

Concept Note
In-Country Consultation: Cambodia
Formulating Civil Society's Inputs to the ASEAN-Post 2015 Visions
Cambodiana Hotel, Phnom Penh, 12 May 2015

Background

With the launching of ASEAN Community in 31st December 2015, ASEAN will introduce the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions as the roadmap for next phase of Community building (2016-2025). In the 25th Summit (November 2014), ASEAN Head of States/Governments adopted the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration along with the "Consolidated Central Elements of the ASEAN Community's Post-2015", to guide the formulation of the next roadmap, which comprise of:

- Promote Southeast Asia as a region of peace, stability and prosperity, as well as an inter-connected, and a caring and sharing community with unity and diversity;
- Continue to consolidate the ASEAN Community and deepen ASEAN integration as the foundation for its post-2015 vision, with enhanced and expanded cooperation and coherence among the three ASEAN Community pillars;
- Promote ASEAN as a rules-based community bound by shared principles, values, and norms;
- Promote ASEAN as a people-oriented, people-centered community through, among others, active engagement with all relevant stakeholders;
- Build a resilient community with enhanced capacity and capability to collectively respond to emerging trends and challenges;
- Promote inclusive, sustained and equitable economic growth, as well as sustainable development, consistent with the UN's post-2015 development agenda;
- Promote development of clear and measurable " ASEAN Development Goals" to serve as ASEAN benchmark for key socio-economic issues;
- Maintain an outward-looking ASEAN; and
- Build ASEAN's common platform to discuss global issues of common concern so as to raise ASEAN's profile and enhance its relevance in the global community by continuing to be an active and credible global partner that contributes and responds to key global issues of common concern.

For the purpose of developing the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers established a team of ten to function as High Level Task Force (HLTF). At the moment, HLTF is working to develop a draft that will be submitted on 31 July 2015, two months prior to the 47th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting in early August in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

It is very important for civil society in the region to contribute their expertise, experiences and thoughts on issues they are working on in each country. Taking the past experiences in engaging in the process of developing the ASEAN Blueprints in 2007-2008, a strategic document such as the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions – with its three pillars: political-security, economy, and social-cultural – will provide an opening for mainstreaming concerns shared throughout civil society in implementing regionalism project in ASEAN. More specifically, it will:

- a. provide an opportunity to review the region's needs for the goal on human rights, gender equality and developmental justice;
- b. raise awareness on human rights, gender equality and developmental justice issues among civil society groups, government officials, ASEAN and general public;
- c. mobilize a broad spectrum of society in a cooperative atmosphere;
- d. propose realistic activities, set achievable targets and promote linkages among different sectors for comprehensive goals; and
- e. generate wider commitment to actions.

The following is the ASEAN's important schedule in relation to the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions:

Important dates:

24-26 April	26 th ASEAN Summit, Kuala Lumpur
31 July 2015	HLTF will submit the final draft of the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions to the ASEAN Community Council
1-6 August 2015	The 48 th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM), Kuala Lumpur
4 th week of September	Informal ASEAN Ministers Meeting (IAMM), New York, US
18-21 November	27 th ASEAN Summit

Process

Process of formulating and drafting the Civil Society's Inputs to the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions is equally important as the interactive dialogue with officials and the outcome documents. These three components of process have been in the heart of this activity with the following sequences:

Phase1: Preparing the zero draft (March 2015)

- 1.1 Conduct the desk review and text analysis on civil society's inputs in the last 10 years related to ASEAN Community building.
- 1.2 Formulate a zero draft, which will be informed by historical inputs from civil society groups from ten ASEAN member states from the desk review and text analysis.

Phase 2: In-Country Consultations + Regional Consultation (April - May 2015)

- 2.1 Conduct in-country consultations in ten ASEAN member states to get more inputs on the zero draft on the civil society inputs to the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions.
- 2.2 Formulate the first draft by compiling all inputs from in-country consultations.
- 2.3 Organize a regional consultation to verify and finalize the civil society's inputs to the ASEAN Post-2015.

Phase 3: Presenting the Civil Society Inputs (May-July 2015)

- 2.1 Presenting the civil society inputs through a dialogue with HLTF, the Committee of the Permanent Representatives (CPR), ASEAN National Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 2.2 Conduct press briefings about the civil society inputs to the ASEAN Post-2015.
- 2.3 Conduct diplomatic briefing about the civil society inputs to the ASEAN Post-2015.

Objectives

The objectives of the In-country Consultation are to:

1. Establish a participatory and inclusive process to garner civil society recommendations to ASEAN's post-2015 vision documents with an emphasis on human rights and gender equality.
2. Develop regional civil society's inputs on ASEAN Post-2015 Visions with domestic dimensions on political, economic and social context in ten countries of ASEAN, especially in relation to human rights and gender equality.

Date

The date for the In-country Consultation in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, is 12 May 2015

Venue

Cambodiana Hotel, Phnom Penh

Participants

It is expected that the consultation will have 35 participants from different sectors that are covered under three pillars, such as on human rights, gender equality, persons with disability, sexual orientation and gender identities, farmers group, indigenous people, anti-corruption, developmental issues, minority issues, etc.

Cambodia Program

This is a one-day consultation meeting with the following program:

	Master of Ceremony: Ratanak, NGOCRC (TBC)
07:30 – 08:00	Registration
08:00 – 09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks by Mr. Pen Somony, Secretary General of CCWA • Introduction of Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Background, Programs, Objectives and Expected Outputs by Ms. Yuyun Wahyuningrum, HRWG • Photo session
09:00 – 10:00	ASEAN Post-2015 Visions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing civil society’s participation in drafting the Roadmap on ASEAN and the road map of ASEAN Community 2009-2015, by Dr. Kem Ley, Independent analysis; 15 minutes • Presentation the zero draft and explanation of the working methodologies, by Mrs. Thida C. Khus, SILAKA (15 minutes) Moderator: Meas Samnang, NGOCRC Questions & Answers (30 minutes)
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee/Tea Break
10:15-11:00	Vision for ASEAN in 2025 (10 years from now)
Three Group Discussion	
11:00 – 12:30	In three groups based the pillars (political-security, economic, social-cultural), participants will discuss, scrutinize and provide recommendations/inputs to the zero draft of the civil society to the ASEAN Post-2015 Visions. Each group will record their discussion result in laptop (with power points presentation or Microsoft words). Facilitator: Thida C. Khus, SILAKA/CCWA
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Further Discussion: Gender perspective in the 3 pillars
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee/Tea Break
14:45 – 16:15	Group Presentation
16:15 – 17:15	Plenary Discussion
17:15 – 17:30	Closing Remarks by Soun Bunsak, CHRAC