrities, global organisations, international journalists but also many ordinary citizens from ASEAN. On a few occasions, ASEAN’s tweets have been referenced in news articles and its posts have been shared widely. All of these attest to the growing credibility of ASEAN’s social media platforms.

### Publications

From June 2013 to May 2014, ASEAN Secretariat produced fifty two publications – thirty eight are new titles and fourteen are reprinted publications. With the

support of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) under ASEAN Promotional Material project, some key publications like *The ASEAN Charter, Roadmap for an ASEAN Community 2015, Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity*, brochure on *ASEAN Community 2015*, and Fact Sheet of the three pillars had been re-printed for 18,000 copies each.

The publications covered topics on political-security, economic, and socio-cultural cooperation, as well as general and short information on ASEAN. Dissemination of the publications reached several group of people – government officials, students, academe, researchers, business, think-tanks, libraries in ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Committee in Third Countries, and other institutions. Beside the printed format, the publications also appeared in the ASEAN website and promoted in social media to reach larger groups of audience.



4000 people holding hands the ASEAN way circled Indonesia's National Monument in "4000 Salam ASEAN" event, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 September 2013.





Students of Budi Mulia Elementary School of Jakarta during their visit to the ASEAN Secretariat, 15 November 2013.

As ASEAN draws closer to formal integration in 2015, ASEAN Secretariat will step up its outreach activities in line with the promise of a more people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN Community. With guidance from the ASEAN Communication Master Plan, the Secretariat will aim to narrow the gap between high awareness of ASEAN and low understanding of

ASEAN's work. It will continue to assist in building capacity of the Member States to enable more effective conveyance of ASEAN Community's messages. These efforts are envisaged to deepen understanding about ASEAN and hopefully increase solidarity among its peoples.



Visit from Muhammadiyah University Yogyakarta to ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia, 6 December 2013.



ASEAN Secretariat booth at Festival of Nations, Parahyangan University, Bandung, Indonesia, 28 April 2014.

**ASEAN**

**Political-Security Community (APSC)**

# Introduction

The ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) continues to provide a strong foundation for dialogue and cooperation to enhance peace and security in the region and to pursue mutually-beneficial relations with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, while maintaining ASEAN's central and proactive role in the regional architecture.

For the period under review, considerable progress continues to be made across the various areas and sectors under the APSC. The decisions of the ASEAN Leaders and the relevant Ministerial Bodies during the chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam are currently being followed up by the senior officials in the APSC. Myanmar, as the ASEAN Chair in 2014, is taking necessary steps to ensure that the on-going processes towards the ASEAN Community 2015, including the implementation of the remaining action lines in the APSC Blueprint, are on-track. The ASEAN Chair is also taking the lead role in coming up with the central elements of a post-2015 document for the APSC Blueprint. This work will be continued by Malaysia as the ASEAN Chair in 2015.

In the area of political cooperation, the stature of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) continues to be elevated with the latest accession by Norway in 2013 bringing the total number of High Contracting Parties to the TAC to 32. International interest in the TAC continues to grow and other applications are currently being considered.

ASEAN continues to make good progress in the operationalisation of the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) and the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC). The Governing Council of the AIPR has engaged in official meetings and capacity building activities on peace and reconciliation initiatives

and best practices. Preparations for the operationalisation of ARMAC are also underway.

In further strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights in the region, the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) is engaged in implementing its Five Year Work Plan and the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration. An assessment of its performance, programmes and activities over the past four years as well as consultations with various stakeholders are being undertaken to contribute towards the review of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the AICHR and to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights within ASEAN. AICHR will submit the recommendations for consideration by the AMM in August 2014.

In the area of security cooperation, the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) is stepping up its implementation of preventive diplomacy initiatives with new proposals for mediation trainings in the pipeline. The ARF also continues to align its work with international and regional initiatives on emerging non-traditional security threats by addressing issues such as cyber-security, bio-security, space security, nuclear forensics and protection of the marine environment. Defence cooperation continues to evolve with all ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus Experts Working Groups having conducted practical activities. The new ADMM Three Year Work Programme 2014-2016 is currently being drafted with a focus on advancing the practical cooperation that has been achieved.

ASEAN's external relations continue to deepen and expand with the intensification of dialogue and cooperation with Dialogue Partners, international and



regional organisations. ASEAN is also proactively engaging with other external partners who have shown interest to engage and strengthen their cooperation with ASEAN. The centrality of ASEAN in regional cooperation and in the evolving regional architecture continues to receive strong support from Dialogue Partners and other external parties, and ASEAN is working with them to maintain and promote regional peace, security, stability and prosperity.

ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council	
Established:	2009, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting:	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of APSC Council, 10 May 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

The ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council has under its purview the ASEAN sectoral ministerial bodies in the political-security areas. The APSC Council is mandated to ensure effective implementation of relevant decisions of the ASEAN Summit and coordinate the work of the sectoral bodies concerned in order to realise the objectives of the APSC.

The 10<sup>th</sup> APSC Council Meeting in September 2013 adopted the Second Biennial Review of the APSC Blueprint which identified a number of key challenges as well as recommendations to ensure the effective and timely implementation of the APSC Blueprint, including: effective implementation of agreements and commitments under the APSC Blueprint at the national level; enhancing coordination on cross-cutting issues through proper delineation of roles and mandates; and promoting greater awareness of the APSC among all stakeholders, including academia, youth, educators, civil society and the general public, so as to encourage their participation and contribution to the realisation of the APSC.

The 11<sup>th</sup> APSC Council held recently on 10 May 2014 reviewed the implementation of the APSC Blueprint and had in-depth deliberations on important developments in ASEAN's political-security cooperation. The APSC Council welcomed the initiatives by ASEAN Member

States to take the lead in the implementation of the pending action lines to ensure the full implementation of the APSC Blueprint by the end of 2015. The APSC Council reiterated the urgent need to enhance coordination and synergy between relevant ASEAN bodies and mechanisms on cross-cutting issues such as maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, among others, so as to avoid duplication of efforts and resources.

ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)	
Established:	1967, meets annually, with informal meetings and retreats in between
Last Meeting:	46 <sup>th</sup> AMM, 29 June 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (ASEAN SOM)

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers have convened a number of important meetings from June 2013 to May 2014. Under the Chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam in 2013, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers met at the annual 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM) on 29 June 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Retreat (AMM Retreat) on 13-14 August 2013 in Hua Hin, Thailand, and the Informal ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (IAMM) on 26 September 2013 in New York. Under the Chairmanship of Myanmar this



year, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers have met twice; at the AMM Retreat on 17 January 2014 in Bagan, Myanmar, and at the AMM held recently on 10 May 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, on the sidelines of the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit.

A number of significant developments under the purview of the AMM have been recorded. The 46<sup>th</sup> AMM adopted the revised Guidelines for Accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) and Norway acceded to the TAC in 2013, bringing the total number of High Contracting Parties to the TAC to 32. ASEAN is also intensifying efforts to speed up the operationalisation of the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) with the engagement of the AIPR's Governing Council in official meetings and a number of capacity building activities. Following the adoption of the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) by the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit, preparations for the operationalisation of ARMAC are underway.

The issue of the South China Sea is regularly on the agenda of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers recently issued a Statement on Current Developments in the South China Sea on 10 May 2014 as ASEAN's collective response to uphold the principles of peace, stability and the rule of law and to ensure ASEAN's unity and credibility. The Statement expressed serious concerns over the on-going developments; urged all parties concerned to exercise self-restraint, avoid actions which could undermine peace and stability in the area, and resolve disputes by peaceful means without resorting to threat or use of force in accordance with the universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; reaffirmed the importance of maintaining peace and stability, maritime security, freedom of navigation in and over-flight above the South China Sea; called on all parties to the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) to undertake full and effective implementation of the DOC and emphasised the need for expeditiously working towards an early conclusion of the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC).

Apart from the above, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers also issued a number of ASEAN statements to express ASEAN common positions on issues and developments that have an impact on peace and stability in the region, including the terrorist attack in Kunming, China (March 2014), the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (April 2014), and developments in Thailand (May 2014).

In the realm of external relations, the Guidelines for ASEAN's External Relations was adopted by the AMM recently in May 2014, providing a useful instrument to help ASEAN manage the growing interest of external parties to seek formal engagement with ASEAN. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers emphasised that ASEAN must continue to be outward-looking to reach out to potential partners and at the same time further consolidate the existing processes to enable meaningful and substantive engagement with ASEAN Dialogue Partners. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers stressed the need to reinforce ASEAN's unity, centrality and neutrality amidst the shifting geopolitical dynamics in the region.

Commission on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ Commission)	
Established:	24 July 1999, meets annually
Last Meeting:	30 June 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	Executive Committee for the Commission on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ ExCom)

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers, in their capacity as members of the Commission for the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ Commission), adopted the Plan of Action to Strengthen the Implementation of SEANWFZ Treaty 2003-2017 on 30 June 2013. Implementation of the Plan of Action is underway with steady progress made in accessions by the ASEAN Member States to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards agreements and related instruments.

With Lao PDR joining the IAEA on 4 November 2011 and Brunei Darussalam on 18 February 2014, all ASEAN Member States have now become members of the IAEA. Cooperation between ASEAN and the IAEA will be further pursued with the establishment of the ASEAN Network of Regulatory Bodies on Atomic Energy (ASEANTOM) which held its first meeting in September 2013.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at its 68<sup>th</sup> Session on 5 December 2013 adopted the fourth ASEAN-sponsored Resolution on the SEANWFZ Treaty, which reiterated the important contributions of the SEANWFZ to strengthening the security of States in the region and enhancing international peace and security as a whole.

The signing of the Protocol to the SEANWFZ Treaty by the Nuclear Weapon States (NWS) remains pending due to the reservations/declarations submitted by France, Russia and the United Kingdom. In order to maintain the positive momentum on this issue, ASEAN has agreed to continue to pursue consultation with the NWS to chart out the way forward.

ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)	
Established:	2006, meets annually with a retreat session in between
Last Meeting:	8 <sup>th</sup> ADMM, 20 May 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM)

For the period under review, the ASEAN Defence Ministers convened the 7<sup>th</sup> ADMM and the ADMM Retreat in Bandar Seri Begawan in May and August 2013 respectively as well as the 8<sup>th</sup> ADMM in Nay Pyi Taw in May 2014. The Ministers also met with their Plus countries' counterparts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ADMM-Plus which was convened back-to-back with the ADMM Retreat. Overall, the ADMM continues to consolidate their ongoing initiatives while expanding into new areas of cooperation in response to emerging issues.

The ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network, in its second meeting in September 2013 agreed to continue implementing its short, medium, and long-term work plan through seminars and workshops. The Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Defence Industry Collaboration



Maritime security field training exercise, Sydney, Australia, 30 September 2013.



Consultative Group have been adopted in April 2014 and with that the Consultative Group was officially established as the working mechanism of the initiative.

In promoting interaction among junior officers from the military and the Ministries of Defence of the ASEAN Member States, the First ASEAN Defence Interactions Programme was held in March 2014 in Brunei Darussalam. As a further indication of greater regional cooperation, the First Workshop of the Establishment of Logistics Support Framework held in April 2014 in Brunei Darussalam agreed to develop a manual for ASEAN logistics support in time of emergency.

Two important outcomes of the 8<sup>th</sup> ADMM are the adoption of the new ADMM Three-Year Work Programme 2014-2016 and the Concept Paper on Establishing a Direct Communications Link. Practical cooperation and continuity of the on-going initiatives remain key features of the new Work Programme. The Direct Communications Link meanwhile is a practical confidence and security-building measure that aims to promote quick response cooperation in emergency situations, in particular related to maritime security issues.

In the ADMM-Plus process, the new Co-Chairs and the Work Plans for the six ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs) for the period of 2014-2017 are in place. Brunei Darussalam and New Zealand are co-chairs of the EWG on Maritime Security, Singapore and Australia co-chair the EWG on Counter-Terrorism, Lao PDR and Japan co-chair the EWG on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, Thailand and Russia co-chair the EWG on Military Medicine, Cambodia and the Republic of Korea co-chair the EWG on Peacekeeping Operations and Viet Nam and India co-chair the EWG on Humanitarian Mine Action. Emulating the achievements made in the first three-year cycle, a number of practical exercises including joint exercises are in the pipeline to be conducted in the period of 2015-2017.

The 9<sup>th</sup> ADMM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> ADMM-Plus will take place in Malaysia in 2015.

#### ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM)

Established:	1986, meets once every 3 years
Last Meeting:	8 <sup>th</sup> ALAWMM, 4-5 November 2011, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM)

Continuing its support of ASEAN community-building and integration efforts, the ALAWMM met at its 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 4-5 November 2011, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. There, the Ministers discussed a wide range of issues pertaining to regional legal cooperation to ensure the success of transforming ASEAN into a rules-based organisation.

The ALAWMM is working on various areas of legal cooperation in ASEAN including: The development of the ASEAN Government Law Directory; the ASEAN Legal Information Authorities (ALIA) and the Exchange of Study Visits among legal officers of ASEAN Member States. These programmes have greatly benefited ASEAN Member States in their efforts to promote awareness and understanding of each other's legal and judicial systems. The ALAWMM also provides guidance to the ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) with support on matters such as cooperation on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, extradition, counter-terrorism and mutual legal assistance in civil and commercial matters, maritime security, the conservation of coastal and marine environment, progressive liberalisation of trade in legal services and the harmonisation of ASEAN trade law.

The following are other important events and developments:

The 5<sup>th</sup> Working Group on Examining the Modalities for Harmonisation of Trade Laws of ASEAN Member States, which is under the auspices of ASLOM, was held on 3 December 2013 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Participants discussed Arbitration Laws and Practices, the Harmonisation of ASEAN Member States' Laws pertaining to International Sale of Goods, and agreed to commence work in the area of Electronic Commerce.

Following the entry into force of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) after the 10<sup>th</sup> Instrument of

Ratification was deposited, the 5<sup>th</sup> Attorneys-General Meeting on MLAT was held on 21-23 January 2014 in Malaysia to discuss ways and means to further strengthen cooperation and ensure effective implementation of MLAT.

In addition, the first Court Excellence and Judicial Cooperation Forum in ASEAN was held from 5-7 March 2014 in Singapore. It provided an opportunity for judicial bodies in ASEAN Member States to share their best practices and experiences in court administration and management.

Separately, the ASEAN Regional Workshop on the Promulgation of Laws and Regulations of ASEAN Member States: A Comparative Study was held from 23-24 April 2014, in Jakarta, to enable participants from ASEAN Member States to understand one another's legal systems better, including, among others, their law making, treaty ratification and implementation processes.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be held on 9-11 September 2014 in Bali, Indonesia.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)	
Established:	1997, meets biennially
Last Meeting:	9 <sup>th</sup> AMMTC, 17 September 2013, Vientiane, Lao PDR
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)

The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) is ASEAN's highest policy making body on ASEAN cooperation in combating transnational crime. To support the work of the AMMTC, the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) was established in 2001.

To implement the ASEAN Plan of Action to Combat Transnational Crime, the SOMTC has a Work Programme to implement activities against the eight areas of transnational crime, namely Counter-terrorism; Illicit Drug Trafficking; Trafficking in Persons; Arms

Smuggling; Sea Piracy; Money Laundering; International Economic Crime and Cybercrime. For the period under review, the Work Programme for 2013-2015, endorsed and adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> SOMTC and the 9<sup>th</sup> AMMTC respectively in 2013, is currently being implemented.

In addressing the menace of trafficking in persons in the region, drafting of the ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP) and the Regional Plan of Action on Combating Trafficking in Persons (RPA) is currently in progress. The drafting process is expected to be concluded in 2014 and submitted to the 10<sup>th</sup> AMMTC in 2015 and eventually to the ASEAN Summit in the same year.

In the area of cybercrime, SOMTC's commitment to continue to fight against cybercrime is showcased through the establishment of a SOMTC Working Group on Cybercrime. The Inaugural Meeting will take place in Singapore in May 2014.

SOMTC's cooperation with Dialogue Partners continues to progress whereby consultations were held with Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Plus Three countries, and the United States in 2013. Reviews on the Work Programmes or Work Plans were conducted with the aim of strengthening them and new Work Plans with India, Japan and the Republic of Korea is currently being developed. In addition, ASEAN and Japan are currently working on a new ASEAN-Japan Joint Declaration on counter-terrorism and transnational crime. Another milestone in ASEAN-Japan relations is the convening of the ASEAN-Japan Cybercrime Dialogue, which would be convened for the first time in May 2014.

The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMDM) held on 3 September 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, noted that there was a need for a new paradigm to ASEAN's actions to fight drugs which called for a better balance between the treatment and rehabilitation approach and the law enforcement approach. As 2015 is approaching, the Ministers acknowledged the need to develop a post-2015 agenda on how ASEAN is to continue its commitment to fight the scourge of drugs in the region.



The 14<sup>th</sup> SOMTC and its related Meetings will be convened from 22-27 June 2014 in Brunei Darussalam.

ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)	
Established:	1994, meets annually
Last Meeting:	20 <sup>th</sup> ARF, 2 July 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	ARF Senior Officials Meeting (ARF SOM)

Entering into its third decade of cooperation, the ARF continues to endeavour to achieve the vision of its founding members in evolving the ARF cooperation through a three-stage approach, namely promotion of confidence-building measures, development of preventive diplomacy, and development of conflict resolution mechanisms. The ARF is now at the stage of implementing the ARF Work Plan on Preventive Diplomacy which was adopted in 2011.

One of the two key deliverables from the 20<sup>th</sup> ARF in taking the preventing diplomacy stage forward was the adoption of the Concept Paper on Moving towards Preventive Diplomacy and the other was the ARF Roundtable on Training Resources for Preventive Diplomacy which was convened in March 2014. The Roundtable agreed to establish preventive diplomacy training that is tailored to the Asia Pacific region and discussed a number of new proposals for training courses and symposiums on preventive diplomacy to be implemented in the next inter-sessional year.

While concentrating on the preventive diplomacy process, the ARF continues to expand its cooperation into new areas. The period under review witnessed the Forum striving to align its work with international and regional initiatives on emerging non-traditional security threats. Issues of cyber-security, bio-security, space security, nuclear forensics, and protection of marine environment are currently high on the agenda.

The ARF continues to work with other ASEAN-led mechanisms and frameworks that are in place with the view of promoting synergy and reducing duplication of efforts. One approach taken is by inviting the Chairs,



Co-Chairs and representatives of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management, the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus Experts' Working Groups, the Senior Officials' Meeting on Transnational Crime, the ASEAN Maritime Forum, and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster to attend and brief the related ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief, on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime, and on Maritime Security as well as other ARF seminars and workshops.

In the period under review, the ARF continued to engage with Track II institutions. The Council for Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific for instance, organised several of its workshops back-to-back with relevant ARF Inter-Sessional Meetings and shared the outcomes and recommendations of their deliberation to the ARF.

The ARF, as one of the long-standing ASEAN-led regional mechanisms continues to prove its value and contributions to the ever-evolving regional architecture. The future of the Forum lies on the unique role it plays in promoting dialogue and maintaining peace and security in the region, as envisioned by its founding participants.

ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	
Established:	2009, at least two meetings a year with additional meetings when necessary
Last Meeting:	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AICHR 22–24 and 26–27 April 2014, Jakarta, Indonesia

The Representative of Myanmar, H.E. U Kyaw Tint Swe is the current Chair of the AICHR for 2014. The AICHR currently focuses on the dissemination and implementation of the AHRD and the Phnom Penh Statement on the adoption of the AHRD, which includes raising awareness and conducting activities in line with the AHRD. The AHRD Book, which contains translations to the main languages of the ASEAN Member States, was launched in conjunction with the 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Day celebrations in August 2013. The book launch was jointly organised by the AICHR together with the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to ASEAN, and included a panel discussion on the AHRD and the ASEAN Community 2015. The AICHR is embarking on drafting other legal instruments on human



AICHR Representatives with ASEAN Secretariat staffs.



rights, in consultation with the relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and stakeholders and will be conducting a workshop on human rights-based approach to drafting of legal instruments.

The AICHR held a consultation meeting with the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) on 25 April 2014 at the ASEAN Secretariat. The AICHR and ACWC identified four priority areas of cooperation, namely trafficking in persons especially women and children, disability, education, and gender, peace and security. The AICHR and ACWC agreed to functional cooperation and better coordination to move towards strategic partnership, including joint activities and information sharing on human rights.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) of AICHR provides that the TOR shall be initially reviewed five years after its entry into force; the review shall be undertaken by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM) and in this connection, the AICHR shall be assessing its work and

submitting its recommendations for the consideration of the AMM. In line with these provisions, the AICHR is preparing a number of regional consultations with different stakeholders to seek their recommendations on the review of the TOR of AICHR in 2014.

The AICHR continues to build better understanding in their cooperation with external parties emphasising on the importance of ensuring the principles of ASEAN centrality and ASEAN ownership in designing and implementing cooperation activities. Upon the invitation of the Government of Japan, the AICHR visited Japan on 6 to 12 April 2014. The AICHR had discussions which focused on the issue of women's rights and empowerment, persons with disabilities, trafficking in persons and the general human rights developments in both Japan and ASEAN.

