ASEAN FOUNDATION

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Three decades after ASEAN was established, ASEAN leaders recognised that there remained inadequate shared prosperity, ASEAN awareness and contact among people of ASEAN. It was of this concern that ASEAN leaders established ASEAN Foundation during ASEAN’s 30th Anniversary Summit in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia on 15 December 1997, ASEAN Foundation is an organisation from and for the people of ASEAN.

The Foundation exists because of one vision: to build a cohesive and prosperous ASEAN Community. As an ASEAN’s body, the Foundation is tasked to support ASEAN’s community building efforts by promoting greater awareness of the ASEAN identity, human resource development, people-to-people interaction, and close collaboration among the business sector, civil society, academia and other stakeholders in ASEAN. We continue to complement ASEAN priorities. To date, we work to strengthen the ASEAN Community.
Key to working with ASEAN is to engage with the ASEAN Secretariat and the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPRs). These bodies are the overall coordinators of the ASEAN Process and Mechanism including the ASEAN projects and activities.

**HOW TO ENGAGE WITH ASEAN?**

**CRITERIA**

- Follow the conditions in the ASEAN Charter, particularly its purposes and principles.
- Transparency, sincerity and non-confrontational.
- Constructive and meaningful dialogue, positive thinking and goodwill in cooperation.
- Mutual respect, mutual tolerance, mutual awareness, and mutual understanding of each other’s roles, strength and constraints.
- Working collaboratively towards the common interest of the ASEAN Community and its people.
- Rules-based, and proceeding at a pace comfortable to all parties concerned.

**PROCEDURE**

1. **ASEAN ENTITY**
   - To be part of a relevant ASEAN affiliated body which is eligible and able to engage with ASEAN (see the criteria).
2. **SEND REQUEST**
   - Send a written request to the relevant Chair through the ASEAN Secretariat. The request should state the purpose for the engagement and the matters on which they wish to engage on.
   - Start the engagement with the working level because that is where the real work is being done.
3. **CONSIDERATION**
   - ASEAN organs/bodies will have their internal procedures to determine, in a consensus manner, whether to engage with an Entity.
4. **POSSIBILITIES: CONVEY**
   - If deemed necessary and upon consensus, significant outcome from the engagement with an entity may be convey to the Community Councils by the ASEAN organs.

**POTENTIAL PLATFORMS FOR THE ASEAN FARMERS TO ENGAGE WITH ASEAN:**

- **PROJECT & ACTION PLANS**
  - Participation in existing action plans and projects of the ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF), and Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (RDPE).
- **COUNTRY ACTION PLANS**
  - Involvement in country action plans to implement the ASEAN initiatives in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF), and Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (RDPE).
- **GO-NGO FORUMS**
  - Participation in Governmental-Non Governmental (GO-NGO) forums such as ASEAN GO-NGO forum on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication and ASEAN GO-NGO forum on Social Welfare and Development.
- **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**
  - Involvement/inputs in the future development of new frameworks, action plans and projects of the ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF), and Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (RDPE).

**MODALITY OF ENGAGEMENT:**
- Dialogue
- Consultation
- Interface
- Seminar
- Workshop
- Forum

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The ASEAN Foundation has been committed to support agriculture sector as a part of its mandate to address socio-economic disparities and alleviate poverty, as well as develop human resources and capacity building since its establishment. Sustaining this commitment, the Foundation initiated an ASEAN Farmers’ Organisations Support Programme (AFOSP) in 2015 to facilitate and coordinate the engagement and participation among ASEAN Farmers in ASEAN processes and mechanism. Financially, it is funded by the European Union (EU) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) under the consortium of the Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) and La Via Campesina (LVC).

**ASEAN FARMERS’ ORGANISATIONS SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

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The Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand. The goal of ASEAN is to create a more stable, peaceful, and prosperous life for the ASEAN people. The first 5 countries of ASEAN are known as the original five: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

**The ASEAN Journey of Community Building:**

- **ONE VISION, ONE IDENTITY, ONE COMMUNITY**
- **ASEAN SUMMIT**
- **ASEAN COORDINATING COUNCIL**
- **ASEAN NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**
- **ASEAN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (AICHR)**

**Committee Permanent Representatives (CPRs)**

Consist of member states’ permanent representatives to collectively support the ASEAN Community Councils, ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and liaise with the Secretary-General of ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat.

**ASEAN Founding Countries**

- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand

**ASEAN Foundation**

A unique ASEAN organization established in 1997 by the ASEAN Leaders with the vision to build a cohesive and prosperous ASEAN Community. It is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. Its function is to provide greater efficiency in the coordination of ASEAN organs and for more effective implementation of ASEAN projects and activities.