

ASEAN-GCC Two-Year Action Plan

2010-2012

	Area of Cooperation	Suggested Actions	Target Dates
1	Trade and Investment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GCC Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat to conduct visits to better understand economic integration in ASEAN and GCC. 2. Conduct Round Table discussion between ASEAN and GCC economic officials in 2010 to explore the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The possibility of developing a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) for economic, investment and technical cooperation b) The possibility of an FTA agreement 3. The ASEAN and GCC Secretariats will facilitate both sides in exploring the promotion of investments in the following fields identified in the Manama Joint Vision statement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agriculture, including Halal research, food security and possible stockpiling arrangements; b. Energy, including alternative and renewable 	<p style="text-align: center;">2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2010</p>

		<p>energy;</p> <p>c. Tourism, including health and eco-tourism;</p> <p>d. Connectivity (including transport and communications) to support increased trade and investment between the two regions;</p> <p>e. Construction and Services sectors</p>	
2	Economic & Development Cooperation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance cooperation in financial and banking services 2. Establish contact between GCC & ASEAN Chambers of Commerce. 3. Formation of the GCC-ASEAN Business Forum, in coordination with the Chambers of Commerce 4. First GCC-ASEAN Investment Conference, in coordination with the chambers of commerce 	<p>2010</p> <p>2011</p> <p>2011</p>

3	Education, Culture, & Information	<p>A) EDUCATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GCC-ASEAN experts' meeting to develop common programmes for cooperation in the fields of education. 2. Organize joint conferences for institutions of education and scientific research to focus on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Educational and Vocational training in the areas of school administration, math, science and technology, and linguistics, and vocational areas; b. Development of university curricula in each region to include courses about the other region . c. Develop scholarship programs for ASEAN students to study in GCC Member Countries and vice versa . d. Exchange of scholars, students and researchers e. Organize joint conference for cultural institutions <p>B) CULTURE AND INFORMATION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hold GCC-ASEAN experts meeting to develop joint cooperation programs in the areas of culture and 	<p>2010</p> <p>2010-2012</p>
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		<p>information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Organize GCC-ASEAN joint conference for the cultural and media institutions to identify cooperation activities in these fields, and the possibility of exchanging or holding joint cultural activities and exhibitions. 3. “GCC Days” festivities in ASEAN capitals 4. “ASEAN Days” festivities in GCC capitals 5. Hold joint cultural productions or exchange of cultural performances. 	
4.	Implementations Mechanisms	The ASEAN and GCC Secretariats shall facilitate meetings between specialized working groups from each side, on each topic of the Action Plan, to implement the Action Plan.	2010-2012