Activities of the AICHR, both at the regional and national levels, are regularly communicated to the public through their regional website ([www.aichr.org](http://www.aichr.org)).

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**ASEAN**  
**Economic Community (AEC)**



# Introduction

Economic performance of ASEAN remained robust in 2013 despite domestic and global challenges. Resilient domestic demand coupled with stronger showing of exports on the back of recovery of advanced economies underpinned overall regional performance. Against this backdrop, the implementation of action plans embodied in the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint is proceeding. AEC completed the third phase of implementation of the AEC Blueprint (2012-2013), and has moved to the fourth and final phase of implementation (2014-2015). Building on the advances made in earlier phases, progress in implementation further gained traction.

Initiatives on non-tariff measures (NTMs) and trade facilitation are given focus, having eliminated almost all intra-ASEAN tariffs, including enhancing the implementation of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement Rules of Origin (ATIGA ROO) and finalising the Protocol on the Legal Framework to Implement the ASEAN Single Window. The 9<sup>th</sup> Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) is soon to be completed. In relation, negotiations for the 6<sup>th</sup> Package of commitments on financial services under AFAS were concluded. ASEAN began the important task of promoting ASEAN as a single investment destination and is undertaking initiatives to promote the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA). An important step towards capital market integration is the MOU signed by the Securities Regulators of Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand to

establish and implement the ASEAN mutual recognition framework for mutual funds.

In creating a competitive economic region, the development of competition policy and law (CPL) in the region is continuing, especially in the Member States that are still working on their competition legislations. In support of equitable economic development, the operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development (AFEED) began with the initiative to develop a quantitative tool to monitor the region's progress in realising the principles of AFEED and identify appropriate policy measures. ASEAN continues to be outward-looking in its integration into the global economy. Several ASEAN+1 FTAs are currently being enhanced and preparation for the ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA) is well underway. Negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) continued to progress with the target of concluding the negotiations by end-2015.

Notwithstanding significant progress in the implementation of AEC Blueprint measures, challenges remain. ASEAN needs to complete outstanding measures, especially the high-impact priority areas and measures for integration. This would entail addressing the continuing issues on the ratification of signed ASEAN agreements/protocols, the alignment of regional initiatives and domestic laws and regulations, and increasing support and resources to complete AEC commitments.

ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council	
Established:	2009, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting:	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AEC Council, 10 May 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Senior Officials:	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

In line with the Phnom Penh Agenda for ASEAN Community Building in 2012, AECC identified priority activities and concrete measures (“prioritised key deliverables”) that potentially have the most impact in achieving AEC integration results by 2015. Sectoral bodies drew up lists of AEC Key Deliverables for 2013 and 2015, which were endorsed at the 9<sup>th</sup> AEC Council Meeting in April 2013.

By end-2013, 81.7% of the 229 AEC prioritised key deliverables targeted by 2013 have been implemented. For 2014, identified priorities include raising awareness on the AEC, operationalising the AFEED, strengthening regional cooperation for SME development and developing a regional framework for public-private partnership.

The AEC Council recognised the need to intensify efforts for ASEAN to complete the final stretch of tasks towards AEC 2015. To support this endeavour, AEC Council endorsed several activities which foster a more enabling environment for the realisation of AEC 2015.

The AEC Council supported enhanced monitoring of the AEC through institutionalising data collection efforts to buttress a more effective monitoring mechanism and developing comprehensive monitoring tools which are more outcomes-based.

The AEC Council acknowledged that, to date, there are still differing levels of understanding and awareness of the AEC among the business and non-business sectors. Communicating with these stakeholders is necessary for effective delivery of AEC 2015 goals. To address this gap, AEC Council endorsed the booklet on AEC Key Messages (*Thinking Globally, Prospering Regionally – ASEAN Economic Community 2015*) which would

complement efforts of individual Member States to communicate how AEC can benefit the communities.

The AEC Council endorsed the on-going work to develop a draft AEC Post-2015 Agenda, in line with the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the ASEAN Community’s Post-2015 Vision.

ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)	
Established:	1975, meets annually
Last Meeting:	45 <sup>th</sup> AEM, 18-21 August 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

Established in 1975, The ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) is an annual meeting between Economic Ministers from ASEAN Member States. The AEM regularly discusses the progress of regional economic integration and the status of implementation of various initiatives under the AEC including those with external dialogue partners. The AEM acts as a platform for economic and trade ministers from the 10 ASEAN Member States and their counterparts from important partners to engage in high-level discussions on economic cooperation. The AEM is important for ASEAN and dialogue partners since it represents a significant opportunity to advance discussions directly in a ministerial level.



In 2014, Myanmar as AEM Chair for 2014 has outlined the priorities of her Chairmanship. These include: Key Messaging for AEC 2015; Operationalisation of ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development; Development of a model for SME Credit Rating Agencies and Establishment of SME Service Centres with Sub-regional and Regional Linkages. ASEAN Senior Economic Officials stressed the importance of delivering on all of these priorities by the end of Myanmar Chairmanship.

The forthcoming 46<sup>th</sup> AEM will be held on 23-30 August in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar and AEM would surely intensify their effort to ensure the AEC is on the right path.

## Trade in Services

ASEAN continues to progressively liberalise trade in services and achieve free flow of services by 2015. Having completed the 8<sup>th</sup> Package of Services Commitments in 2012 which provided the deepest and broadest services liberalisation commitment to date, ASEAN Member States are exerting their best effort to conclude the 9<sup>th</sup> Package of Services Commitments in 2014.

In line with its efforts to work towards free flow of services, ASEAN has commenced its work on the enhancement of AFAS through the negotiation of ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement (ATISA) to strengthen the platform and legal framework towards a comprehensive services agreement on par with international best practices, expected to be completed by 2015.

Noting the importance of facilitating the movement of services professionals, continued efforts are being undertaken to implement the existing Mutual Recognition Arrangements. The Framework MRA on Accountancy Services signed in 2009 has now been developed into an ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Accountancy Services, and is expected to be signed in 2014.

## Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Based on the Strategic Action Plan for ASEAN SME Development (2010-2015) and the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint, the ASEAN SME Agencies Working Group (SMEWG) has undertaken several projects that contribute towards strengthening the policy environment and facilitating SMEs' access to finance, markets and internationalisation, technology and innovation, information and advisory services, and human resources development.

The *SME Guidebook Towards the AEC 2015* was launched at the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN SMEWG Meeting in November 2013 in Yangon, Myanmar as part of access to information and advisory services, following the successful publication of the *Directory of Innovative SMEs in ASEAN 2012*. SMEWG's initiatives in periodically putting out a series of SME publications and directories are also with the aim of enhancing networking of SMEs and connecting them to the regional and global supply chains and production networks, in line with the development of competitive SMEs in the region.

Several projects/initiatives under the Strategic Action Plan have been completed recently, including (i) *Improving Rural Living Condition Through One Village One Product (OVOP) Movement* with the launch of ASEAN's OVOP guideline; (ii) *Strengthening SME Business and Technology Incubator*; (iii) *Formulation of Case/Industry Studies to Develop ASEAN Benchmarks and Baselines for SMEs within ASEAN in Three Identified ASEAN Priority Sectors*; and (iv) the *ASEAN SME Policy Index*.

The OVOP project seeks to develop ASEAN OVOP guidelines for the local and central governments to adopt and adjust to changing social and economic landscape, government administrative structure and support through the development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in their countries via OVOP. The OVOP project seeks to transform local products into competitive products for the local, national, as well as global markets.



The Formulation of Case/Industry Studies to Develop ASEAN Benchmarks and Baselines for SMEs is conducted to develop benchmarks and baselines from each of the priority sectors identified. The case/industry studies have been completed and uploaded on ASEAN website.

The Strengthening SME Business and Technology Incubator is aimed at developing SME Business and Technology Incubator models for the ASEAN region. A Workshop on ASEAN Team Baseline Study on Strengthening SME Business and Technology Business Incubators was convened from 14-15 June 2013 in Bogor, Indonesia.

Further, the ASEAN SME Policy Index, which was developed in collaboration with the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the OECD, with its objective to serve as a comprehensive and effective monitoring tool for SME policy makers in the region was launched on 25 March 2014 at the sideline of OECD Southeast Asia Regional Forum in Bali, Indonesia. The ASEAN SME Policy Index is crucial in building a competitive, innovative and strong, dynamic and resilient SME sector, while ensuring that policies, programmes and institutions at both the regional and national levels are supportive of SME development.

For 2014, two main projects are in the pipeline: (i) *Developing an ASEAN Benchmark for SME Credit Rating Methodology* and (ii) *Establishing a Comprehensive SME Service Centre with Regional and Sub-regional Linkages in ASEAN Member States (Phase II)*. The Benchmark for Credit Rating Methodology is important in order to enhance SMEs' access to bank lending and loan guarantees in ASEAN, whereas the SME Service Centre refers to a web-based integration of ASEAN SME Service Centres/Service Desks to provide SMEs in ASEAN wider information resources. Both of these projects are planned to be completed in the last quarter of 2014.

## Public-Private Sector Engagement (PPE)

Public-Private Sector Engagement (PPE) has been intensified to obtain concrete and up-to-date business

inputs and perspectives in support of the AEC 2015. PPE has been undertaken at all levels of ASEAN bodies in various forms and modalities both on a regular and on an ad-hoc basis.

The ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) and the Senior Economic Officials (SEOM) meet annually to exchange views and solicit feedback from the private sector bodies, namely ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC), the East Asia Business Council (EABC) and the US-ASEAN Business Council (US-ABC). Policy recommendations, feedback and inputs from ASEAN and ASEAN+1 business councils have been regularly provided during the consultation with the ASEAN Economic Ministers and SEOM.

The annual Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN (FJCCIA) dialogue was held in June 2014. FJCCIA, which represents more than 6,000 Japanese companies based in ASEAN, was established in 2008 and has annual dialogues with the Secretary-General of ASEAN to exchange strategic visions and recommendations on the ASEAN single market and production base.

Following the successful model of ASEAN+1 business councils with China, India, EU, Canada, UK, Russia and the US, there is also a proposal to launch a ASEAN-Korea Business Council in 2014 to explore and tap into immense business and investment opportunities in ASEAN and FTA partners' region.

Apart from that, industry associations such as the ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX), ASEAN Automotive Federation (AAF) and the ASEAN Furniture Industries Council (AFIC), have also been actively engaged in the process of regional production network.

Following the successful outcomes of previous ASEAN-EU Business Summits (AEBS) and ASEAN-US Business Summit (AUBS), in the form of business-to-business (B2B), government-to-government (G2G) and business-to-government (B2G) interactions, the 4<sup>th</sup> AEBS and the 2<sup>nd</sup> AUBS will be held alongside the 46<sup>th</sup> AEM Meeting in August 2014 in Myanmar.

ASEAN also actively participated in AMS trade fairs and in the annual ASEAN-China Expo (CAEXPO) as well as

ASEAN-China Business and Investment Summit (CABIS) in Nanning, China. The expositions and trade fairs present opportunities for ASEAN businesses, particularly the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to showcase their products and explore the enormous business opportunities and potential markets within ASEAN and outside the region.

## Competition Policy and Law

The development of competition policy and law (CPL) in the region has continued to advance. Five ASEAN Member States (Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam) have comprehensive competition policies and laws, the remaining AMS are currently in the process of drafting their competition laws or in various stages of legislative consultations. By 2015, ASEAN is aiming to having at least 7 AMS with comprehensive competition laws in place.

The ASEAN Expert Group on Competition (AEGC), the body tasked with responsibility over competition issues in ASEAN, continues efforts to work in assisting AMS to introduce nation-wide competition policy as mandated under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint. The Committee has developed Guidelines on Core Competencies in Competition Policy and Law for ASEAN (RCC-Guidelines). These guidelines which provide reference and benchmarks in enhancing competencies in institutional building, enforcement and advocacy, have been uploaded on the ASEAN website.

The AEGC web portal ([www.aseancompetition.org](http://www.aseancompetition.org)) and a set of regional competition advocacy collaterals (Brochure and Pamphlet) were developed and launched in November 2013. These are part of its efforts to develop strategy and tools for regional competition advocacy in promoting the understanding of competition law. An updated *Handbook on Competition Policy and Law in ASEAN for Business* was launched at the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Competition Conference which was held on 4-5 July 2013 in Singapore. The Handbook which was first launched in 2010, aims to inform the business community and investors of the current approaches and practices relating to CPL in each AMS, thereby raising awareness and fostering a competition culture within the business community.

Several prioritised capacity-building activities and initiatives are currently underway and are targeted to be implemented by end 2014, namely:

- (i) Advice on the Drafting Competition Law;
- (ii) Training Courses on Investigation and Case-handling Skills;
- (iii) Workshop on Sector Studies for the AEGC; and
- (iv) Promoting Competition Compliance to Businesses

Assistance for capacity building from dialogue partners has been extended to include the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the ASEAN – GIZ Competition Policy and Law project which will commence from 2015-2017 and the AANZFTA Competition Law Implementation Program (CLIP) which is scheduled for implementation from May 2014 – December 2017.

## Consumer Protection

The ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP) continues to facilitate a people-centered approach towards ASEAN economic integration, with a view to ensuring that laws and regulations as well as mechanisms are in place that protect the rights of consumers in ASEAN. The development of consumer protection in the region has advanced with Myanmar being the latest AMS to pass its consumer protection legislation. This increases the number of AMS with consumer protection policies and legislation in place to nine.

Complaint and Redress Mechanism Models and Guidelines in ASEAN have been developed to provide AMS with templates for implementing consumer redress mechanism that reaches out to all levels of society. Greater consumer access to information is also being given attention, with the lists of official recalled/banned products and of voluntary recalled products in ASEAN being regularly updated by the ACCP and posted on the ACCP website ([www.aseanconsumer.org](http://www.aseanconsumer.org)).

The ACCP with the assistance of the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program Phase II (AADCP II) is working to produce policy digests, case studies, public awareness models and to hold annual

conferences on consumer protection. These are in line with efforts to support research and dialogue activities in consumer protection.

## Intellectual Property Rights

Cooperation in the area of intellectual property among ASEAN Member States continues to build on activities undertaken since 2011 when the ASEAN IPR Action Plan was crafted to transform ASEAN into an innovative and competitive region under the second element of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint.

The ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property (AWGIPC) has been focusing its efforts on improving the framework of intellectual property creation, registration and protection in the region through 28 initiatives of which four have been concluded and with the rest being implemented through collaboration with dialogue partners that include ECAP III (EU-ASEAN Project on the Protection of Intellectual Property), ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area Intellectual Property Committee, European Patent Office (EPO), State Intellectual Property Office of China (SIPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

One main project relating to patents is the ASEAN Patent Search and Examination Cooperation (ASPEC) Project which aims to assist AMS through sharing of search and examination results between the participating offices in AMS to allow applicants in participating countries to obtain corresponding patents faster and more efficiently. There have been some positive outcomes from recent outreach activities as shown by the initial list of ASPEC requests filed in several AMS IP Offices. Improvements to ASPEC procedures by e-filing in the ASEAN IP Portal and expansion of eligibility requirements are being assessed to enable businesses to better utilise the sharing of patent search and examination results. The Ideal Patent Examination Training Model (IPET) is about to be finalised to serve as guide to a sustainable approach to patent examination training in the region. Along with supporting curriculum and training tools, the IPET is expected to improve and maintain high quality patent

examination standards and delivery of train-the trainers programme in the AMS IP Offices.

Structured activities are continuously being implemented to support the process of accession to the Madrid Protocol. Evaluation of trademark operations, studies on the legal and technical implications of accession, drafting of country roadmaps and training on Madrid operations are important elements to be considered by an ASEAN Member State so they can better decide on the benefits of accession and help them prepare for membership. Currently, Philippines, Viet Nam and Singapore have acceded to the Madrid Protocol, allowing their nationals to register trademarks in more than one jurisdiction and making the filing of trademarks easier and less costly.

The initiative on accession to the Hague Agreement is still being maintained with the endorsement of a regional work plan. The work plan will serve as the framework for the implementation of steps aimed at having the ASEAN Member States accede to the Hague Agreement.

Training programmes on Nice, Vienna and Locarno Classifications took place last year to enhance capacity of trademark and design examiners in the region to use tools that organise information into indexed and manageable structures for easy retrieval.

The initiative on copyright limitations and exceptions was completed last year with the finalisation of an environmental scan on copyright exceptions and limitations for the visually-impaired and persons with disabilities. Studies on collective management societies/organisations, with special focus on their administrative/regulatory framework and the challenges and issues in their operations in the ASEAN region, were also completed by most AMS IP Offices, except for three ASEAN Member States where the establishment of a CMO system is still being studied.

Training and capacity building activities on intellectual property enforcement were convened last year, and more will be in the pipeline in the coming year. A questionnaire has been circulated and findings from the questionnaire will be used in the formulation of a common form for data collection, which will be uploaded in the ASEAN IP Portal.



ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council	
Established:	1992, meets annually
Last Meeting:	Joint AEM-27 <sup>th</sup> AFTA Council Meeting, 19 August 2013, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

To ensure the realisation of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015, the implementation of the commitments under the ATIGA is underway. The AFTA Council (AFTAC) focused on providing guidance on key areas to strengthen the institutional arrangements and management of the regional economic integration process through tariff liberalization, enhanced transparency and non-tariff measures, trade facilitation, customs integration, creation of ASEAN Single Window (ASW), and harmonisation of standards and conformance.

## ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)

Several follow-on activities and initiatives have been accomplished by ASEAN Member States since the entry into force of the ATIGA in May 2010. Various committees and subcommittees that cover the work on trade in goods, customs including the ASEAN Single Window, standards and conformance, and sanitary and phytosanitary have been intensifying efforts in improving transparency in the implementation of the AEC measures and enhancing trade facilitation for a business- friendly environment.

## Tariff commitments

Transposition of Tariff Reduction Schedules (TRSs): Following the revision of the Harmonised System (HS) of the World Customs Organisation version 2007 to version 2012 to reflect the changing patterns of international trade and technology, the ATIGA TRSs in AHTN 2012 which was endorsed by the AFTAC have been uploaded on the ASEAN Secretariat website at

<http://www.asean.org/25053.htm>. The work is on-going for TRSs of Cambodia and Viet Nam due to the discussion of some pending tariff lines.

Discussions on the tariff elimination and some flexibilities on the tariff commitments of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam from 2015-2018, the review of the ATIGA Schedule H (General Exceptions List) and the tariff modality on petroleum products are underway.

## Rules of Origin (ROO)

Progress has been made on the transposition of the Products Specific Rules (PSR) from HS Code 2007 into 2012 and once it is completed, the transposed PSRs in HS 2012 will be uploaded on the ASEAN Secretariat website at <http://www.asean.org/images/2012/Economic/AFTA/annex/Annex3.pdf> in time for the full implementation of the transposed ATIGA TRSs.

ASEAN Self-Certification System: The first Self-certification Pilot Project started in November 2010 and to date, there are four participating Member States, i.e. Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore. Myanmar has expressed her intention to participate in the first Self-Certification Pilot Project upon completion of her domestic procedures. To provide more time for the participating ASEAN Member States to better assess implications for ASEAN wide implementation of the Self-Certification, Indonesia, Lao PDR and the Philippines have started the implementation of the second Self-Certification Pilot Project on 1 January 2014. In order to realise the ASEAN-wide Self-Certification System by 2015, the discussion on the convergence and divergence will commence in the third quarter of 2014.

Removal of the FOB value in the Certification of Origin Form: As requested by a private sector, starting 1 January 2014, the ATIGA Operational Certification Procedures (OCP) has been amended to cater for the removal of the FOB value in the ATIGA CO Form D in instances where Wholly Obtained (WO), Change in Tariff Classification (CTC) and Process Rules are applied, subject to a two-year flexibility given to Cambodia and Myanmar. ASEAN continues to discuss the FOB value removal for Regional Value Content (RVC) case.



## Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs)

There has been a significant progress on several initiatives to address the NTMs. These include i.e. the re-alignment of the ASEAN NTMs database with the new UNCTAD classification, the establishment of an interagency body at the national level in each Member State to complement regional initiatives on NTMs, the uploaded Matrix of Actual cases on NTMs/trade barriers onto the ASEAN Secretariat Website, and the endorsement of the National level and Regional level Work Programme on NTMs by the 27<sup>th</sup> AFTA Council. The endorsed National level Work Programme on NTMs would be used as a guideline for ASEAN Member States to address NTBs/barriers at their national level.

## Trade Facilitation

ASEAN Trade Repository (ATR): In order to establish the ATR by 2015, ASEAN Member States are exerting best efforts to establish National Trade Repositories (NTRs) that is a precursor to ATR. The discussion on the ATR “shell” structure is underway.

ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council	
Established:	1998, meets annually
Last Meeting:	AEM-16 <sup>th</sup> AIA Council Meeting, 19 August 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

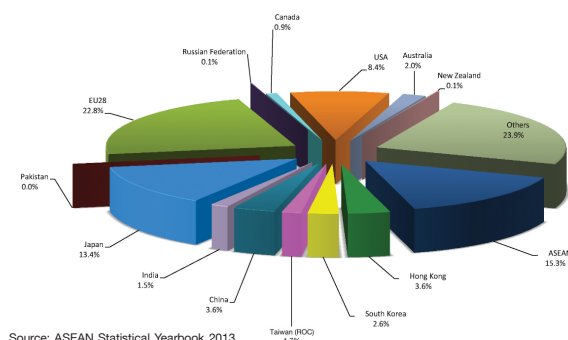
The ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA) is ASEAN’s key instrument in achieving free flow of investment. It is meant to support a free, open, transparent and integrated investment regime in the region. Since its entry into force in March 2012, the AIA Council and its investment officials are focusing their effort to implement it effectively, including working on its built-in agenda to further improve the Agreement and offer greater assurance to investors.

Pursuant to the mandate of the ACIA to create an investment climate conducive to businesses, ASEAN Member States have undertaken further liberalisation

and greater transparency measures. To effectuate such measures and incorporate them in the ACIA, ASEAN has finalised the Protocol to Amend the ACIA which is expected to be signed in 2014.

Region wide initiatives are also moving forward to complement the individual actions of Member States in creating a competitive single investment destination, such as projects focused on improving investment promotion and facilitation in the region and aimed at improving the ease of doing business in the region

**Foreign Direct Investments in ASEAN by Source Country, 2005-2012**



Activities to promote the region are on going. The AIA Council launched the ASEAN Investment Area website ([www.investasean.asean.org](http://www.investasean.asean.org)) last year, which serves as the platform and gateway of information about ASEAN as an investment destination and provide relevant information to investors and businessmen. ASEAN is now working on ensuring that the website remains relevant and updated. Publications are also being disseminated such as the *ACIA Guidebook for Businessmen and Investors*, the *ACIA Introductory Booklet*, the *ACIA Handbook for Investment Promotion Officials* and the *Annual ASEAN Investment Report*. In addition, the conduct of the *ACIA Socialisation Forum*, training/seminar programs on ACIA for the officials of the ASEAN Promotion Agencies and investment missions from ASEAN 6 to the CLMV countries are ongoing.

ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM)	
Established:	1997, meets annually
Last Meeting:	18 <sup>th</sup> AFMM, 5 April 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting (AFDM)

Under financial services, ASEAN has focused on widening intra-ASEAN market access in financial sector to support the region in becoming a single market and production base under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). Negotiations for the sixth package of financial services commitment were concluded in January 2014 and the Protocol to implement these commitments will be signed this year by the ASEAN Finance Ministers.

Member States have successfully completed the processes of assessment and identification of rules in current account, foreign direct investments, portfolio investments, and other flows. A monitoring tool has been developed to measure each country's capital account liberalisation progress against its milestones.

In the efforts to integrate the ASEAN capital markets, significant progress has been made through the development of the ASEAN Capital Markets Infrastructure (ACMI) Blueprint. Last year, the Securities Regulators of Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish and implement a framework for cross-border trade of collective investment schemes (mutual funds).

Myanmar will soon join the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF). The final tranche of equity contribution to the AIF by ASEAN Member States will be completed in 2014. Under the insurance cooperation, development of ASEAN disaster risk financing and insurance is well underway. Member States have now begun efforts to comply with the 26 core principles of the 2011 version of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS). Cooperation in taxation initiatives is also continuing, particularly on the completion of network of bilateral agreements, double taxation and enhancement of the Exchange of Information (EoI) regime.



On ASEAN+3 Financial Cooperation, efforts have been made to ensure that the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) is operationally ready. The crisis prevention function of CMIM, called the CMIM Precautionary Line (CMIM-PL), has been strengthened by the completion of the Economic Review and Policy Dialogue (ERPD) Matrix. Operationalisation of the CMIM has been supported by the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) through the completion of the AMRO Agreement. To allow for the region's large savings to be channeled to financing its own investment needs, efforts to develop local currency bond market has been further enhanced by the Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI). Significant progress has also been made in various activities under ASEAN+3 Research Group and Task Force on Future Priorities.

**ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO)**

To enhance monitoring tools and mechanism of AEC, an important milestone is the second release of the ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System (ACPMS) Report in September 2013 by the Statistics Division under the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO). The Report contains outcome indicators of progress towards the thrusts of the AEC and ASCC.

In addition, AIMO in collaboration with the World Bank launched a joint report, namely the *ASEAN Integration Monitoring Report*, in December 2013. The e-publication is available on ASEAN's and World Bank's websites. The first draft of the follow-up report, the *ASEAN Services Integration Report*, has been prepared and is being reviewed. The final report will be released in the second half of 2014.

AIMO continues to produce regional surveillance reports on trade, financial integration, investment and insurance, and provides regular updates on the AEC Scorecard and global and regional economic outlooks.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)	
Established:	1979, meets annually
Last Meeting:	35 <sup>th</sup> AMAF, 26 September 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Official Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF)

For the period of 2013-2014, food, agriculture and forestry sector continued to expedite measures and actions under AEC Blueprint to enhance intra and extra



ASEAN trade and long term competitiveness of ASEAN's food, agriculture and forestry products as well as promote market access of agricultural products for the benefit of farmers in the region. In this regard, AMAF agreed to focus efforts and resources on the achievement of the identified key deliverables and prioritised measures and requested all subsidiary bodies to review their respective Strategic Plan of Actions (SPA) to achieve the approved key deliverables and prioritised measures by 2015.

Building on the good progress and achievement made in the sector in 2009-2013 period, works on a post-2015 vision food, agriculture and forestry sector have been initiated. AMAF tasked SOM-AMAF, with assistance from ASEAN Secretariat to develop a vision, objectives and goals of the ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry sectors towards 2020, based on the review of the current framework and Strategic Plan of Action.

Under the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and the Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security (SPA-FS) 2009-2013, AMAF agreed that the current AIFS Framework and SPA-FS (2009-2013) needs to be extended and updated to reflect nutrition, food safety, poverty alleviation and long-term food security issues. This is in line with the ASEAN Roadmap on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) deliverables and the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint Measures.

In 2013, AMAF endorsed some important documents such as Regional Strategic Framework for Laboratory Capacity Building and ASEAN Guidelines for the Use of Chemicals in Aquaculture and Measures to Eliminate the Use of Harmful Chemicals. These documents are considered the regional comprehensive policies to improve quality of agricultural sectors in the next period.

Good progress has been made in ASEAN cooperation on Sustainable Forest Management, including, but not limited to the Prevention of Trans-boundary Haze Pollution and Pan ASEAN Timber Certification Initiative. In this regard, AMAF appreciated the progress on ASEAN Cooperation on Trade in Agricultural and Forest Products under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on ASEAN Cooperation and Joint Approaches in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme

(2010-2014) and acknowledged a new commodity on sericulture to be included.

AMAF highly appreciated significant contribution from Dialogue/Development Partners and International Organizations (i.e. ASEAN-Australia, ASEAN-Canada, ASEAN-China, ASEAN-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), ASEAN-Germany, ASEAN-India, ASEAN-ROK, ASEAN-Russia, ASEAN-US, ASEAN-ADB, ASEAN-FAO, ASEAN-OIE, ASEAN-SEAFDEC, and ASEAN-STDF) in successfully implementing some of activities and action plan towards the realization of agriculture and forestry measures under the ASEAN Community in 2003-2004 period.

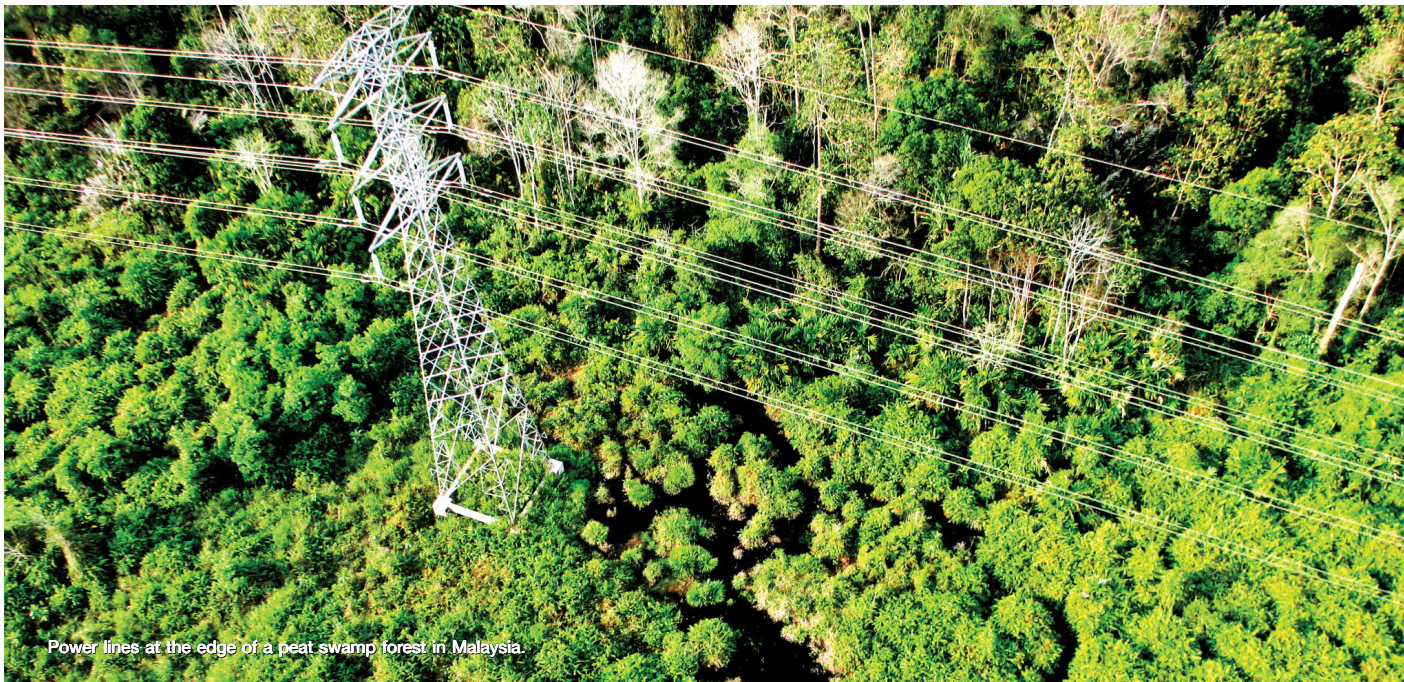
ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)	
Established:	1980, meets annually
Last meeting:	31 <sup>st</sup> AMEM, 25 September 2013, Bali, Indonesia
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)

Good progress has so far been made in the implementation of ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2010-2015. The Mid-Term Review of APAEC, which was completed in September 2013, shows that ASEAN is on track to meet most of the key targets set out in the said plan of action.

In the ASEAN energy physical interconnection projects, signing of the Instrument to extend the Memorandum of Understanding on the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline (TAGP) project for another 10 years until 20 May 2024, affirmed commitment of the Energy Ministers to continue strengthening efforts in oil and gas supply cooperation. Development of the ASEAN Power Grid continues to progress with two new under construction interconnection projects between Viet Nam and Lao PDR; and between Sarawak in Malaysia and West Kalimantan in Indonesia.

A large number of capacity building projects on Energy Efficiency and Conservation have been implemented under, among others, the ASEAN-Japan Energy Efficiency Partnership (AJEEP) and ASEAN Energy Management Accreditation Scheme (AEMAS). So far,





AEMAS has successfully trained 15 country experts, 108 local trainers, 9 energy end-users and 1,007 energy managers.

On Renewable Energy, major activities implemented throughout the year to promote the development of renewable energy include: capacity building workshops on renewable energy standards, mini-hydro, Solar PV, and the successful launching of the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Renewable Energy Week.

Expansion of the ASEAN Energy Awards, an annual event to champion the best energy practices in ASEAN, with the launching of the ASEAN Coal Award was among the key initiatives in coal programme being implemented in the past year. The 2013 winners of the said Award itself include 17 winners of the ASEAN Coal Awards, 12 winners of the ASEAN Best Practices in Energy Efficient Buildings, 15 winners of the ASEAN Best Practices in Energy Management, and 10 winners of the ASEAN Renewable Energy Awards.

On civilian nuclear energy, good progress is underway in the area of capacity building, including training courses for senior policy makers and working level officials under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the ASEAN+3 Human Resources Development (HRD) Programme on Civilian Nuclear Energy (CNE) 2012-2014 and the Integrated Support Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation and

Nuclear Security (ISCN) supported by Republic of Korea and Japan, respectively.

Close cooperation with ASEAN Dialogue Partners (DPs) and International Organisations (IO) has also provided great support in the realisation of the APAEC 2010-2015 target. To date, the ASEAN Energy Cooperation has established formal cooperation with DPs/IO through seven cooperation frameworks, namely: SOME-EU, EAS Energy (EAS EMM/ECTF), SOME-METI Japan, SOME Plus Three/AMEM Plus Three, SOME-Russia, SOME-U.S., and SOME-IEA/AMEM-IEA.

#### ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin)

Established:	2005, meets bi-annually
Last Meeting:	4 <sup>th</sup> AMMin, 28 November 2013, Bali, Indonesia
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM)

Demand for minerals in ASEAN would continue to grow on the back of continuing economic growth and market expansion within the ASEAN Member States. With this in mind, the ASEAN Ministers on Minerals reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen the regional framework for mineral cooperation that aims to stimulate the



development of the minerals added value and promote the wise use of the finite mineral resources.

Guided by the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (AMCAP) 2011-2015, significant progress have been made in the implementation of the various cooperative programme and activities in minerals cooperation, particularly under the three AMCAP's strategic priorities, namely: (i) Facilitating and Enhancing Trade and Investment in Minerals; (ii) Promoting Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Mineral Development; and (iii) Strengthening Institutional and Human Capacities in the ASEAN Minerals Sector.

The Launching of the ASEAN Minerals Database Information System (AMDIS) provides greater access to information on minerals in the region, both for public and business communities. The AMDIS contains data and information related with, among others: mineral resources, mineral trade and regulation, minerals company profiles.

Numerous capacity building activities and events have been carried out through joint collaboration between ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners (China, Japan, ROK), such as Training on Geological Surveys and Resources Mapping, Workshop on Mine Rehabilitation and Sustainable Development, International Conference on Geology and Natural Resources of ASEAN (Geo ASEAN), Training on Mining Investigation and Rehabilitation for ASEAN Member States, Workshop on Technology and Methodology of Geochemical Mapping, and Seminar on Capacity Building on Cross Border Geological Correlation.

In furthering the ASEAN minerals cooperation, various initiatives and activities have also been undertaken through collaborative efforts with the ASEAN Federation of Mining Association (AFMA) and the Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia (CCOP).

#### ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)

Established:	1980, meets annually (including informal ministerial meeting)
Last Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST-15), 12 November 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Senior Officials	Committee on Science and Technology (COST)

The 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology was held on 12 November 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Ministers agreed that the AMMST and COST shall remain under the purview of the AEC as indicated in Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter. Noting, however, that science and technology (S&T) actions are currently reflected in the ASCC Blueprint, COST shall continue reporting to both AEC and ASCC Councils until end of 2015.

The Ministers noted the progress of development of the new ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2015-2020 and looked forward to its finalisation and adoption at their next meeting to be held during the celebration of the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Science and Technology Week (ASTW-9) in Bogor, Indonesia in August 2014. The Ministers agreed that while awaiting the completion of the APASTI, an expert group shall be formed to study the feasibility of expanding the scope of utilisation of the ASEAN Science Fund (ASF) to support innovation-driven projects as well as to support the implementation of APASTI 2015-2020.

The Ministers agreed that the Philippines shall be the Secretariat of the ASEAN-Network for Drugs, Diagnostics, Vaccines and Traditional Medicine Innovation (ASEAN-NDI) initiative. The Ministers also noted the successful conduct of the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Food Conference hosted by Singapore in September 2013.

With regard to cooperation with Dialogue Partners, the Ministers noted the interest of India to elevate its STI cooperation with ASEAN to a strategic partnership level through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Ministers look forward to the signing of the ASEAN-China MOU on STI cooperation in the second half of 2014. The Ministers also welcomed the offer of China

to expand the coverage of its Young Scientist Visiting Programme under the China-ASEAN Science and Technology Partnership (STEP) Programme to include Japan and the ROK. Pending the finalisation of the APASTI 2015-2020, the Ministers noted that the work plan of the ASEAN-Russia Working Group on Science and Technology (ARWGST) is extended to 2015.

The Ministers welcomed the inclusion of science and technology component in the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS 2.0) project.

The Ministers noted the successful implementation of the various programmes under the ASEAN Plus Three Center for the Gifted in Science (ACGS) which is led by the ROK. The Ministers noted that the ACGS Consultative Meeting has been elevated to the ACGS Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting.

The Ministers look forward to the successful conduct of forthcoming events such as the World Innovation Forum Kuala Lumpur (WIFKL) 2014; The Grand Challenges in STI workshop; the ASEAN STI Days; the ASEAN Talent Mobility Workshop and the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Science and Technology Week in 2014 in Bogor, Indonesia.

ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology (IT) Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)	
Established:	2001, meets annually
Last meeting:	31 <sup>st</sup> TELMIN, 15 November 2013, Singapore
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Telecommunications & Information Technology Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) and ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC)

In the telecommunications and IT sector, regional efforts are underway in further strengthening regional digital inclusion to increase ICT adoption, particularly in the rural areas, and to enable all ASEAN citizens to have equal opportunity to take part in the regional development process through the rollout of national broadband networks, improvements of national

Universal Service Obligations (USOs) and collaboration with relevant sectors such as education.

ASEAN Member States have made an important step with the adoption of Singapore Declaration, entitled "Connecting Communities, Co-creating Possibilities" which maps out the priority actions in the implementation of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015. In addition, ASEAN Member States adopted an ATRC cooperation framework for network security. The framework lays the foundation for the on-going development of a cyber-security cooperation framework involving national agencies, not limited to national Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs).

Significant milestone was also achieved in developing ICT skill standard. A set of common ICT skills and skill levels definitions was formulated to facilitate the mapping of ICT skill certifications in ASEAN into the common definitions, which can be useful for region-wide recruitments of ICT-skilled personnel.

ASEAN ICT cooperation with China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, India, the European Union and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has been progressive. Numerous activities have been completed over the year to support the development of ASEAN telecommunications and IT sector. Cooperation with China also gathered momentum with the conclusion of the ASEAN-China Memorandum of Understanding on ICT Cooperation which strengthens further cooperative partnership between both sides.

ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) Meeting	
Established:	1996, meets annually
Last meeting:	19 <sup>th</sup> ATM Meeting, 19 December 2013, Pakse, Lao PDR
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)

Cooperation in ASEAN transport sector has grown steadily. In air transport, work on the development of ASEAN Single Aviation Market (ASAM) is progressing well with the adoption of both the Air Transport Economic Cooperation Work Plan (2014-2015) and Air

Transport Technical Cooperation Work Plan (2014-2015). In addition, the Protocol to Implement the Eighth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Service and its Annex was endorsed by the ASEAN Transport Ministers.

As to maritime transport, efforts to establish an ASEAN Single Shipping Market in ASEAN (ASSM) were strengthened. A task force to promote and monitor the implementation of the ASSM has been established. ASEAN Member States were also working towards the finalisation of the MOU on ASEAN Cooperation Mechanism for Joint Oil Spill Preparedness and Response which will aim to promote a regional collaborative mechanism for building capacities and capabilities in preparedness for and response to oil spill incidents.

Efforts were also intensified in the operationalisation of ASEAN transport facilitation agreements. Two important studies which provide recommendations and guidance for the implementation of the Protocols 3 (Type and Quantity of Road Vehicles) and 4 (Technical Requirements of Vehicles) of ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) had been carried out.

Collaboration with ASEAN’s Dialogue Partners continues to play an important part in ASEAN transport cooperation. With China, the Protocol 2 on the Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights of the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement was endorsed. With Japan, a new action plan, namely “Pakse Action Plan” which includes 23 projects/activities on “Transport Facilitation”, “Transport Infrastructure”, “Quality and Sustainable Transport” and “Human Resource Development was adopted and the ASEAN-Japan Transport Statistics Book which will serve as a useful reference to further develop transport policy in the region has been launched as well. Cooperation with EU has also been enhanced through the on-going progress of the implementation of ASEAN Regional Integration Support from EU (ARISE) and the EU-ASEAN Air Transport Integration Project (EU-AATIP) which strengthen cooperation in transport facilitation and air transport in the region, respectively.

**Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM)**

Established:	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting:	17 <sup>th</sup> M-ATM, 19 January 2014, Kuching, Malaysia
Senior Officials:	Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)

For 2013, ASEAN remained as an attractive destination for both regional and international tourists with growth of 14.51% and 9.9% over 2012. The total number of tourists visiting ASEAN in 2013 is 90.2 million, an increase of 12% from 2012.

The implementation of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan (ATSP) 2011-2015 has been well progressing, where 75% of measures for 2013 have been duly completed. In further promoting sustainable tourism to support timely realisation of the ASEAN Economic Community, measures under ASTP were updated to ensure its relevance to its on-going efforts.

