

POST-PARIS WORKSHOP: ASEAN MEMBER STATES IN MEETING GLOBAL TARGETS

Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Date: 1-2 June 2016

DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

In December 2015, 195 nations attending the COP21 climate meetings in Paris voted to adopt a landmark agreement that covers mitigation and adaptation actions against climate change by both developed and developing countries. The Paris Agreement notably set the goal of limiting the world's rise in average temperature to "well below 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius," alongside commitments to improve abilities in adaptation and to make "finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development."¹

The Paris Agreement has opened for signature and subsequent adoption by the 196 nations from 22 April 2016 to 21 April 2017. This process opens an opportunity for ASEAN countries to work on their national level commitments and look for the areas of strategic cooperation to support each other and look into possible pathways of implementation. Addressing matters of mutual interest jointly may increase the efficiency of the region in reducing emissions as a result of synergy and experience sharing.

The project aims at communicating the outcomes and next steps following COP21, and contributing to relevant key result area under the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025, namely sustainable climate.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The two-day workshop will take place in Indonesia, gathering 2 representatives of each ASEAN member country. The ASEAN Secretariat will invite ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) National Focal Point to nominate 2 participants from each ASEAN Member State (AMS). ASEAN Secretariat will coordinate the workshop such that it is held in conjunction with the consultation workshop on the drafting of Post-2015 AWGCC Action Plan.

ASEF will facilitate the event providing experts from its Political and Economic Department and other partnering think tanks.

The workshop will use participatory methods to achieve its objectives and build on active involvement of the group. The methods will consist of: presentations of status quo regarding climate change, small group work and plenary discussions as well as simulation of the international negotiation on climate change.

The participants will receive a manual on climate change negotiations status quo of AMS and relevant information about COP21, the Paris Agreement and INDCs prepared especially for the purpose of this training.

OBJECTIVES

Main objective:

- To contribute to the Asia-Europe dialogue on climate change following COP21;

¹ The full text of the Paris Agreement is available at:
<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/l09r01.pdf>

- To increase understanding of climate change issues with the focus on the follow up process for AMS representatives involved in the international negotiations.

Specific objectives:

- To promote a better understanding of the Paris Agreement and the follow-ups needed
- To identify the issues that will be talked in the upcoming talks in COP22/CMP12
- To foster understanding of the importance of regional coalitions in the climate change negotiation process;
- To provide dialogue platform for ASEAN member states to work on common understanding of challenges for ASEAN with regards to the COPs' outcomes.

PARTICIPANTS

This training will gather 22-25 participants:

- ASEAN Secretariat
- Mid-level representatives from AWGCC
- EU delegation to the ASEAN

OUTPUTS

- Two-day workshop as a follow up of COP21 and to serve as a preparatory session for the consultative workshop on drafting the AWGCC Action Plan; and
- A list of national and regional priorities on climate change issues identified during the discussion.

OUTCOME

- Contribution to Asia-Europe dialogue on climate change; and
- Strengthening expertise, exchange and cooperation between ASEAN countries on challenges related with the climate change.

PARTNERS

- Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
- ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC)
- Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Indonesia