Significant progress was made in facilitating free flow of services and skilled labor within ASEAN through implementation of the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Tourism Professionals including the completion of 144 toolboxes for hotel divisions (e.g., front office, food and beverage services, food production and housekeeping), and the ASEAN Tourism Qualifications Equivalent Matrix as key references for tourism industry and training institutions in delivering the programme under the said MRA. Pilot projects for housekeeping division would be carried out in 2014 given the readiness of the supporting infrastructure for such an undertaking. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the establishment of a Regional Secretariat in Indonesia in 2015 was adopted to support implementation of the MRA at the regional level.

Important progress was also made in developing comprehensive tourism standards for green hotel, homestay, spa services, public toilet, clean tourist city and community-based tourism, and their certification process, which would help in enhancing quality of tourism human resources, services and facilities in the



region. In facilitating full implementation of those standards by 2015, capacity building for auditors and pilot testing would be carried out in 2014.

Joint promoting and marketing of ASEAN tourism activities through, amongst others, the social media marketing of ASEAN tourism, joint promotion with private sector to promote ASEAN tourism destinations and tourism products and continued enhancement of the ASEAN Tourism website ([www.aseantourism.travel](http://www.aseantourism.travel)) were conducted.

In key source markets, collaboration with ASEAN-China Centre, ASEAN-Japan Centre and ASEAN-Korea

Centre were conducted to jointly develop and promote ASEAN tourism to the Chinese, Japanese and Korean markets through the Tourism Documentaries in China's National TV Network, ASEAN Local Culinary in ASEAN Festival 2013 in Japan, and ASEAN Culture and Tourism Fair on 3-6 October 2013 in Korea respectively.

The ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2014 held on 16-23 January 2014 in Kuching, Malaysia, with the theme of "ASEAN: Advancing Tourism Together" was attended by 462 international buyers and 879 sellers with 353 booths as well as 75 media.



The beautiful pagodas and temples in Myanmar.

ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)	
Established:	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting:	15 <sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting on AMBDC, 21 August 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	AMBDC Steering Committee Meeting

The ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) was established to promote economic integration among the member countries, comprising ASEAN Member States and China. The cooperation framework has contributed to the development of infrastructure and human capital in the sub-region and

enabled the sharing of resources, while promoting inclusive and equitable growth in the region.

There were 22 projects in various stages of implementation covering eight areas namely, infrastructure, trade and investment, agriculture, forestry and minerals, industry, tourism, human resource development, science and technology as well as the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL), the flagship project of the AMBDC.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Special Work Group Meeting on the SKRL held 10 October 2013 discussed strategies for the seamless operation of the SKRL, ways to mobilise further financial resources for SKRL's completion, and the possibility of extending the SRKL to Surabaya, Indonesia. The SKRL is aimed to provide an alternative mode of land transportation to connect at least seven ASEAN Member States.

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**ASEAN**  
**Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC)**



# Introduction

The primary goal of the ASCC is to contribute to the realisation the ASEAN Community that is people-centred and socially responsible, with a view to achieving enduring solidarity and unity among the nations and peoples of ASEAN, by forging a common identity and building a caring and sharing society which is inclusive and harmonious where the well-being, livelihood, and welfare of the peoples are enhanced. During the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam in October 2013, ASEAN Leaders endorsed 6 outcome documents from the ASCC Pillar ranging from youth, health, women and children, disaster management to social protection. These issues are important in their own right and of great relevance to building a caring and sharing society that is people-centered and socially-responsible, as envisaged by our Leaders.

The period 2013 to 2014 witnessed accelerated efforts by the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community to contribute to the realization of a people-centred and people-oriented ASEAN Community. For much of 2013, the ASCC undertook a review and assessment of regional and national performance in the implementation of the ASCC Blueprint. The Mid-Term Review (MTR) was undertaken under the auspices of Brunei Darussalam's chairmanship of ASEAN in 2013. The report took inspiration from Brunei Darussalam's chosen theme for its ASEAN leadership, 'Our People, Our Future Together'. The report was aimed at those who have a stake in the achievement of the ASCC Blueprint, a structure that embraces an amalgam of actors from the ASCC Council; to the Senior Officials Committee for the ASCC; to the sectoral ministerial bodies and their senior officials, a host of ASEAN entities, and also includes our Dialogue Partners, implementing partners ranging from NGOs, Civil Society and the private sector,

and increasingly extends to external parties and non-traditional actors. The Blueprint underscores the importance of capacitating all citizens of every Member State of ASEAN to play a role in building the ASEAN Community. The ASCC is conscious that it is in many ways a mirror-image and microcosm of our peoples, societies, institutions and entities that have committed themselves to a vast and diverse community working towards One Vision, One Identity, and One Community.

The Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of the ASCC Blueprint indicates that approximately 90% of the 339 ASCC actions have been or currently being addressed through the implementation of various activities. The findings and recommendations of the MTR inform our stakeholders, policy and decision-makers in the ASCC and in turn allow them to reflect upon their actions and to act on suggestions presented on how to move forward. The Review is a Progress Report of the Implementation of the ASCC Blueprint, reinforced by the ASCC Scorecard, as well as the ten national assessments. These were holistically analysed from regional, national and sectoral perspectives. The report catalogues past achievements and challenges, and recommends priorities for the next few years to promote ASEAN, underlined by equitability and sustainability not only for our increasingly urbanised population, but with a special focus on the vulnerable and marginalised groups, the peoples in rural and remote areas of this region.

The ASCC entered 2014 with a concerted effort to follow-up on the progress of the ASCC Blueprint through the formation of the Work Group to address the recommendations of the MTR, develop a resource mobilisation strategy, and coordinate the sectoral inputs for ASCC's contribution to the Post-2015 visioning process. In addition, Myanmar as the chair of ASEAN



Opening Ceremony of 2014 ASEAN-China Cultural Exchange Year, Beijing, China, 9 April 2014.

for 2014, and in consultation with key stakeholders, has identified a number of priority areas which it hopes to address this year and highlighted several potential deliverables for the consideration of the 2015 ASEAN Summits. The ASCC is ready to be counted to play a significant role in the ASEAN Post-2015 visioning exercise through the ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group (ACCWG).

Beyond the individual sectors, there were intensified efforts among ASEAN Member States to collaborate across sectors on cross-cutting issues, through increased engagement of various stakeholders in the processes, as evidenced in the cooperative activities envisioned in the priority areas identified by Myanmar and ASCC:

- Joint Statement on Climate Change;
- ASEAN Instrument on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers;

- ASEAN Framework on Social Protection; and
- ASEAN Virtual Learning Resource Centre (AVLRC).

The ASCC is also working to develop coordinating mechanisms based on the concept under the Multi-sectoral Responses to Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction which consolidates recent experience of ASEAN's response to Typhoon Haiyan with emphasis on developing a more effective response, a clearer and written mandate for the Secretary-General; a comprehensive cross-sectoral mechanism involving the political, defense and disaster management sectoral bodies; a new resource management strategy; and an effective communication platform, among other areas.

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council	
Established:	7 October 2003, Bali Concord II (ASCC defined and established; 20 November 2007, ASEAN Charter signing defined inter alia the ASCC Council; ASCC Blueprint was adopted during the 14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Thailand (1 March 2009)
Last Meeting:	11 <sup>th</sup> ASCC Council, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 4 April 2014
Senior Officials:	Senior Officials Committee on the ASCC (SOCA)

According to the MTR, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) is on track given its 90% accomplishment. What remains is to take stock of its achievements, to push forward in accomplishing remaining tasks, and to plan for post-2015 goals. SOCA and the ASCC Council addressing the remaining 10% for 2014-15 shall be imperative. For example, 33 action lines, or 9.73% of the total 339 were action lines which required cross sectoral and/or cross pillar arrangements. Furthermore, mechanisms will need to be installed to further promote strong coordination and effective communication among the different sectoral bodies, thus ensuring that action lines are implemented accordingly. The MTR recommendations on prioritising include the following:

- ASCC Blueprint implementation: Review targets at the sectoral level keeping in mind the need to re-cluster overlapping targets and the option of cross-sectoral, cross-pillar cooperation.
- Coordination and Cross-Sectoral Mechanisms: There is a need to create a coordination mechanism of sectoral bodies, networks, strengthen the existing ones, especially for cross-sectoral issues, for interventions that are holistic and have greater impact potential.
- Multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approaches: Strengthen the role of the SOCA in supporting the ASCC Council. Likewise to fulfil one of its mandates to coordinate the work of the different sectors under its purview, and on issues that cut across the other Community Councils.

- Communication Strategy: ASEAN should expedite the release of the ASEAN community-wide communication strategy/plan.

With regard to the Post 2015 Agenda, sectoral bodies are encouraged to work in developing the ASEAN Community's post-2015 vision, particularly as guided by the Work Group on ASCC Blueprint MTR implementation and Coordination of Consultations for the Post 2015 Visioning.

The ASCC Council helped to promote multi-sectoral response in times of large-scale disasters and appreciated that such efforts should be done through the AADMER mechanism, in consultation with and under the leadership of the ACDM, AADMER Conference of the Parties, and AMMDM. SOCA will be considering the key elements and approaches proposed by the Multi-Sectoral Response, especially the mandate of high level coordination in large scale mobilisation of resources, and enhance capacity of the existing mechanisms.

The 16<sup>th</sup> SOCA (2-3 April 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar) endorsed and the 11<sup>th</sup> ASCC Council (4 April 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar) adopted the Terms of Reference of the ASCC Work Group to Follow Up on the Recommendations of the ASCC Blueprint MTR and Coordinate Post-2015 Vision (ASCC Work Group). The Work Group will oversee the formulation and implementation of a Plan of Action that addresses the recommendations made by the MTR; the formulation of a Resource Mobilization Strategy to address sectoral funding requirements; and coordinate ASCC pillar's inputs to the central elements of the post-2015 vision, in support of the ACC Working Group (ACCWG) on Post-2015. The ASCC Work Group will concurrently serve as the ACC Working Group's Sub-Working Group to reflect ASCC perspectives and coordinate the pillar's inputs.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Coordinating Conference on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (9<sup>th</sup> SOC-COM) was held on 29 April 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The 9<sup>th</sup> SOC-COM highlighted the value of SOC-COM as a consultative mechanism and sounding board for the ASCC Pillar, in which all sectoral bodies are represented, including representation by CPR and ASEAN entities. The 9<sup>th</sup> SOC-COM offered a unique opportunity for ASEC to



call for more intensified efforts during the last few years of the ASEAN Road Map to ensure that ASCC achievements lead to lasting and sustainable development, a foundation for ASEAN identity and awareness. The SOC-COM comes at a critical juncture in the ASCC Community’s work as it embarks in addressing the key recommendations presented by the Mid-Term Review: collectively strengthen approaches to improve cross-sectoral and cross-pillar coordination; and together determine key supporting elements for the Post-2015 vision. The 9<sup>th</sup> SOC-COM also provided an opportunity to collectively outline initial and provisional aspirational statements, principles, norms and possible elements for the ASCC Community covering inter alia human development, Science and Technology, social protection and social welfare.

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)	
Established:	1989, meets once every two years
Last Meeting:	12 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the AMRI (12 <sup>th</sup> AMRI), 12 June 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Senior Officials:	Senior Officials’ Meeting Responsible for Information (SOMRI)

ASEAN cooperation in the area of information, media and broadcasting continues to focus on promoting the ASEAN awareness, communicating ASEAN’s efforts to the people on the benefits of regional integration and ASEAN community building process, through the use of different types of media including the traditional, mainstream and new media.

A steady progress and outcomes were recognised through implementation of long-tradition projects aiming to increase ASEAN awareness and mutual understanding, such as the television and radio news exchanges (ASEAN Television News and ASEAN-in-Action respectively), and the ASEAN Quiz (regional and national levels), etc. Other initiatives have been taken up to address the requirement of a growing population using social media, amongst those which include the

new website for ASEAN’s culture and information which replaces the ASEAN Media Portal and the ASEAN Culture and Information Portal, social media and an ASEAN Virtual Learning Resources Centre (AVLRC).

With regard to digital broadcasting, the Ministers welcomed initiatives that were identified to benefit leapfrogging to Digital Video Broadcasting – Terrestrial Second Generation (DVB-T2), and noted regional efforts in the implementation of the ‘Guidelines for ASEAN Digital Switch-Over’ (2015 – 2020). The Ministers commended the completion of the first-ever TV co-production programme on ‘Rice: Seed of Life’ in a series of ‘Colours of ASEAN’ in High Definition format.

In the area of technical standards, the Ministers endorsed a recommendation on the development of an ASEAN-wide DVB-T2 Integrated Receiver Decoder (IRD) specification to reap the benefits of economies of scale for affordable DVB-T2 IRDs in ASEAN Member States who already adopted DVB-T2 for DTTB.

The Ministers reiterated the need to implement a comprehensive communications plan to meet the vision of One ASEAN Community by 2015 and called for stronger coordination and effective communication among the different sectoral bodies in implementation of the ASCC Blueprint, optimising opportunities for cross-sectoral cooperation to inform the public about the benefit of ASEAN’s integration and community building.

The Ministers agreed to adopt the *Declaration on Social Responsible Media for a Peaceful and Prosperous Community* as a guiding document to further strengthen cooperation in the fields of information and media through undertaking programmes and joint activities, and by leveraging on all forms of media.

In order to further advance the development and improvement of the information and media cooperation in ASEAN, three Working Groups were established, namely ASEAN Digital Broadcasting (ADB), Working Group on Information, Media, and Training; and Working Group on Content and Production.

The cooperation with Dialogue Partners has been intensified through implementation of the ASEAN-China Work Plan on Enhancing ASEAN-China Cooperation

through Information and Media (2010-2015), and the Work Plan on Enhancing ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Through Information and Media (2012 – 2017). In addition to these two work plans, several new initiatives are being discussed to further enhance cooperation between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners.

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)	
Established:	2003, meets once every two years
Last Meeting:	6 <sup>th</sup> AMCA Meeting, 19-20 April 2014, Hue City, Viet Nam
Senior Officials:	Senior Officials' Meeting for Culture and Arts

ASEAN continues to enhance cooperation in the areas of culture and the arts through various initiatives to promote and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of the people of ASEAN while also reflecting ASEAN's shared history towards building an ASEAN identity and ASEAN awareness.

Taking momentum of various activities like the Best of ASEAN Performing Arts and ASEAN City of

Culture, a series of high impact – high visibility cultural events, like Ancient Cities Network, ASEAN Youth Heritage Leaders, and Conference on the Future of Preservation, are being and/or in the pipeline to be implemented to further promote and inculcate appreciation of the rich cultural heritage of the ASEAN Community.

The Ministers in charge of culture and arts agreed to further strengthen culture and art cooperation to ensure its relevance to the on-going efforts to promote sustainable development and to support the timely realisation of ASEAN Community by 2015. In this regard, they agreed to promote culture as a pillar of sustainable development and agreed to issue the *Hue Declaration on Culture for ASEAN Community's Sustainable Development*.

It is observed that Dialogue Partners are taking an increasing role in joint hands with ASEAN in celebration of our traditions, connecting cultures among ASEAN Member States, and strengthening mutual understanding with Dialogue Partners. 2014 is marking the ASEAN-China Cultural Exchange Year, and also the inaugural ministerial meetings between ASEAN and Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK) on culture and arts. To facilitate cooperation with Dialogue Partners, i.e. China, Japan, ROK, and the Plus Three Countries, in a holistic and inclusive mechanism, the Terms of Reference for such cooperation were discussed.

Viet Nam, as the Chair of 6<sup>th</sup> AMCA, launched Hue City, the host venue for the 6<sup>th</sup> AMCA meeting, as the 3<sup>rd</sup>



An ASEAN cultural event

ASEAN City of Culture for the period of 2014-2015. Following similar culture and art activities conducted in Pampanga, Philippines, and Singapore (the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN City of Culture respectively), a series of activities, performances, exhibitions and people-to-people exchanges will be implemented in Hue city to strengthen awareness on ASEAN and bonding towards ASEAN identity, raise the profile of ASEAN in the region and internationally, and cultivate long-lasting friendship among the peoples of ASEAN.

The Ministers welcomed the initiative of ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information in providing support to the restoration efforts for sites hit by Typhoon Haiyan and Earthquake in the Visayas Islands of the Philippines.

ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)	
Established:	2006, meets biennially
Last Meeting:	7 <sup>th</sup> ASED Meeting, 4 July 2012, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Senior Officials:	Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)

Following the endorsement of the ASEAN Five-Year Work Plan on Education (2011-2015), the education sector in ASEAN has been implementing a number of initiatives covering four strategic priorities, namely (i) raising ASEAN awareness among the ASEAN citizens particularly the youths; (ii) promoting education access and quality particularly for those living in underprivileged and marginalised areas; (iii) promoting greater people-to-people connectivity through scholarships and student-faculty exchanges; and (iv) increasing the competitiveness of the region and its people. These initiatives are being pursued through the ASEAN University Network (AUN), in collaboration with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), and with other partners such as development agencies, civil society organisations and the private sector.

2013 marked the third year of the implementation of the ASEAN 5-Year Work Plan on Education (2011-2015) with a number of significant deliverables, including the

completion of the inaugural ASEAN State of Education Report, the continuation of ASEAN Student Exchange Program (since 2000), the development of ASEAN Studies Course for undergraduate students, and the growing number of cooperation frameworks with ASEAN Dialogue Partners.

With regard to higher education sector, the ASEAN University Network (AUN) welcomed four new members to the fold in 2013, increasing the membership to thirty. More efforts are being put in place to provide a conducive higher education environment, flexible policies to support mobility of students, researchers and teachers within ASEAN and also beyond our region.

Cooperation with Dialogue Partners is continually strengthened in 2013. The sector has seen lively discussions and exchanges of ideas between ASEAN and Australia, New Zealand, the European Union, Japan, and the US, etc. in many topics, such as basic education, quality assurance and qualification framework, and mobility of students, youths and teachers.

Following the finalisation of the Financing Agreement in March 2014, the EU and ASEAN have embarked on a Call For Proposal for the 5-year “European Union Support to Higher Education in ASEAN Region (EU SHARE)” which is a program that will support institutions in ASEAN developing regional higher education frameworks of quality assurance, qualification frameworks and credit transfer. These frameworks will contribute to mutual recognition, enhance the quality, regional competitiveness and internationalisation of ASEAN higher education institutions.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the “Working Group on Mobility of Higher Education and Ensuring Quality Assurance of Higher Education among ASEAN Plus Three Countries” has been endorsed by the SOM-ED+3, to strengthen and facilitate policy dialogue, coordination, collaboration and promotion of quality assurance and mobility of higher education amongst ASEAN Plus Three countries. The Working Group will look into, amongst others, strategies and activities related to development of the credit transfer system, and harmonisation of academic standards in the ASEAN Plus Three Plan of Action on Education: 2010 – 2017.



ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)	
Established:	2004, meets every two years, or as required
Last Meeting:	1 <sup>st</sup> AMMDM, 7 December 2004, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)

At the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2013, ASEAN Leaders agreed to adopt the ASEAN Declaration on Enhancing Cooperation in Disaster Management reiterating the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) as the main regional policy backbone and common platform for disaster management in the region. The Leaders also supported the convening of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM), and tasked ACDM to lead the formation of a Joint Task Force to Promote Synergy among Relevant ASEAN Bodies on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief to facilitate quick deployment of resources from relevant ASEAN sectors. The Joint Task Force's Terms of Reference (TOR) was adopted in November 2013 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ACDM in Viet Nam and its first meeting was held in May 2014 in Brunei Darussalam.

The second half of 2013 also marked the start of the AADMER Work Programme Phase 2 (2013-2015), the strategies and priorities of which were presented by the ACDM to the partners at the Second AADMER Partnership Conference in November 2013 in Da Nang, Viet Nam. Another significant milestone to the regional disaster management effort is the adoption of the TOR of the Secretary-General of ASEAN as the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator by the ASEAN Coordinating Council, which was welcomed by the ASEAN Leaders at the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in May 2014 in Nay Pi Taw, Myanmar. It is expected that the adoption of the TOR will allow timely coordination and mobilisation of resources from relevant ASEAN sectors and mechanisms, which will ensure ASEAN's coordinated response during large-scale disasters.

At the operational level, efforts were undertaken by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian

Assistance on disaster management or AHA Centre to realise its commitment of becoming the regional hub for information, knowledge and capacity development. The Centre's capacity building programmes include a six-month intensive training for disaster management officials from the ASEAN Member States through the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme, the training for the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ERAT), and the ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise 2013 (ARDEX-13), among others. The Centre's strategic importance is even more acknowledged through its extended mandate to support the implementation of the recovery component under the AADMER Work Programme. Another milestone during the year was the entry into force of the Agreement on the Establishment of the AHA Centre on 7 April 2014. AHA Centre so far has responded to eight (8) disasters in the region, including Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in November 2013. Experience and lessons from ASEAN's response to Typhoon Haiyan are being used to further improve the regional disaster management mechanisms.

Aside from its work at the regional level, ASEAN is also actively involved in shaping the global discussions on disaster risk reduction, specifically in contributing to the discussion on the development of the successor framework for Hyogo Framework Action (HFA) or HFA-2, which is expected to be adopted at the Third United Nations World Conference on DRR in March 2015 in Japan.



ASEAN Secretariat team at the Mactan Command Base Centre during the visit to the Haiyan typhoon affected area.





Peatlands in Malaysia.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)	
Established	1981, meets once every three years, annual informal meetings in between
Last Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME), 25 September 2013, Surabaya, Indonesia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)

The ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan (AEEAP) 2014-2018 was adopted by the ASEAN Environment Ministers in 2013 to serve as a guiding document to promote sustainable development through environmental education and public participation.

Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve in Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines, was approved by the ASEAN Environment Ministers in 2013 to be the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Heritage Park (AHP).

The ASEAN Joint Statement on Sustainable Consumption and Production was issued by the ASEAN Environment Ministers in 2013 to express their commitment to strengthen cooperation within ASEAN and with ASEAN Dialogue Partners, relevant UN Agencies and other international partners, on the implementation of the 10-Year Framework of Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP).

To continue promoting the development of environmentally sustainable cities in ASEAN, preparation is underway to implement the Japan-funded ESC Model Cities Programme (Year 2) which will extend support to an additional number of local governments in strengthening their national ESC frameworks and building capacity of local governments, as well as scale up efforts in knowledge management, matching cities for twinning arrangements and partnership building with supporting organisations.

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) continues to support AMS in achieving international targets for biodiversity conservation and management through various programmes and initiatives such as ASEAN

Heritage Parks Programme, Biodiversity and Climate Change Project (BCCP), and Taxonomic Capacity Building for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity.

ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Action Plan II 2014-2015 was endorsed in 2013 to succeed the Action Plan 2011-2013 in implementing China-ASEAN Strategy on Environmental Protection Cooperation 2009-2015 adopted in 2009. ASEAN-China Cooperation Framework on Environmentally Sound Technology (EST) and Industry was also endorsed in 2013 to serve as a guiding document for future cooperation on environmentally sound technology.

Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	
Established	2003, meets at least once every year
Last Meeting	COP-9, 25 September 2013, Surabaya, Indonesia
Senior Officials	Committee under COP to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

In the second half of 2013, increased shower activities during the Inter-Monsoon period helped subdue hotspot activities in the southern ASEAN region. The unusual dry weather conditions in the first quarter of 2014 has brought about a serious escalation of fires in several countries in the region. Rainfall is expected to be below average for most parts of the southern region until the end of the Southwest Monsoon season in early October 2014. ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC) also informed that the prevailing neutral conditions of ENSO (neither El Niño nor La Niña) are expected to persist for the first half of 2014, with a likelihood of El Nino developing in the second half of 2014 which may exacerbate the dry weather conditions. An increase in hotspot activities may lead to the occurrence of transboundary smoke haze during periods of dry weather conditions. The ASEAN Member States will continue to be vigilant and take additional preventive measures and immediate fire suppression in the event of any occurrence of transboundary haze.

The Ministers at the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sub-regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution (MSC) noted that the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit had welcomed the adoption of the recommendation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment (IAMME) for an ASEAN Sub-regional Haze Monitoring System (HMS), as a joint haze monitoring system among Sub-regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution countries. The Ministers also acknowledged that the HMS is a useful tool to assist in monitoring and internal enforcement actions against irresponsible parties contributing to fires. The Ministers noted that the HMS has not been operationalised as the land use and concession maps have not been provided, due to the difficulties in sharing the land-use and concession maps by the MSC countries. The Ministers urged the MSC countries to take the necessary action in order to operationalise the HMS. In the meantime, the Ministers encouraged MSC countries to share hotspot areas that cause transboundary haze on Government-to-Government basis.

The ASEAN Environment Ministers at COP-9 agreed to set up a Task Force comprising of Panel of Experts on Fire and Haze Assessment and Coordination to review the existing alert levels and formulate trigger points. The Task Force will convene for the first time in mid 2014.

The Ministers endorsed the proposed ASEAN Programme on Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystem in ASEAN for the period 2014 to 2020, which was developed based on the lessons learned from the ASEAN Peatland Forests Project (APFP) (funded by GEF/IFAD) and SEApeat Project (funded by EU), which will be completed in 2014. The Ministers also supported the development of a similar longer term programmatic approach to address fires in the Mekong region which mostly originates from agricultural activities and forest areas.

The Ministers agreed on the establishment of a Task Force on Peatlands to coordinate and implement the ASEAN Peatland Management Strategy and the ASEAN Programme on Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems 2014-2020.



ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)	
Established	1980, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> AHMM, 2-6 July 2012, Phuket, Thailand; and other related Meetings with Plus Three and with China
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)

The 12<sup>th</sup> AHMM will be conducted on 18 September 2014 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. This will be followed by the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting (APTHMM) and 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN China Health Ministers Meeting (ACHMM) on 19 September 2014. The theme for the AHMM this year is “Better Health for ASEAN Beyond 2015”. Other specific information on the AHMM and its related Meetings are listed below:

- Topic of the Retreat of the 12<sup>th</sup> AHMM: Strengthening Primary Health Care Towards Universal Health Coverage
- Topic of the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting Round Table Discussion: Promoting Primary Health Care for Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs)
- Topic of the 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Health Ministers Meeting Round Table Discussion: Multi – Sectoral Collaboration in prevention and control of Emerging Infectious Diseases

The following information are brief updates about the progress of the implementation of commitments detailed in the Joint Statements of the 11<sup>th</sup> AHMM and its related Meetings last July 2012 in Phuket, Thailand.

## Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

The 8<sup>th</sup> SOMHD in August 2013 endorsed the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Plus Three UHC Network. The first ASEAN Plus Three UHC Network Steering Committee Meeting was then held on 21-22 April 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting resulted a draft of action plan for 2014-2016.

## Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD)

The follow-up activities of the ASEAN Health Cooperation on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs) are currently being implemented through the endorsed ASEAN Work Plan on NCD (2011-2015). This is under the purview by the ASEAN Task Force on NCD (ATFNCD).

The ‘Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Noncommunicable Diseases’ was adopted at the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2014. Following this adoption, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ATFNCD on 17-18 October 2013 discussed the operationalisation of this declaration by aligning the adopted commitments with the ASEAN Work Plan on NCDs for 2011-2015.

## Drug-Resistant Malaria

The ASEAN Working Group on Pharmaceutical Development (AWGPD) has identified this area as one of its priorities beyond 2015 and included it as one of the specific areas of collaboration with China under the ASEAN China Memorandum of Understanding on Health Cooperation.

This particular health concern has also been included in the Malaria Work Plan under the purview by the ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD) for 2012-2015. Regional collaborations of ASEAN Member States through the AEGCD and AWGPD with relevant partners are currently being implemented in addressing related cross-border issues.

## Emerging Infectious Diseases

The follow-up activities of the ASEAN Health Cooperation on Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs) are currently being implemented through the endorsed ASEAN Medium Term Plan on EIDs (2011-2015). This is under the purview of the ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Disease (AEGCD). Regional collaborations with development partners are currently being implemented in enhancing the capacities of ASEAN Member States in responding or mitigating biological or other potential threats.

## Pandemics

The follow-up activities of the ASEAN Health Cooperation on Pandemics are currently being implemented through the endorsed ASEAN Work Plan on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (2011-2015). This is under the purview of ASEAN Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (AWGPPR). Regional collaborations with development partners are currently being implemented in enhancing regional mechanisms in responding to impacts of pandemics or disasters due to pandemics.

## HIV and AIDS Pandemics

The ‘ASEAN Declaration of Commitment: Getting to Zero New HIV Infections, Zero AIDS-Related Deaths, and Zero Discrimination’ – as adopted at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2011 – is currently being localised through the 13 areas/cities of ASEAN Member States included in the the ASEAN Cities Getting to Zeros project. Documentation of good practices and new initiatives are currently being undertaken by the ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA).

ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	
Established:	1975, meets once in two years
Last Meeting:	23 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM), 22 May 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)

Recognising that labour inspection is crucial for effective compliance of labour laws, policies, and regulations, the ASEAN Labour Inspection Conference continues to be held regularly. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Labour Inspection Conference was held on 3-4 July 2013 in Bali, Indonesia, with the theme “Workplace Compliance through Labour Inspection”. Workplace safety and health was highlighted as one of the critical aspects of labour inspection that needs to be promoted.

Efforts to revitalise the ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN OSHNET) have been implemented vigorously. The inaugural ASEAN-

OSHNET Conference was held on 8 May 2014 in Singapore in conjunction with the Singapore Workplace Safety and Health Conference. Aiming to raise the profile of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) in ASEAN, the Conference brought together government officials, representatives of industries and workers as well as OSH professionals. Data for the 75 indicators of the ASEAN-OSHNET Scorecard was updated for the second time to benchmark the workplace safety and health performances of ASEAN Member States over the year. The Scorecard covers national OSH policy and strategy, national OSH programme, national OSH system, occupational accidents and occupational illness.

Protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers has been the priority of labour sector cooperation. Drafting of the ASEAN instrument on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers has been progressive based on a phased approach starting on issues which are comfortable to all ASEAN Member States in line with the existing national laws and/or policies, and in accordance with the 2007 Cebu Declaration. The 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour held on 26-27 November 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, provided a platform for government officials, workers’ and employers’ organisations as well as civil society organisations to dialogue on the theme of “Enhancing Policy and Protection of Migrant Workers through Data Sharing, and Adequate Access to the Legal and Judicial System During Employment, Including Effective Complaints Mechanisms”.

The Volume II of Comparative Study on Labour Laws and Practices of ASEAN Member States was published in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) and ASEAN Services Employees Trade Union Council (ASETUC). The Study covers topics of gender equality in employment, employment of persons with disabilities, youth employment and social dialogue. Aiming at better response to the common challenges and concerns in promoting decent work for all, Regional Tripartite Workshops on Decent Work for All and Gender Mainstreaming in Labour Policies were convened on 27-28 April 2014 in Da Lat, Viet Nam.

The ASEAN Roadmap on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2016 was adopted. The first

activity to kick start the implementation of the Roadmap was the inter-sectoral workshop “Accelerating Actions towards the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour” convened on 16-18 December 2013 at the ASEAN Secretariat in collaboration with International Labour Organization (ILO). Officials from ASEAN Member States’ relevant line agencies in charge of labour, education, poverty eradication, agriculture, social welfare and social protection, development planning, and justice shared best practices and exchanged views on strategies to combat worst forms of child labour.

Towards greater engagement of the private sector, the ASEAN Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS, ASEAN Red Ribbon on Outstanding Work Place Award and the ASEAN-OSHNET Award were established. Involvement of workers’ and employers’ organisations have widened over the years. Most of the regional capacity building seminars and workshops engaged representatives of workers’ and employers’ organisations.

ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE)	
Established:	1997, meets once in two years
Last Meeting:	8 <sup>th</sup> AMRDPE, 4 July 2013, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)

The ASEAN Leadership Awards on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication were presented for the first time by the AMRDPE Ministers in July 2013 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, to nine selected national NGOs with outstanding achievements and contributions to the poverty reduction and development of local communities. Subsequently, the compilation of the profiles of the Award winners was published by the ASEAN Secretariat and is available for the public.

Giving high attention to the development of communities, various activities were convened by SOMRDE. Government officials from the line agencies in charge of poverty reduction and rural/community development dialogued with non-governmental

organisations for the second time at the ASEAN Forum on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication in July 2014 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. They exchanged views on strategies and challenges to advance community empowerment to enhance a better and sustainable livelihood.

The Grassroots Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation Project was convened on 25-29 November 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand as a platform for ASEAN Member States to share their best practices in the area.

The ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program was convened in April 2013 and May 2014 in Chengdu, China, to bring together village leaders from ASEAN Member States and China to share experiences on community development programmes and learn from the good practices of village leaders in China through study visits.

The 7<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction with the theme “Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development in the Process of Urbanization” was held on 21-23 August 2013 in Guangxi, China. With a special focus on trade facilitation and vulnerable groups on the process of transformation, the issues of rural-urban migration, employment, and access to public services for the migrants were discussed.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)	
Established:	1979, meets once every three years
Last Meeting:	8 <sup>th</sup> AMMSWD, 6 September 2013, Siem Reap, Cambodia
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)

Projects and activities planned in the Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development (2011-2015) continue to be implemented. The Work Plan to Support the Implementation of CRC (2014-2016) was developed at the Regional Planning Workshop for Child Right Practitioners on the Implementation of CRC held on 29-30 July 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. A training



was conducted on 6-9 January 2014 in Brunei Darussalam to enhance the capacity of policy makers, social workers, judiciary, practitioners and front-line managers on services for children in need of special protection. In the same vein, an ASEAN Forum was convened on 26-27 March 2014 in Manila, the Philippines, to provide an avenue for sharing best practices on social work case management and multi-sectoral approaches responding to child protection concerns.

Activities to implement the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020) continued. Social welfare and development agencies and non-governmental organisations involved in auxiliary social services participated in the Planning Conference of the ASEAN Program Evaluation for Persons with Disabilities on 2-4 April 2014 in Manila, the Philippines. The work towards the development of an ASEAN Network of Experts on Inclusive Entrepreneurship and an ASEAN+3 Network for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities continued.

Committed to continuously improve social welfare, services and social protection of vulnerable groups, various platforms of information sharing and exchange of views among ASEAN Member States were convened. The 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development was held on 3 September 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, to bring together government officials and non-governmental organisations to discuss key issues concerning the social welfare of older persons, people with disabilities and children. A Regional Workshop on Social Pensions for Older People in ASEAN Member States was convened on 11-13 March 2014 in Manila, the Philippines, to produce sufficient baseline information for a regional comparative study on socio-economic impacts of the growing trends of ageing societies and on the existing social pension schemes. Acknowledging the need for adequate response to the immediate needs of internally displaced persons brought about by natural disasters and internal conflicts, a regional forum was convened on 22-24 April 2014 in Manila, the Philippines which brought together officials from line agencies in charge of social welfare and disaster management.

The ASEAN Declaration on Enhancing Social Protection was adopted by the Leaders at the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit

on 9 October 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. Spearheaded by SOMSWD, the Declaration was developed with the involvement of other ASEAN sectoral bodies in charge of social welfare and development, poverty reduction, labour, women, health, and disaster management.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)	
Established:	1992, meets once in two years
Last Meeting:	AMMY VIII, 22 May 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY)

The signing of the ASEAN Charter reflected Member States' commitment to promote a people-oriented ASEAN in which all sectors of society, including the youth, are encouraged to participate in and benefit from the process of ASEAN integration and community building. In line with this reflection, the 15-action lines on youth identified in the ASCC Blueprint have been streamlined into the following four priority areas, namely (i) Promotion of ASEAN Awareness, (ii) Strengthening Entrepreneurship Skills for Youth, (iii) Instilling Leadership Values in Youth Development, and (iv) Youth Volunteerism.

Continuing its tradition, the ASEAN Youth Day Meeting (AYDM) was convened to enhance ASEAN awareness and to strengthen mutual understanding and regional solidarity; and is one of the youth programmes under the framework of the ASEAN youth cooperation among the young peoples in ASEAN. For 2013, the 19<sup>th</sup> AYDM was held in Ha Noi and Ha Long City in Quang Ninh province from 11-15 November. The programme includes the presentation of the ASEAN Youth Day Award and Ten ASEAN Youth Organisations (TAYO) Awards.

The emphasis on youth volunteerism and entrepreneurship continues, in support of the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Youth Volunteerism and Entrepreneurship adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY) in May 2013 as well as the

Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment adopted by the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2013.

The ASEAN Youth Volunteers Programme (AYVP) saw its inaugural project on Eco-Leadership taking place at the National University of Malaysia in August 2013. The Programme has been established as a dedicated platform to create opportunities in volunteerism, support the exchange of learning experiences, develop capacity, enhance cross-cultural understanding and forge a sense of regional identity, while making a sustainable difference to communities across ASEAN. Both AYVP and the Brunei-led ASEAN Young Professional Volunteer Corps (AYPVC) would continue projects in 2014 that enhance cross-cultural understanding among ASEAN youths through volunteerism.

Beyond these, exchange activities are undertaken to promote youth entrepreneurship, including the recently concluded ASEAN-Japan Young Entrepreneurs Forum held in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

With regard to Dialogue Partners, activities include those organised by Japan under the umbrella of the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) version 2.0, which has been implemented since middle 2013 to further promote interest in Japan among ASEAN youths, to raise awareness and understanding of ASEAN youths about Japan’s strength, its attractions, values, etc. The JENESYS 2.0 aims at inviting about 10,000 youths from ASEAN Member States to Japan and dispatching about 480 Japanese youths to ASEAN region.

The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK) organised the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea Future-Oriented Youth Exchange Project to promote cross-cultural understanding and trust between ASEAN and ROK youths. The Asia Exchange Association organized the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea Frontier Forum (AKFF) to bridge the next generation of young leaders of ASEAN and ROK, and to discuss the role of youth in strengthening ASEAN-ROK dialogue relations in the field of diplomacy and international relations.

In addition, the ASEAN-India Student Exchange Programme 2013 was implemented as a follow up to

the Plan of Action of the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2010-2015), which was adopted by ASEAN Leaders at the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2010.

ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)	
Established:	1980, former name: ASEAN Conference on Reform in the Civil Service (ACRCS), meets every two years
Last Meeting:	ASEAN Heads of Civil Service Meeting, 4 October 2012, Putrajaya, Malaysia
Senior Officials:	Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters

The ACCSM’s ASEAN Resource Centres continue to implement activities to build the capacity of civil servants and facilitate exchange of experiences and good practices among ASEAN Member States. ASEAN Member States continue to regularly self-evaluate and report on the performance of the ten ASEAN Resource Centres (ARCs) in building the capacity of civil service servants and facilitating exchange of experiences and good practices among AMS through various workshops and training courses on leadership development, personnel management, ICT, examination and testing, human resources management, among others.

A meeting of ARC on Training of Trainers for CLMV Civil Service officials was conducted in 17-21 June 2013 in Yangon, Myanmar. Meanwhile, a meeting of ARC on New Wave Leadership Development was held on 24-30 July 2013 in Thailand. In between May and September 2013, Singapore organised 12 capacity building workshops for 292 officials in CLMV countries that included effective ICT management, basic note taking, project proposal writing, human resource management, as well as governance and public administration.

As guided by Strategic Objective A.7 “Building Civil Service Capacity” of the ASCC Blueprint, a Workshop which aims at providing a platform for ASEAN Member States to share best practices, policies, programmes

and strategies to strengthen social protection and mainstream gender perspective in the public sector towards effective and efficient civil service was held in October 2013 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

As part of raising awareness and enhancing capacity of the ASEAN Community to improve green productivity towards sustainable development of the ASEAN region and to review the individual countries' engagement in green economy, Myanmar hosted the Seminar on Green Productivity Improvement in March 2014 in Pyin Oo Lwin, Myanmar.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW)	
Established:	AMMW: 2011, meets once every three years ACW: 1975, meets annually
Last Meeting:	1 <sup>st</sup> AMMW, 19 October 2012, Vientiane , Lao PDR
Senior Officials:	ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)

Guided by the directives of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW), joint actions to promote women's empowerment and gender equality in the region continued to be implemented by the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW).

The ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs' Network (AWEN) was launched on 23 April 2014 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, as a platform to promote networking as well as business skills and opportunities of women entrepreneurs from micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises in the region. At the Launching Workshop, the AWEN members developed its work plan of initial activities for the period of 2014-2016 under the coordination of Viet Nam.

Aiming to improve understanding of the gaps and challenges in implementing gender responsive budgeting, the Regional Training on the Development of Tools and Modules for the Promotion and Adoption of Gender Responsive Budgeting in ASEAN Member States was convened on 27-29 November 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia.



In the same vein, the work to develop a monitoring tool for women's political participation in the region continued through the convening of the Regional Workshop on 29-30 April 2014 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The national women's machineries and experts from ASEAN Member States discussed the gaps and barriers in promoting women's political participation that should be better understood and responded through a proper monitoring mechanism.

Various activities were also convened as a response to women's greater economic participation in the region. A Workshop on Work-Life Harmony to Promote Women's Economic Participation was convened on 4-5 November 2013 in Singapore. The Workshop provided an opportunity for participants from the ASEAN Plus Three Countries to discuss work-life challenges and gather insights on leading practices for work-life harmony and work-life integration. A Regional Workshop on Social Security and Maternity Protection for Female Workers: Law and Practices in ASEAN was convened on 6-7 May 2013 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, to share policies, programmes and best practices of ASEAN Member States in the areas. A Regional Workshop on the Development of Women's Potential in Tourism and Services was convened on 11-13 September 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand.



ASEAN Commission on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)	
Established:	2010, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting:	8 <sup>th</sup> ACWC Meeting, 17-18 February 2014, Jakarta, Indonesia

The ACWC has developed concepts and implementation plans of its eighteen projects and activities included in the ACWC Work Plan 2012-2016. Currently a few projects and activities are on-going, including the anti-violence against women public campaign, which began in 2012 and continued through to International Day to Stop Violence against Women on 25 November 2013.

Some of the activities held include an Expert Meeting in June 2013 in Jakarta to develop a study framework on women's economic rights to land and property in AMS, and a Regional Workshop convened in August 2013 in Ha Noi to discuss effective implementation of the common issues in the CRC and CEDAW Concluding Observations with focus on girl child. In conjunction, a Regional Workshop was also convened to discuss issues concerning the nationality and statelessness of women and children.

In October 2013, the Leaders at the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit in Brunei Darussalam adopted the Declaration on Elimination of Violence against Women and Elimination of Violence against Children in ASEAN which was spearheaded by ACWC. To facilitate implementation of the Declaration, consultation meetings between ACWC and other relevant ASEAN bodies as well as between ACWC and civil society organisations from the region were convened in February 2014. Multi-stakeholder collaboration and coordination were discussed by taking into account their respective mandates, relevant initiatives, and areas of expertise.

A publication of ASEAN Best Practices in Eliminating Violence Against Women and Violence Against Children was launched in Malaysia on 12 December 2013. A Gender Responsive Guideline for Handling Women

Victims of Trafficking was developed as a result of the Regional Workshop convened in February 2014 for this purpose. The Guideline would complement the Guidelines for the Protection of the Rights of Trafficked Children in South East Asia that was developed by the Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMS WD) in 2007.

The ACWC continued to explore possible collaboration and coordination with other sectoral bodies in promoting and protecting the rights of women and children. Consultation meetings with the Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMS WD) and the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) took place in September 2013 and December 2013, respectively. The ACWC also collaborated with the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC) and relevant UN Agencies such as UN Women, UNICEF, UNHCR, and OHCHR.

The ACWC Representatives have been engaged in their individual capacity as participants or speakers in various dialogues/seminars/workshops organised by ASEAN Member States and CSOs, as well as experts in studies on various topics pertaining to the rights of women and children to provide technical insights in their individual capacity.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS)	
Established:	2011, meets every two years
Last Meeting:	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS), 14 December 2013, Vientiane, Lao PDR
Senior Officials:	Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS)

The establishment of an ASEAN Sectoral Body on Sports was first proposed at the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Ha Noi, Viet Nam in April 2010 to promote more active cooperation in sports within ASEAN.

The 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit held on 7-8 May 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia endorsed the recommendation to establish an ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports

(AMMS). It is recognised that sports is one of the most effective instruments in bringing about greater interaction among the ASEAN peoples. Further, at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit held on 17 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia, the ASEAN Leaders reiterated their commitment to support the AMMS and the initiatives to enhance cooperation in sports and sports-related activities in order to promote a healthier lifestyle for citizens of ASEAN Member States.

The Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports was held on 5 December 2013 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. This was preceded by the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Sports, which was held on 3-4 December also in Vientiane, Lao PDR. During the meeting, the Ministers reiterated their commitment in enhancing sports cooperation in ASEAN, so as to foster friendship and solidarity as well as promote healthy and active lifestyles among the peoples of ASEAN. The Ministers recognised that sports play an important role in realising the vision

of an ASEAN Community in 2015. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AMMS also adopted the Vientiane Declaration on Sports Cooperation in ASEAN on 5 December 2013 to signify the importance of sports cooperation in ASEAN and underscore the commitment that ASEAN Sports Ministers undertake in the sector.

2013 saw the launch of the ASEAN Sports Industry Year (ASIY) and all ASEAN Member States conducted sports-related activities with the involvement of relevant industries in their respective countries. There was a recognition that ASEAN needs to be collectively engaged in promoting the sports agenda, considering the increased demands across the different aspects, including athletes' development and sports infrastructure. The celebration of the ASIY 2013 was noted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council held on 4 April in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.



Rafting activity in Indonesia.

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**ASEAN**  
**Calendar of Meetings**



<b>ASEAN SUMMIT</b>		
9-10 October 2013	23 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
10-11 May 2014	24 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN COORDINATING COUNCIL (ACC)</b>		
26 September 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council	New York, US
10 May 2014	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group (ACCWG)</b>		
10 September 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group (ACCWG) Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
<b>ASEAN Coordinating Council Working Group for the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 ASEAN Vision</b>		
1 April 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ACCWG for ASEAN Community Post-2015 Vision	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs</b>		
18-20 March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> HLTF Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
27-28 April 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> HLTF Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
15-18 May 2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> HLTF Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>Joint Preparatory Meeting (JPM)</b>		
10 September 2013	Joint Preparatory Meeting (JPM)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
31 March 2014	Joint Preparatory Meeting (JPM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)</b>		
7 June 2013	11/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
13 June 2013	Informal Consultations between the CPR and Dialogue Partners	Jakarta, Indonesia
17 June 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN CPR Plus Three Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
19 June 2013	12/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
16 July 2013	13/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
17 July 2013	8/2013 SCDC Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
1 August 2013	14/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
22 August 2013	15/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
30 August 2013	16/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
5 September 2013	17/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
11 September 2013	9/2013 SCDC Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
19 September 2013	18/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
2 October 2013	19/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
22 October 2013	20/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
28 October 2013	10/2013 SCDC Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
7 November 2013	21/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
14 November 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> Informal Consultation between the PR and the Dialogue Partners	Bali, Indonesia

25 November 2013	22/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
3 December 2013	11/2013 SCDC Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
11 December 2013	23/2013 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
16 January 2014	1/2014 CPR Meeting	Bagan, Myanmar
27 January 2014	2/2014 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
13 February 2014	3/2014 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
21 February 2014	4/2014 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
26 February 2014	1/2014 SCDC Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
18 March 2014	5/2014 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
29 March 2014	6/2014 CPR Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
30 April 2014	7/2014 CPR Meeting	Lombok, Indonesia
2 May 2014	9/2014 CPR WG Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
8 May 2014	8/2014 CPR Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
19 May 2014	9/2014 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
23 May 2014	9/2014 CPR Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
30 May 2014	2/2014 SCDC Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN POLITICAL-SECURITY COMMUNITY</b>		
<b>ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council</b>		
26 September 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> APSC Council	New York, US
10 May 2014	11 <sup>th</sup> APSC Council	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)</b>		
30 June 2013	46 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
13-14 August 2013	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Retreat	Hua Hin, Thailand
26 September 2013	Informal ASEAN Foreign Meeting (IAMM)	New York, U.S.
17 January 2014	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Retreat	Bagan, Myanmar
10 May 2014	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (ASEAN SOM)</b>		
27-29 June 2013	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
8-11 September 2013	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
8 October 2013	Preparatory ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (Prep-SOM)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
16 January 2014	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting	Bagan, Myanmar
30 March 2014	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
9 May 2014	Preparatory ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (Prep-SOM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

<b>Commission on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ Commission)</b>		
30 June 2013	Meeting of the Southeast Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
<b>Executive Committee of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ EXCOM)</b>		
28 June 2013	Meeting of the SEANWFZ EXCOM	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
<b>ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM)</b>		
17-20 June 2013	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief /Military Medicine Exercise (ADMM-Plus HADR/MM Ex)	Brunei Darussalam
27 June 2013	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Maritime Security Field Training Exercise (ADMM-Plus MS FTX) Final Planning Conference	Sydney, Australia
13-15 August 2013	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Counterterrorism Exercise (ADMM-Plus CTX) Final Site Survey	Sentul, Indonesia
27 August 2013	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Working Group (ADSOM WG) Informal Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
28 August 2013	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Retreat	Brunei Darussalam
29 August 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus)	Brunei Darussalam
2-5 September 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network	Sentul, Indonesia
9-13 September 2013	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Counterterrorism Exercise (ADMM-Plus CTX)	Sentul, Indonesia
28 September-1 October 2013	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Maritime Security Field Training Exercise (ADMM-Plus MS FTX)	Sydney, Australia
30 September-1 October 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Experts' Working Group on Maritime Security (ADMM-Plus EWG on MS)	Sydney, Australia
9-11 October 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Experts' Working Group on Military Medicine (ADMM-Plus EWG on MM)	Singapore
24-25 October 2013	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Table-Top Exercise (ADMM-Plus TTX) on Peacekeeping Operations Planning Conference	Manila, Philippines
16-18 January 2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Experts' Working Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (ADMM-Plus EWG on HADR)	Nha Trang, Viet Nam
22-23 January 2014	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Experts' Working Group on Maritime Security (ADMM-Plus EWG on MS) / Maritime Security Seminar	Melaka, Malaysia
10-13 February 2014	Workshop on Establishing a Direct Communications Link or Hotline within the ASEAN Region and Beyond	Brunei Darussalam
10-13 February 2014	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus Table-Top Exercise (ADMM-Plus TTX) on Peacekeeping Operations	Manila, Philippines
25-26 February 2014	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Working Group (ADSOM WG)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
27 February 2014	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Plus Working Group (ADSOM-Plus WG)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
18-21 March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Defence Interaction Programme (ADIP)	Brunei Darussalam
14-17 April 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Workshop of the Establishment of Logistics Support Framework	Brunei Darussalam
28-29 April 2014	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
30 April 2014	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Plus (ADSOM-Plus)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



19-21 May 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM)</b>		
29-30 July 2013	Technical Workshop on Investment Disputes, Resolution (including arbitration) and Prevention	Bangkok, Thailand
30-31 July 2013	11 <sup>th</sup> Enhanced Dispute Settlement Mechanism – Task Force (EDSM-TF) Meeting	Bogor, Indonesia
22-25 September 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM)	Vientiane, Lao PDR
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)</b>		
28 May-1 June 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN- Japan Counter-Terrorism (AJCT) Dialogue	Bangkok, Thailand
17-22 June 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) and Its Related Meetings	Da Nang, Viet Nam
29-30 August 2013	17 <sup>th</sup> Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) and its Related Meetings	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
15-19 September 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) and Its Related Meetings	Vientiane, Lao PDR
4-6 September 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> Expert Working Group Meeting on ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP) and Regional Plan of Actions (RPA)	Manila, Philippines
18-20 March 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> Expert Working Group Meeting on ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP) and Regional Plan of Actions (RPA)	Tagaytay, Philippines
27 March 2014	26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Heads of Specialist Investigators Unit (HSU)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
22-25 April 2014	Technical Workshop on Environmental Crime: A New Priority Area under the Purview of SOMTC	Bangkok, Thailand
27 May 2014	Inaugural Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) Working Group on Cybercrime	Singapore
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMDM)</b>		
2-3 September 2013	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters	Brunei Darussalam
24-26 September 2013	34 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters	Yangon, Myanmar
10-11 February 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Inter-sessional Meeting of the ASOD Working Group on Law Enforcement	Yangon, Myanmar
21-22 May 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Airport Interdiction Task Force (AAITF)	Manila, Philippines
<b>ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)</b>		
4-5 June 2013	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ISM on NPD)	Manila, Philippines
2 July 2013	20 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum	Brunei Darussalam
10-12 September 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Nuclear Forensics	Manila, Philippines
11-12 September 2013	ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Measures to Enhance Cyber Security—Legal and Cultural Aspects	Beijing, China
15-17 October 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Peacekeeping Experts' Meeting	Beijing, China
11-14 November 2013	17 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Heads of Defence Universities, Colleges, and Institutions Meeting (HDUCIM)	Brunei Darussalam
20-21 November 2013	ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Countering Illicit Trafficking of CBRN Materials	Manila, Philippines

8-10 December 2013	ASEAN Regional Forum Defence Officials' Dialogue (DOD)/ARF Inter-sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	Yangon, Myanmar
17-18 February 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Experts and Eminent Persons (EEPs) Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26-28 February 2014	13 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DR)	Chengdu, China
4-5 March 2014	ASEAN Regional Forum Maritime Security Workshop on Preparedness and Response to Marine Pollution Incidents Involving Hazardous and Noxious Substances	Honolulu, US
20-21 March 2014	ASEAN Regional Forum Roundtable on Training Resources on Preventive Diplomacy	Wellington, New Zealand
25-26 March 2014	ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Cyber Confidence Building Measures	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26-28 March 2014	ASEAN Regional Forum Seminar on the Regional Cooperation on Offshore Oil Spill	Qingdao, China
7-9 April 2014	ASEAN Regional Forum Defence Officials' Dialogue (DOD)/ARF Inter-sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	Brussels, Belgium
14-16 April 2014	12 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism And Transnational Crime (ISM on CTTC)	Bali, Indonesia
20-21 May 2014	ASEAN Regional Forum Workshop on Consular Contingency Planning and Crisis Management	Bali, Indonesia
22-23 May 2014	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Meeting on Maritime Security (ISM on MS)	Bali, Indonesia
28-29 May 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum Seminar on UNCLOS	Manila, Philippines
<b>ASEAN Maritime Forum (AMF)</b>		
1-2 October 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Maritime Forum (AMF)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3 October 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<b>ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)</b>		
14-16 August 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Special AICHR Meeting 2013	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
24-26 November 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> Special AICHR Meeting 2013	Manila, Philippines
16-18 December 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AICHR	Brunei Darussalam
8-11 February 2014	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AICHR	Yangon, Myanmar
8-9 March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Special AICHR Meeting 2014	Jakarta, Indonesia
22-26 April 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AICHR	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY</b>		
<b>ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council</b>		
10 May 2014	11 <sup>th</sup> AEC Council Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)</b>		
3-7 June 2013	32 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN SMEWG and Related Meetings	Vientiane, Lao PDR
10-14 June 2013	AEM Roadshow to the US	Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington DC
25-26 June 2013	24 <sup>th</sup> High Level Task Force on Economic Integration (HLTF-EI)	Brunei Darussalam

3-6 July 2013	74 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and Related Sectoral Working Groups and MRA Committees	Brunei Darussalam
5-8 July 2013	SEOM 3/44 + Dialogue Partner Consultations (SEOM, CLMV-SEOM)	Brunei Darussalam
8 July 2013	RCEP Trade Negotiating Committee Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
16-19 August 2013	Preparatory SEOM for AEM (SEOM, CLMV-SEOM)	Brunei Darussalam
19 August 2013	AEM Working Dinner and 5 <sup>th</sup> CLMV EMM	Brunei Darussalam
20-24 August 2013	45 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting + External Partners ASEAN-China Youth Forum, ASEAN Business Investment Summit (ABIS), ASEAN-US Business Summit, AEM Consultation with Private Sector Bodies	Brunei Darussalam
3-5 September 2013	Workshop on AFCC: Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Development Plans and Investments	Los Banos, Philippines
5-7 September 2013	75 <sup>th</sup> CCS and Related Sectoral Working Groups and MRA Committees	Bangkok, Thailand
23-27 September 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> RCEP Trade Negotiating Committee Meeting	Brisbane, Australia
25-30 November 2013	76 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and Related Sectoral Working Groups and MRA Committees	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
13-15 January 2014	SEOM 1/45 and Related Meetings (SEOM, COW)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
10-14 February 2014	77 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and Related Sectoral Working Groups and MRA Committees	Yangon, Myanmar
17-18 February 2014	25 <sup>th</sup> HLTF-EI Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
21-22 February 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Rice Federation Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
25-28 February 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Food Testing Laboratory Committee (AFTLC)	Brunei Darussalam
26 February 2014	Preparatory SEOM and AEM Working Dinner	Phuket, Thailand
27 February 2014	AEM Retreat (AEM & CLMV)	Phuket, Thailand
22-25 April 2014	SEOM 2/45 + Dialogue Partner Consultations	Solo, Indonesia
9 May 2014	Preparatory Meeting of ASEAN Senior Economic Officials (Prep-SEOM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
10 May 2014	Prep-AEM Meeting for the 24 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
26-30 May 2014	78 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and Related Sectoral Working Groups and MRA Committees	Can Tho, Viet Nam
<b>ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council</b>		
4-6 June 2013	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Customs Directors-General Meeting (22 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Customs DG Meeting)	Singapore
6-7 June 2013	30 <sup>th</sup> Working Group 1 Meeting on Standards and MRAs	Bangkok, Thailand
28-29 June 2013	19 <sup>th</sup> Traditional Medicine and Health Supplement (TMHSPWG)	Bagan, Myanmar
1-2 July 2013	Sub-Committee on ATIGA Rules of Origin (SCAROO) CCS WGs and MRA Implementing Committee	Brunei Darussalam
3-5 July 2013	Coordinating Committee on ATIGA (CCA), Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and Coordinating Committee on Investment	Brunei Darussalam
4-5 July 2013	Special ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality Leaders Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
28-29 August 2013	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group	Singapore
4-5 September 2013	17 <sup>th</sup> Rubber-based Product Working Group (RBPWG)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia



24-26 September 2013	25 <sup>th</sup> Working Group 2 Meeting on Conformity Assessment	Vientiane, Lao PDR
24-25 October 2013	18 <sup>th</sup> Automotive Product Working Group (APWG)	Malacca, Malaysia
11-15 November 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> SCAROO/CCA/MLE	Yangon, Myanmar
27-28 November 2013	20 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Cosmetic Committee Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15-16 November 2013	20 <sup>th</sup> Traditional Medicine and Health Supplement (TMHSPWG)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
19-21 November 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipments (JSC EEE)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3-5 December 2013	20 <sup>th</sup> Working Group on Legal Metrology (WG 3)	Langkawi, Malaysia
4-5 December 2013	31 <sup>st</sup> Working Group 1 Meeting on Standards and MRA	Jakarta, Indonesia
7-9 January 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> SWG on ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)	Malaysia
21-25 January 2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> RCEP TNC and related meetings (WGTIG, WGS, WGI, WGROO, WG Customs)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
18-20 February 2014	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Legal and Regulatory Matters for the ASEAN Single Window (LWG)	Brunei Darussalam
19-23 February 2014	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Customs (CCC)	Thailand
20-24 February 2014	RCEP TNC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Informal Meeting of Competition Experts	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
25-28 February 2014	26 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Technical Matters for the ASEAN Single Window (ASW)	Yangon, Myanmar
3-4 March 2014	14 <sup>th</sup> Sub Coordinating Committee on ATIGA Rules of Origin (SCAROO)	Lombok, Indonesia
4-5 March 2014	Meeting of Legal Experts on ATIGA	Indonesia
5-7 March 2014	14 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of ATIGA (CCA)	Lombok, Indonesia
12-13 March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ACFTA Sub-Committee on Sanitary & Phyto-Sanitary (1 <sup>st</sup> ACFTA SC-SPS)	Chengdu, China
18-20 March 2014	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee (ASWSC)	Bali, Indonesia
18-20 March 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Customs Enforcement and Compliance Working Group (CECWG)	Malaysia
18-20 March 2014	26 <sup>th</sup> Working Group 2 Meeting on Conformity Assessment	Bali, Indonesia
19-20 March 2014	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Rubber-based Product Working Group	Halong Bay, Viet Nam
25-27 March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> AHTN Task Force Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
2-4 April 2014	First Meeting of the RCEP Experts Group on Sanitary and Phytosanitary	Nanning, China
7-9 April 2014	41 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
7-11 April 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> RCEP TNC and related meetings (WGTIG, WGS, WGI, WGROO, WG Customs)	Nanning, China
15-17 April 2014	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group (CPTFWG)	Singapore
22-24 April 2014	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Customs Capacity Building Working Group (CCBWG)	Lao PDR
5-10 May 2014	19 <sup>th</sup> Automotive Products Working Group (APWG) Meeting and Its Related Meetings; Task Force for MRA on Automotive Meeting; 19 <sup>th</sup> of the ACCSQ Automotive Products Working Group (APWG) Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
6-8 May 2014	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Customs (CCC)	Singapore

6-9 May 2014	27 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Technical Matters for the ASEAN Single Window (TWG)	Pattaya, Thailand
7-8 May 2014	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Medical Device Product Working Group	Singapore
20-22 May 2014	17 <sup>th</sup> Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipments (JSC EEE) Meeting and its related Meetings; 13 <sup>th</sup> JISC/IEC/APSG Human Resource Development Seminar Standard for Green Society Workshop; 17 <sup>th</sup> JSC EEE Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
20-22 May 2014	23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Legal and Regulatory Matters for the ASEAN Single Window (LWG)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
20-22 May 2014	17 <sup>th</sup> Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipments	Yangon, Myanmar
21-23 May 2014	6 <sup>th</sup> SWG on ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS)	Singapore
22-23 May 2014	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
28-29 May 2014	32 <sup>nd</sup> Working Group 1 (WG 1) Meeting on Standards and MRA	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
<b>ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council</b>		
3-5 July 2013	61 <sup>st</sup> Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Brunei Darussalam
19 August 2013	AEM-16 <sup>th</sup> AIA Council Meeting and 3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Investment Forum (AIF)	Brunei Darussalam
10-11 January 2014	62 <sup>nd</sup> Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
23-24 January 2014	Seminar and Forum on ACIA	Manila, Philippines
21-22 April 2014	63 <sup>rd</sup> Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Solo, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)</b>		
2-3 September 2013	Asian Capital Markets Forum Working Group (ACMF-WG)	Singapore
10-12 September 2013	38 <sup>th</sup> Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation (WC-FSL) and Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalisation (WC-CAL)	Yangon, Myanmar
24-26 February 2014	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Working Group Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
1 April 2014	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM) 22 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Conference of Deputy Governors of Central Bank Meeting (ACDM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
4 April 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Central Bank Governors' Meeting (ACGM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
5 April 2014	18 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)</b>		
3-5 June 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting ASEAN-WEN	Chiang Mai, Thailand
4-5 June 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Rice Trade Forum and 33 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board (AFSRB)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
10-11 June 2013	ASEAN Shrimp Alliance (ASA) and ANAAHC	Bogor, Indonesia
11-12 June 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Expert Group on International Forest Policy Processes-(AEG-IFPP)	Viet Nam
11-15 June 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> EWG on the Harmonisation of Phytosanitary Measures & 20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting on ASWG Crops	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
12-14 June 2013	ASEAN-China Food Safety Conference	Bali, Indonesia
18-20 June 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Codex	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
18-21 June 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> Conference and 7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Social Forestry Network (AFSN) Meeting	Lao PDR

24-25 June 2013	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on a Pan ASEAN Timber Certification Initiative 2013	Malaysia
24-25 June 2013	AWG on a Pan ASEAN Timber Certification Initiative	Malaysia
25-26 June 2013	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Centre for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives (20 <sup>th</sup> ACEDAC) Board	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
27 June 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperatives (ASWGAC)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
2-3 July 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AEG on Herbal and Medicinal Plants	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
2-3 July 2013	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Experts Group on Forest Products Development (AEG-FPD)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
2-4 July 2013	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Training and Extensions (20 <sup>th</sup> AWGATE)	Melaka, Malaysia
3-7 July 2013	Expert Group Meetings on 'ASEAN Economic Community 2015: Challenges and Opportunities for Food Security in ASEAN' and 'The Impact of Climate Change on ASEAN Food Security'	Manila, Philippines
4 July 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> Seminar on Current International Issues Effecting Forestry and Forest Product	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
5-6 July 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
10-12 July 2013	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee on ASEAN Cooperation in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme	Palawan, Philippines
22-26 July 2013	5 <sup>th</sup> AFCF Meeting and 21 <sup>st</sup> ASWGFi Meeting	Lao PDR
13-16 August 2013	Special SOM-34 <sup>th</sup> AMAF and Special 12 <sup>th</sup> AMAF Plus 3	Champassack, Lao PDR
20-22 August 2013	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Animal Health and Zoonosis (ACCAHZ) Preparatory Committee and ACCAHZ Advocacy Meeting	Melaka, Malaysia
27-29 August 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ad-Hoc Veterinary Epidemiology Group (AVEG)	Phuket, Thailand
2-3 September 2013	Inception Meeting of the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme (AADCP) Project "Establishment of ASEAN Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP)",	Manila, Philippines
3-6 September 2013	Core Group on Regional Communication Framework and 3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Ad-hoc Communication Group for Livestock (ACGL)	Manila, Philippines
4-8 September 2013	Special Seminar on "Food Security, Focusing on Water Management and Sustainable Agriculture"	Niigata, Japan
23-28 September 2013	35 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) and related meetings	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
23-29 September 2013	Preparatory SOM-34 <sup>th</sup> AMAF	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9-10 October 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of AADCP II Project "Establishment of ASEAN Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP)"	Bogor, Indonesia
15-17 October 2013	ASEAN Inter-Sectoral Workshop on Rabies Prevention and Control	Da Nang, Viet Nam
31 October-1 November 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ad-Hoc Laboratory Group Meeting	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
12-14 November 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ad-Hoc Veterinary Epidemiology Group (AVEG)	Bali, Indonesia
27-29 November 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Animal Health and Zoonosis (ACCAHZ) Preparatory Committee	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam
2-4 December 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Technical Consultation Meeting of AADCP II Project on the Establishment of ASEAN GAqP	Bangkok, Thailand



18-19 December 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Halal Food	Vientiane, Lao PDR
20-23 January 2014	ASEAN Croplife Asia workshop on MRLs, Steering Committee of the ASEAN-STDF	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
21-23 January 2014	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Working Group on the Harmonisation of Maximum Residues Limits (EWG-MRLs) of Pesticides among ASEAN Countries	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
6-7 February 2014	ASEAN Consultative Meeting on Integrating Nutrition into ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework and Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security (2015-2019) Pattaya, Thailand.	Pattaya, Thailand
10-14 February 2014	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Animal Health and Zoonosis (ACCAHZ) Preparatory Committee	Chiang Rai, Thailand
24-25 February 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Mangrove Network Meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> AMNet)	Balikpapan, Indonesia
3-4 March 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Public-Private Taskforce on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Special ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries (ASWGF) Meeting.	Hanoi, Viet Nam
4-6 March 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forest and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC)	Bali, Indonesia
10-12 March 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Technical Consultation Meeting of the AADCP II Project on Establishment of ASEAN Good Aquaculture Practice (GAqP),	Manila, Philippine
18-19 March 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Working Group on Agriculture and Forestry (AIWGAF)	Putrajaya, Malaysia
18-20 March 2014	18 <sup>th</sup> Rubber Based Product Working Group( RBPWG) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN ad-hoc Taskforce for development	Halong Bay, Viet Nam
31 March-1 April 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Special Task Force on the ASEAN Standard for Organic Agriculture (Special Task Force - ASOA)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
2-4 April 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Task Force on the ASEAN Standards for Horticultural Produce and Other Food Crops	Siem Reap, Cambodia
10-11 April 2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP) Project	Jakarta, Indonesia
22-24 April 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Experts Working Group on ASEAN Good Agricultural Practices (EWG-ASEAN GAP)	Bandar Seri Begawan,
22-24 April 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Experts Group on International Forest Policy Processes (AEG-IFPP)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
28-29 April 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of China-ASEAN SPS Cooperation - Technical Working Groups (TWG) Meeting on Animal Inspection and Quarantine, Plant Inspection and Quarantine, and Food Safety	Beijing, China
3-10 May 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Animal Health and Zoonosis (ACCAHZ) Preparatory Committee, 22 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL), and 1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN National Focal Point on Veterinary Products	Singapore
8-9 May 2014	Consultative Meeting of the AADCP II Project on the Establishment of ASEAN GAqP	Pattaya, Thailand
13-14 May 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Rapid Alert System for Food And Feed (ARASFF) Steering Committee	Bangkok, Thailand
19-20 May 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Sanitary and Phytosanitary Contact Points (ASCP)	Langkawi, Malaysia
23 May 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN-China SPS Cooperation Contact Points	Langkawi, Malaysia
26-27 May 2014	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Experts Working Group on Harmonisation of Phytosanitary Measures in ASEAN (EWG-PS)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
28-30 May 2014	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops (ASWGC)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
28-29 May 2014	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam

28-29 May 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> AEG on CITES	Viet Nam
<b>ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)</b>		
23-27 September 2013	SOME Preparatory	Bali, Indonesia
23-27 September 2013	31 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)	Bali, Indonesia
6-8 November 2013	Special SOME and ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) Governing Council	Manado, Indonesia
14-17 January 2014	ASEAN Power Grid Consultative Committee (APGCC) Meeting	Cambodia
14-17 January 2014	Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities (HAPUA) Working Committee Meeting	Cambodia
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin)</b>		
26-28 August 2013	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM) Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Group on Trade and Investment in Minerals (WGTIM)</li> <li>• Working Group on Sustainable Mineral Development (WGSMD)</li> <li>• Working Group on Capacity Building in Minerals (WGCBM)</li> <li>• Working Group on Mineral Information and Database (WGMID)</li> </ul>	Bukit Tinggi, Indonesia
26-28 November 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> ASOMM and 4 <sup>th</sup> AMMin	Bali, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)</b>		
21-23 January 2014	Science, Technology, and Innovation Days	Bangkok, Thailand
25 January-1 February 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN COST Plus Three Teachers' Training and Students' Camp for the Gifted in Science	Nacka, Sweden
21-26 April 2014	67 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST); ASEAN-EU Dialogue Meeting on S&T; 4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-US Consultation on S&T; ASEAN COST Advisory Body and its Sub-Committees Meetings	Singapore
<b>ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)</b>		
24-26 June 2013	TELSOM JWG/WGs	Brunei Darussalam
27-29 June 2013	Special TELSOM	Brunei Darussalam
20-23 August 2013	19 <sup>th</sup> ATRC	Manado, Indonesia
3-4 September 2013	TELSOM-ATRC Leaders' Retreat	Yangon, Myanmar
11-15 November 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> TELMIN, 14 <sup>th</sup> TELSOM + Dialogue Partners' Meetings	Singapore
15-17 January 2014	TELSOM JWG, WGs + DPs & ITU	Malaysia
4-6 March 2014	ATRC JWG, WGs	Brunei Darussalam
20-22 May 2014	Special TELSOM	Cambodia
<b>ASEAN Transports Ministers Meeting (ATM)</b>		
20-22 August 2013	26 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
9-13 September 2013	28 <sup>th</sup> Air Transport WG and Sub-WGs Meetings	Bangkok, Thailand
2-3 October 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Expert Group Meeting on the Finalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross Border Transport of Passengers (CBTP)	Jakarta, Indonesia
21-24 October 2013	26 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Facilitation WG (TFWG) and 5 <sup>th</sup> Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB) Meetings	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
13 November 2013	39 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ports Association (APA) Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
9-13 December 2013	36 <sup>th</sup> Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) and 19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Ministerial (ATM) and Related Meetings	Pakse, Lao PDR

11-13 March 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Transport SAR Forum	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
18-21 March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Task Force on the Implementation of ASEAN Single Shipping Market (ASSM) and 27 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
22-25 April 2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> Expert Group Meeting on ASEAN CBTP and 27 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group (TFWG) Meeting	Lombok, Indonesia
5-9 May 2014	29 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Air Transport Working Group and Related Meetings	Yangon, Myanmar
<b>Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM)</b>		
4 July 2013	38 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
3-4 September 2013	Task Force on the Establishment of Regional Secretariat for Tourism MRA	Lombok, Indonesia
23-26 September 2013	ASEAN Tourism WGs Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Product Development Working Group Meeting</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Marketing and Communication Working Group Meeting</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Quality Tourism Working Group Meeting</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Professionals Monitoring Committee Meeting</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Integration and Budget Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	Johor Baru, Malaysia
13-14 November 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Professional Monitoring Committee (ATPMC)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
16-20 January 2014	ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-Brazil Tourism Consultation</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers</li> </ul>	Kuching, Malaysia
18-19 March 2014	ASEAN National Tourism Organisations on Post ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan	Singapore
1-5 April 2014	ASEAN Tourism Working Group and related meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Product Development Working Group Meeting</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Marketing and Communication Working Group Meeting</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Quality Tourism Working Group Meeting</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Professionals Monitoring Committee Meeting</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Tourism Integration and Budget Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	Yangon, Myanmar
14-17 May 2014	40 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Legazpi, Philippines
<b>Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force Meeting</b>		
13 September 2013	43 <sup>rd</sup> IAI Task Force Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
11 April 2014	44 <sup>th</sup> IAI Task Force Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)</b>		
7 July 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> AMBDC Steering Committee Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
21 August 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> AMBDC Ministerial Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
10 October 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> AMBDC Special Working Group on Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SWG SKRL)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<b>ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY</b>		
<b>ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council</b>		
15-16 June 2013	Inception Workshop on MTR of ASCC Blueprint	Brunei Darussalam
3 September 201	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASCC Mid-Term Review Working Group	Brunei Darussalam
23 September 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ASCC Mid-Term Review Working Group	Brunei Darussalam
24-25 September 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Committee on the ASCC (15 <sup>th</sup> SOCA)	Brunei Darussalam
26 September 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (10 <sup>th</sup> ASCC) Council Meeting	Brunei Darussalam



3 March 2014	Preparatory Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials Committee for ASCC Council (Prep-SOCA)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
1 April 2014	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Committee for ASCC Council Meeting (SOCA)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
2 April 2014	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)</b>		
9-12 June 2013	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub-Committee on Information	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
1-4 July 2013 (Special SOMRI)	Special Meeting of ASEAN Senior Official Responsible for Information	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
21-22 May 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Sub-Committee on Information (15 <sup>th</sup> SCI)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
<b>ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)</b>		
17-18 June 2013	Special Senior Official Meeting Responsible for Culture and Arts (Special SOMCA)	Yangon, Myanmar
20-21 June 2013	14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub-Committee on Culture (14 <sup>th</sup> SCC Meeting)	Yangon, Myanmar
16-20 April 2014	9 <sup>th</sup> SOMCA Meeting and 6 <sup>th</sup> AMCA	Viet Nam
<b>ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)</b>		
19-21 June 2013	National Qualifications Frameworks (NQF) for Lifelong Learning and Skills Development CLC Regional Conference	Bangkok, Thailand
23-24 June 2013	National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Capacity Building Workshop (organized by Thailand Ministry of Education)	Bangkok, Thailand
18-20 February 2014	36 <sup>th</sup> SEAMEO High Officials Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
20 February 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)	Bangkok, Thailand
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)</b>		
30 July-1 August 2013	Open Quake Training for the ASEAN Earthquake Model (AEM) Core Group	Singapore
22-24 August 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ACDM Working Group on Recovery, back-to-back with the Workshop on PDNA and Recovery Planning	Padang, Indonesia
11-12 October 2013	Commemoration of the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM)	Bangkok, Thailand
19-24 October 2013	First ASEAN-ERAT Refresher Course as part of 2013 ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Exercise (ARDEX)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
24-25 February 2014	Natural Disaster Risk Assessment and Area Business Continuity Plan Formulation back-to-back with 3 <sup>rd</sup> ACDM Working Group Meeting on Risk Assessment, Early Warning and Monitoring	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)</b>		
10-12 June 2013	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC) and Side Event on 'CityLinks Pilot Partnership between US and ASEAN Member States	Singapore
18-20 June 2013	23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Manila, Philippines
25-26 June 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM)	Brunei Darussalam
2-4 July 2013	17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA)	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam

13-15 August 2013	Climate Leadership Academy: City Links Pilot Partnership between US and ASEAN Member States	Jakarta, Indonesia
26-27 August 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Governing Board of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB GB)	Jakarta, Indonesia
28-29 August 2013	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment (ASOEN)	Jakarta, Indonesia
24 September 2013	Senior Officials Meeting for the Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (SOM IAMME)	Surabaya, Indonesia
25 September 2013	14 <sup>th</sup> Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (14 <sup>th</sup> IAMME)	Surabaya, Indonesia
30 September-4 October 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) Conference	Tagaytay, Philippines
15-18 October 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Leadership Programme on Sustainable Production and Consumption	Siem Reap, Cambodia
2-4 December 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Youth Environment Forum	Brunei Darussalam
30 April-1 May 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)	Jakarta, Indonesia
6-9 May 2014	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Singapore
26 May 2014	Meeting on Selection of Cities for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN ESC Award and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Certificate of Recognition	Phuket, Thailand
27-28 May 2014	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC)	Phuket, Thailand
29 May 2014	Inception Meeting of the ASEAN Eco Model Cities Programme (Year 2)	Phuket, Thailand
<b>Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution</b>		
9-10 July 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> Project Management Meeting of the ASEAN-IFAD/GEF Project on Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia	Philippines
16 July 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
17 July 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sub-regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
5-6 August 2013	Workshop on Design of Phase 2 of ASEAN-IFAD/GEF Project on Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
8-10 September 2013	Workshop on Design of Phase 2 of ASEAN-IFAD/GEF Project on Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
23 September 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee under the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM-9)	Surabaya, Indonesia
25 September 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COP-9)	Surabaya, Indonesia
28 October-1 November 2013	Workshop on Development of Fire Danger Rating System (FDRS)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
21 February 2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the MSC Technical Task Force (MTTF)	Singapore
1 April 2014	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Brunei Darussalam
2 April 2014	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sub-regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Brunei Darussalam
22 April 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> Project Management Meeting of the ASEAN Peatland Forest Project	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24 April 2014	Workshop on Design of the ASEAN Programme on Sustainable Management of Peatland Ecosystems (2014-2020)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

<b>ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)</b>		
3 June 2013	Workshop on Information on Drug Prevention & Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorder	Bangkok, Thailand
4-5 June 2013	Workshop to Develop ASEAN Policy Advocacy on Mental Health	Bangkok, Thailand
4-6 June 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting on Laboratory Strengthening for Emerging Infectious Infectious Diseases in the Asia-Pacific Region	Manila, Philippines
14-15 June 2013	ASEAN Dengue Day back-to-back with Conference	Viet Nam
17-21 June 2013	19 <sup>th</sup> Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements Product Working Group	Myanmar
4-6 July 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Mental Health Task Force (AMT)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
10-12 July 2013	Consultative Workshop for Developing ASEAN Research Common Guideline on Traditional Medicine	Jakarta, Indonesia
26-30 August 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)	Singapore
2 September 2013	Meeting for Best Practices on HIV/AIDS in ASEAN	Malacca, Malaysia
3-5 September 2013	21 <sup>st</sup> ATFOA Meeting	Malacca, Malaysia
6 September 2013	Meeting on Treatment 2.0 and HIV/TB	Malacca, Malaysia
9-13 September 2013	Regional NCD Forum back-to-back with 2 <sup>nd</sup> ATFNCD Meeting	Manila, Philippines
6-8 November 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> AEGCD Meeting	Singapore
10-11 March 2014	Special Head of Delegation (HoD) Pharmaceutical Product Working Group (PPWG)	Yangon, Myanmar
15-17 March 2014	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD)	Yangon, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)</b>		
3-4 July 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Labour Inspection Conference	Bali, Indonesia
11-12 September 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the SLOM's Working Group on HIV Prevention and Control in the Workplace (SLOM-WG-HIV)	Malaysia
23-25 September 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> ACMW-Drafting Team Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
4 November 2013	Technical Meeting on the Development of Labour Migration Statistics Database (under ASEAN TRIANGLE Project)	Bangkok, Thailand
7-8 November 2013	Expert Meeting on the Changing Workplace and Employment Patterns: Challenges and Opportunities for ASEAN Employers	Bali, Indonesia
12-13 November 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance the Competitiveness of ASEAN (SLOM-WG)	Jakarta, Indonesia
14-15 November 2013	Workshop on ASEAN Business Council on HIV	Jakarta, Indonesia
20-21 November 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> ACMW-Drafting Team Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
26-27 November 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour	Brunei Darussalam
6-7 December 2013	Workshop on Social Security Scheme Setting through Tripartite Social Dialogue	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
16-18 December 2013	Inter-sectoral Workshop Towards the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour	Jakarta, Indonesia
27-28 February 2014	ASEAN Workshop on HIV/AIDS in the Workplace	Singapore



25-26 February 2014	Sixth Tripartite Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region "Trends and Good Practices of Collective Bargaining and Dispute Resolution -With Prospects to 2015 ASEAN Economic Integration"	Chiba Prefecture, Japan
12-14 March 2014	11 <sup>th</sup> ACMW-Drafting Team Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
29-30 April 2014	Workshop on Mid-term Review of the ASEAN Labour Ministers Work Programme	Da Lat, Viet Nam
5-6 May 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network Coordinating Board Meeting (OSHNET CBM)	Singapore
8 May 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-OSHNET Conference	Singapore
17-18 May 2014	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (7 <sup>th</sup> ACMW)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
19-20 May 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
21 May 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Human Resource Conference	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
23 May 2014	23 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Ministers on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE)</b>		
16-19 June 2013	11 <sup>th</sup> SOMRDPE and Related Meetings	Bohol, Philippines
2-5 July 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Forum on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, 10 <sup>th</sup> SOMRDPE, 8 <sup>th</sup> AMRDPE, and 1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Leadership Award	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
18-30 August 2013	Sustainable Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation for AMS	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
25-29 November 2013	Grassroots Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation Program in Thailand	Bangkok, Thailand
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)</b>		
24-25 June 2013	Inter-sectoral Workshop on Strengthening Social Protection in ASEAN	Jakarta, Indonesia
29-30 July 2013	Regional Planning Workshop for Child Rights Practitioners on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Child (CRC)	Bangkok, Thailand
3-7 September 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> AMMSWD, 4 <sup>th</sup> AMMSWD+3, 9 <sup>th</sup> SOMSWD, 8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
7-10 October 2013	TAGANA Social Services and Disaster Relief Volunteers from ASEAN+3 Countries 2013	Palembang, Indonesia
10-13 November 2013	Initial Preparation Committee Meeting on "Establishment of a Network of Experts on Inclusive Entrepreneurship for ASEAN"	Bangkok, Thailand
3-5 December 2013	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan High Level Meeting on Caring Societies	Tokyo, Japan
11-12 December 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Disability Forum	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
6-9 January 2014	Training for Policy Makers, Social Workers, Judiciary, Practitioners and Front-Line Managers on Children in Need of Special Protection	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
11-13 March 2014	Regional Workshop and Comparative Study on Social Pensions in the ASEAN	Manila, Philippines
26-27 March 2014	ASEAN Forum on Sharing Best Practices in Social Work Case Management and Multi-Sectoral Approaches to Child Protection Concerns	Manila, Philippines
2-4 April 2014	Planning Conference of ASEAN Program Evaluation for Persons with Disabilities	Manila, Philippines

22-24 April 2014	Forum on the Promotion of Peace and Development for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) brought about by Natural Disasters and Internal Conflicts within a Country of the ASEAN Member State	Manila, Philippines
<b>ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)</b>		
10-11 June 2013	ACWC's Expert Meeting to Develop a Study Framework on Women's Economic Rights to Land and Property in ASEAN Countries	Jakarta, Indonesia
22-24 July 2013	7 <sup>th</sup> ACWC Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19 August 2013	Regional Workshop on Promoting the Right to a Nationality for Women and Children in the Implementation of CEDAW and CRC in ASEAN: ACWC-UNHCR Potential Partnership	Da Nang, Viet Nam
20-22 August 2013	Regional Workshop on Promoting the Rights of ASEAN Women and Children Through Effective Implementation of the Common Issues in CEDAW and CRC Concluding Observations with Focus on Girl Child	Da Nang, Viet Nam
26-27 November 2013	Special Meeting of the ACWC	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
13 December 2013	Launching of Publication on Good Practices in Eliminating Violence Against Women and Children (EVAWC)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3-5 February 2014	Workshop on the Promotion of Access to Justice for Women Victims of Violence Against Women in Trafficking Cases	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
8-10 April 2014	Training Course for ASEAN Frontline Social Workers	Singapore
<b>ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)</b>		
26-27 September 2013	17 <sup>th</sup> ACCSM Senior Officials Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
29-30 October 2013	Workshop on Strengthening Social protection and Gender Mainstreaming Towards Effective and Efficient Civil Service	Jakarta, Indonesia
17-21 March 2014	Seminar on Green Productivity Improvement	Puin Oo Lwin, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW)</b>		
27-28 June 2013	International Conference on Women's Experiences in National Development of ASEAN and Korea	Seoul, Korea
3-4 September 2013	Workshop on Women and Wage Work in the ASEAN Region	Singapore
11-13 September 2013	Regional Workshop on the Development of Women's Potential in Tourism and Services	Bangkok, Thailand
4-5 November 2013	ASEAN Workshop on Work-Life Harmony to Promote Women's	Singapore
27-29 November 2013	Regional Training on the Development of Tool and Modules for the Promotion and Adoption of Gender Responsive Budgeting in ASEAN Member States	Jakarta, Indonesia
11-13 December 2013	12 <sup>th</sup> ACW	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
22-23 April 2014	Launching Workshop of the ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs' Network (AWEN)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
29-30 April 2014	Regional Workshop to Discuss Regional Monitoring Framework for ASEAN	Siem Reap, Cambodia
<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS)</b>		
3-4 December 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Senior Official Meeting on Sports (SOMS)	Vientiane, Lao PDR
5 December 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS-2)	Vientiane, Lao PDR
<b>ASEAN CONNECTIVITY</b>		
9-11 June 2013	2/2013 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC)	Balikpapan, Indonesia

19 July 2013	Workshop on “Enhancing Connectivity through Multi-layered Regional Frameworks: The Roles of Dialogue Partners”	Bangkok, Thailand
26 August 2013	Symposium on ASEAN Connectivity 3/2013 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
3-4 March 2014	1/2014 ACCC Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b>		
<b>ASEAN–Australia</b>		
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with Australia	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
2-3 September 2013	Inception Meeting of AADCP Project on Establishment of ASEAN Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP)	Manila, Philippines
20 November 2013	ASEAN-Australia Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
3-6 March 2014	ASEAN-Australia Threat and Risk Desktop Exercise	Vientiane, Lao PDR
19 March 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> Joint Planning Review Committee (JPRC) of ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme (AADCP) II	Jakarta, Indonesia
25-26 March 2014	ASEAN-Australia Forum	Manila, Philippines
<b>ASEAN–Canada</b>		
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with Canada	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
10 April 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-Canada Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN–China</b>		
2-9 June 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Heads of IPOs Meeting	Beijing, China
12-14 June 2013	ASEAN-China Food Safety Conference	Bali, Indonesia
30 June 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with China	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
15-19 July 2013	ASEAN-China Workshop on Capacity Building for Biodiversity Conservation in ASEAN and China	Kunming, China
2 August 2013	High Level Forum on the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership	Bangkok, Thailand
21-23 August 2013	7 <sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction	Guangxi, China
26-30 August 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) Plus China	Singapore
28-30 August 2013	Special ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers’ Meeting	Beijing and Tianjin, China
2 September 2013	ASEAN-China Transport Ministers’ Special Meeting on Connectivity	Nanning, China
4-5 September 2013	ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum 2013	Guilin, China
14 September 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on the Implementation of the DOC	Suzhou, China
15 September 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Senior Officials’ Meeting on the Implementation of the DOC	Suzhou, China
17-19 September 2013	Workshop on the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership: Achievement, Challenges, and Future Direction	Siem Reap, Cambodia
20-24 September 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Expo (CAEXPO) and 10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Business & Investment Summit (CABIS)	Nanning, China
9 October 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

7-8 November 2013	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting on ASEAN-China Maritime Consultation Mechanism	Shanghai, China
20-22 November 2013	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Working Group Meeting on Regional Air Services Arrangements	Beijing, China
25 November 2013	Commemorative Reception in Celebration of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership	Jakarta, Indonesia
8-10 February 2014	ASEAN-China FTA Joint Cooperation Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
18-19 February 2014	Inception Workshop on ASEAN-China Environment Outlook	Beijing, China
18 March 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on the Implementation of the DOC	Singapore
24 March 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee Working Group	Jakarta, Indonesia
25 March 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
10-11 April 2014	Workshop on ASEAN-China Environmental Outlook: Towards Green Economy and Sustainable Development Together	Beijing, China
18 April 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Plus China Senior Officials Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (SOMCA + China)	Hue, Viet Nam
19 April 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Plus China Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (AMCA + China)	Hue, Viet Nam
21 April 2014	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Senior Officials' Meeting on the Implementation of the DOC	Pattaya, Thailand
12-16 May 2014	ASEAN-China Workshop on Environmental Impact Assessment	Yixing, China
<b>ASEAN-European Union</b>		
24-28 June 2013	SOME-EU	Bali, Indonesia
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with European Union (EU)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
27 August 2013	ASEAN-EU Roundtable on Climate Change	Jakarta, Indonesia
23 January 2014	ASEAN-EU JCC Working Group	Jakarta, Indonesia
24 January 2014	21 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-EU Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
28 January 2014	ASEAN-German Joint Cooperation Review	Jakarta, Indonesia
11-12 February 2014	EU-ASEAN Aviation Summit	Singapore
24-28 February 2014	ASEAN-EU Policy Dialogue on Connectivity	Brussels, Austria
28 February 2014	ASEAN-EU Business Summit AEM-EU Consultations	Phuket, Thailand
10 March 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI) Facility Programme Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
28 April 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU (ARISE) Programme Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
2 May 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Climate Change	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN-India</b>		
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with India	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
10 October 2013	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam



16-20 January 2014	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN-India Tourism Working Group	Kuching, Malaysia
16-20 January 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers	Kuching, Malaysia
19 February 2014	15 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee	Jakarta, Indonesia
6-7 March 2014	Delhi Dialogue VI (track 1.5)	New Delhi, India
22-23 May 2014	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
26 April 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council of the ASEAN-India S&T Development Fund (AISTDF)	Singapore
17 May 2014	12 <sup>th</sup> of ASEAN-India Tourism Working Group Meeting	Legazpi, Philippines
<b>ASEAN–Japan</b>		
24-26 June 2013	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference	Niigata, Japan
24-28 June 2013	SOME-Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) of Japan	Bali, Indonesia
30 June 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with Japan	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
30 August 2013	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation (AJDEC)	Jakarta, Indonesia
12-13 September 2013	ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on Information Security Cooperation	Tokyo, Japan
25 September 2013	ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environment	Surabaya, Indonesia
9 October 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
24 October 2013	28 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Forum	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
30-31 October 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Expert Group Meeting on Information Platform for Transport Statistics	Bali, Indonesia
3-5 November 2013	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan High Level Meeting on Caring Societies	Tokyo, Japan
14 December 2013	ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit	Tokyo, Japan
11-12 February 2014	Expert Group Meeting on ASEAN-Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector (AJ-APEIT)	Manila, Philippines
20-27 February 2014	ASEAN-Japan Transport Policy Workshop on PPP	Tokyo, Japan
25 February 2014	International Seminar on Port EDI	Bali, Indonesia
27-28 February 2014	Expert Group Meeting on ASEAN-Japan Cruise Promotion Strategy	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
10-14 March 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Expert Group Meeting on Disaster Prevention	Tokyo and Sendai, Japan
17-21 March 2014	ASEAN-Japan CEP Japan CEP Joint Committee Meeting and related Meetings	Yangon, Myanmar
18 April 2014	Inaugural ASEAN Plus Japan Senior Officials Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (SOMCA + Japan)	Hue, Viet Nam
20 April 2014	Inaugural ASEAN Plus Japan Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (AMCA + Japan)	Hue, Viet Nam
16 May 2014	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Joint Cooperation Committee Working Group (AJJCC WG) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
16 May 2014	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Joint Cooperation Committee (AJJCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
19-23 May 2014	ASEAN-ILO /Japan Unemployment Insurance Project Cooperation Committee (PCC) Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
19-23 May 2014	ASEAN-ILO /Japan Industrial Relation Project (AIJPIR)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

19-23 May 2014	7 <sup>th</sup> Project Cooperation Committee (PCC) Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
19-23 May 2014	Planning and Evaluation Working Group for ASEAN-Japan HRD Collaboration Programme 2014	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
28 May 2014	Inaugural ASEAN-Japan Cybercrime (AJCC) Dialogue	Singapore
29-30 May 2014	9 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Counter-Terrorism (AJCT) Dialogue	Singapore
<b>ASEAN–Republic of Korea</b>		
10-11 June 2013	17 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ROK Dialogue	Surabaya, Indonesia
19-20 June 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Forum	Busan, Republic of Korea
25-27 June 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area Implementing Committee (AKFTA IC) and Related Meetings	Seoul, Republic of Korea
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with the ROK	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
9 October 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Republic of Korea (ROK) Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
19-21 February 2014	ROK-ASEAN Regional Workshop on Community Care for Older Persons in ASEAN	Seoul, Republic of Korea
26 February 2014	International Conference on the Prospects of ASEAN-Korea Relations	Seoul, Republic of Korea
18 April 2014	Inaugural ASEAN Plus ROK Senior Officials Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (SOMCA + ROK)	Hue, Viet Nam
20 April 2014	Inaugural ASEAN Plus ROK Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (AMCA + ROK)	Hue, Viet Nam
20 May 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-ROK Joint Cooperation Committee Working Group (JCC WG)	Jakarta, Indonesia
21 May 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-ROK Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN–New Zealand</b>		
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
12-13 February 2014	21 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue	Vientiane, Lao PDR
<b>ASEAN–Russian Federation</b>		
24-28 June 2013	SOME-Russia	Bali, Indonesia
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with Russian Federation	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
21-22 November 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Russian Federation Senior Officials' Meeting	Langkawi, Malaysia
16-20 January 2014 <sup>5th</sup>	Meeting of ASEAN-Russia Tourism Consultation	Kuching, Malaysia
25 April 2014	ASEAN-Russian Federation Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
<b>ASEAN–United States</b>		
24-28 June 2013	SOME-US	Bali, Indonesia
1 July 2013	Post Ministerial Conference Plus One (PMC+1) Session with the US	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
9 October 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-United States of America (US) Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
10 February 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting (PSC) of the ASEAN with New Zealand through Trade and Investment Project (ACTI) and ASEAN-U.S. Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development and Security Project (PROGRESS)	Jakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN Plus Three</b>		
29 June 2013	ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Senior Officials' Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
30 June 2013	14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Foreign Ministers' Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
2-5 July 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> SOMRDPE+3	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
13-16 August 2013	Special 12 <sup>th</sup> AMAF Plus 3	Champassack, Lao PDR
26-30 August 201	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) Plus Three	Singapore
30 August 2013	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on the Environment (SOME)	Jakarta, Indonesia
3-7 September 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> SOMSWD and 4 <sup>th</sup> AMMSWD+3	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2-4 September 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of ASEAN+3 FETN	Bagan, Myanmar
11 September 2013	ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Senior Officials Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan Brunei Darussalam
23-27 September 2013	AMEM+3	Bali, Indonesia
25 September 2013	12 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting (12 <sup>th</sup> EMM+3)	Surabaya, Indonesia
10 October 2013	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
26-28 November 2013	6 <sup>th</sup> ASOMM+3	Bali, Indonesia
11-13 December 2013	5 <sup>th</sup> ACW+3 Meetings	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
16-20 January 2014	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Kuching, Malaysia
16-20 January 2014	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Ministers	
21 February 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> SOM-ED+3	Bangkok, Thailand
27-28 February 2014	ASEAN Plus Three Finance and Central Bank Working Group Meetings	Yangon, Myanmar
2-3 April 2014	Formal and Informal ASEAN Plus Three Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDCM+3)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
18 April 2014	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (SOMCA+3)	Hue, Viet Nam
19 April 2014	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts Meeting (AMCA+3)	Hue, Viet Nam
19-23 May 2014	12 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM+3)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
19-23 May 2014	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus three Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM+3)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
11-17 May 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program	Sichuan, China
17 May 2014	25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Legazpi, Philippines
11 June 2014	Senior Officials Meeting for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Information (3 <sup>rd</sup> SOMRI+3)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
12 June 2014	3 <sup>rd</sup> Conference of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Information (3 <sup>rd</sup> AMRI+3)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
<b>ASEAN-CER (Australia and New Zealand)</b>		
17-21 June 2013	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of FTA Joint Committee and AANZFTA Related Meetings	Cairns, Australia
18-20 June 2013	AANZFTA ECWP Workshop on Non-Mode 3 Investment in Services	Cairns, Australia
4-5 July 2013	AANZFTA ECWP 3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Competition Conference	Singapore

29-30 July 2013	AANZFTA ECWP Technical Workshop on Investment Disputes, Resolution (including arbitration) and Prevention)	Bangkok, Thailand
19-22 August 2013	AANZFTA ECWP: Capacity Building for Patent Examiner - An Ideal Training Model - Brainstorming Workshop	Malaysia
11-12 October 2013	4 <sup>th</sup> AANZFTA Workshop on Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS)	Philippines
6-8 November 2013	AANZFTA ECWP 3 <sup>rd</sup> NQF Workshop and Meeting of TF-AQRF	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24-28 February 2014	43 <sup>rd</sup> AWGIPC Meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> AANZFTA IPC Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> ECAP III PSC Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
6-7 March 2014	AANZFTA ECWP Investment Policy Workshop: Facilitating Implementation And Business Utilization of AANZFTA	Yangon, Myanmar
19-21 March 2014	AANZFTA Workshop on National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and the 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (TF-AQRF)	Yangon, Myanmar
28 April-2 May 2014	AANZFTA ECWP Technical Assistance to Enhance ASEAN Logistics Services – Conference and Seminar on Enhancing ASEAN Logistics Services	Cebu, Philippines
19-23 May 2014	6 <sup>th</sup> AANZFTA JC and Related Meetings	Auckland, New Zealand
<b>East Asia Summit (EAS)</b>		
2 July 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> EAS Foreign Ministers Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
29 June 2013	East Asia Summit (EAS) Senior Officials' Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
30 August 2013	EAS Officials Meeting (EAS-OM) for the Preparation of the 4 <sup>th</sup> EAS Environment Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM)	Jakarta, Indonesia
11 September 2013	East Asia Summit (EAS) Senior Officials' Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
23-27 September 2013	EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force (ECTF)	Bali, Indonesia
23-27 September 2013	EAS Energy Ministers Meeting (EMM)	Bali, Indonesia
10 October 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit (EAS)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
22-24 October 2013	First Meeting of the EAS Track II Study Group on Enhancing Food Security Through Sustainable Fisheries Management and Marine Environmental Conservation	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
14-15 Nov 2013	EAS Workshop and Dialogue on Regional Security Framework Sustainable Fisheries Management and Marine Environmental Conservation	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
21-23 April 2014	Strengthening Security and Developing Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region	Moscow, Russia
6-7 May 2014	Second Meeting of the EAS Track II Study Group on Enhancing Food Security through Sustainable Fisheries Management and Marine Environmental Conservation	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
21 February 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> EAS SOM-ED	Bangkok, Thailand
28 February-1 March 2014	5 <sup>th</sup> EAS High-Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (HLS-ESC)	Surabaya, Indonesia



<b>ASEAN–United Nations</b>		
23 September 2013	Ad-hoc Preparatory ASEAN-UN Senior Officials Meeting	New York, USA
26 September 2013	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting with Secretary-General of the United Nations/ President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA)	New York, USA
10 October 2013	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-United Nations (UN) Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
<b>Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO)</b>		
26 September 2013	13 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) Ministerial Meeting	New Delhi, India
<b>Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)</b>		
3-5 September 2013	ASEM Senior Officials Meeting	New Delhi, India
11-12 November 2013	Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Foreign Ministers' Meeting	New Delhi, India
21-22 November 2013	30 <sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Board of Governors' Meeting	Langkawi, Malaysia
28-30 April 2014	ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting	Brussels, Belgium
29-30 May 2014	31 <sup>st</sup> ASEF Board of Governors' Meeting	Riga, Republic of Latvia
<b>Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)</b>		
26 November 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAM-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Ministers' Meeting	Manama, Bahrain
<b>Other Related Meetings</b>		
3-5 June 2013	38 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Audit Committee (AAC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
10-11 June 2013	8 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Sub-Regional Advisory Committee (SURAC) and Meeting of the ASEAN TRIANGLE Project Advisory Committee (PAC)	Bangkok, Thailand
10-11 June 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-USP Scientific Symposium: "Strengthening Regional Collaboration to Ensure Quality Assurance of Pharmaceutical"; and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> USP ASEAN Stakeholder Forum in Southeast Asia	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
11 June 2013	ASEAN Triangle Project PSC Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand



20 June 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Selection Committee of the Recruitment of the New ASEAN Foundation Executive Director	Jakarta, Indonesia
24-25 June 2013	Inter-sectoral Workshop on Strengthening Social Protection in ASEAN	Jakarta, Indonesia
27-28 June 2013	International Conference on Women's Experiences in National Development of ASEAN and Korea	Seoul, ROK
30 June-1 July 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> Workshop on Rational Use of Antimicrobial Agents in ASEAN	Malaysia
27-28 August 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> APCD/JAIF Project Regional Meeting	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
29-30 August 2013	Jakarta Conference: Regional Cooperation on International Migration, Mobility and Best Practices on Migration and Development in South East Asia	Jakarta, Indonesia
10-12 September 2013	Special Meeting on ASEAN Homestay Standard	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
17 September 2013	Special Meeting on Green Hotel and Spa Services Standards	Pattaya, Thailand
17-23 September 2013	34 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Inter Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) General Assembly	Brunei Darussalam
3-4 February 2014	ASEAN Secretariat-ECOWAS Exchange: Facilitating Cross-Regional Learning on New Approaches to Disaster Management between SEA and West Africa	Jakarta, Indonesia
21-23 March 2014	ASEAN People Forum	Yangon, Myanmar



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Blue represents peace and stability. Red depicts courage and dynamism. White shows purity and yellow symbolises prosperity.

The ten stalks of padi represent the dream of ASEAN's Founding Fathers for an ASEAN comprising all the ten countries in Southeast Asia bound together in friendship and solidarity. The circle represents the unity of ASEAN.

The specification of Pantone Colour adopted for the colours of the ASEAN Emblem are:

Blue : Pantone 286  
Red : Pantone Red 032  
Yellow : Pantone Process Yellow

For four-colour printing process, the specifications of colours will be:

Blue : 100C 60M 0Y 6K (100C 60M 0Y 10K)  
Red : 0C 91M 87Y 0K (0C 90M 90Y 0K)  
Yellow : 0C 0M 100Y 0K

Specifications in brackets are to be used when an arbitrary measurement of process colours is not possible.

In Pantone Process Colour Simulator, the specifications equal to:

Blue : Pantone 204-1  
Red : Pantone 60-1  
Yellow : Pantone 1-3

The font used for the word "ASEAN" in the Emblem is lower-case Helvetica in bold.



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Blue : Pantone 19-4053 TC  
Red : Pantone 18-1655 TC  
White : Pantone 11-4202 TC  
Yellow : Pantone 13-0758 TC

For the printed version, the specifications of colours (except white) will follow those for the colours of the ASEAN Emblem, i.e.:

Blue : Pantone 286 or Process Colour 100C 60M 0Y 6K  
Red : Pantone Red 032 Process Colour 0C 91M 87Y 0K  
Yellow : Pantone Process Yellow Process Colour 0C 0M 100Y 0K

The ratio of the width to the length of the Flag is two to three and the size specifications for the official flags are:

Table Flag : 10 cm x 15 cm  
Room Flag : 100 cm x 150 cm  
Car Flag : 10 cm x 30 cm  
Field Flag : 200 cm x 300 cm

Soprano

# ASEAN Anthem The ASEAN WAY

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**Allegretto Maestoso** ♩=100

5 **A**

Raise our flag high, sky high Em-brace the pride in our

*mp*

9 heart A-SEAN we are bonded as one Look-in out to the world. For

**B**

14 peace, our goal from the ve - ry start And pros - pe ri ty to last. We

*mf* *po co a po co cresc.*

**C**

18 dare to dream we care to share. To - ge - ther for A - SEAN we

*f* *mf*

22 dare to dream we care to share for it's the way of A - SEAN

*f* *rit.* *ff*





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