

**ASEAN-Pakistan Sectoral Dialogue Partnership:
Practical Cooperation Areas
2019-2021**

These Practical Cooperation Areas are aimed at implementing the shared commitments for an enhanced, deeper, and mutually beneficial ASEAN–Pakistan Sectoral Dialogue Partnership for the period of 2019-2021 to further substantiate the cooperation with a focus on practical areas where ASEAN and Pakistan have the expertise and mutual interest:

A. Countering Terrorism, Violent Extremism, and Transnational Crimes

1. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in countering terrorism, preventing violent extremism and stemming the flow of foreign terrorist fighters under the framework of the “ASEAN-Pakistan Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat Terrorism”, signed on 29 July 2005 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, and pertinent United Nations Security Council resolutions on preventing violent extremism.
2. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in preventing and combating transnational crime, including but not limited to the illicit production and trafficking of drugs.
3. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in preventing different forms of human exploitation and criminal activities.
4. Explore the possibility of cooperation to address emerging methods and trends of terrorism and transnational crime.
5. Explore the possibility of sharing information and best practices on chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives (CBRNE) risk mitigation.
6. Explore the possibility of sharing best practices and experiences on prison management, strategies, investigation techniques, preventing misuse of the internet and social media for violent extremism and terrorism purposes.

B. Economic Cooperation

7. Facilitate the promotion of trade and investment relations between ASEAN and Pakistan, including among others, through exchange of visits by chambers of commerce, regional workshops, conferences, seminars, business fora, and other relevant activities.
8. Explore capacity building in entrepreneurial skills and MSMEs development.
9. Explore the possibility of cooperation between customs administrations of ASEAN and Pakistan.
10. Explore the possibility of industrial cooperation in the areas of mutual interests and benefits.

C. Food and Agriculture

11. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in sustainable agriculture, fisheries, and food processing.
12. Explore the possibility of sharing information and best practices on community irrigation approaches, including small farm reservoir technologies for researching groundwater and preventing run-off and erosion.

D. Science, Technology and Innovation

13. Explore cooperation on science, technology and innovation in the areas of mutual interests aligned to the implementation of ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2016-2025.

E. Information and Communication Technology

14. Support capacity building in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in particular to combat cyber threats towards building a digital environment that is safe and trusted.
15. Explore the possibility of sharing experience and best practices in promoting ICT security to build a trusted digital marketplace in line with the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2020.

16. Explore other areas of ICT cooperation, as mutually agreed, to effectively respond to the challenges emanating from cyber space.

F. Tourism

17. Support capacity building in the field of hospitality and tourism development.

G. Disaster Management

18. Support capacity building and sharing best practices and experiences on disaster prevention and mitigation, risk assessment and awareness, preparedness and response, disaster recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction and knowledge and innovation management, as well as disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and eco-system based adaptation.
19. Explore the possibility for cooperation between the National Disaster Management Authority of Pakistan, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) to strengthen ASEAN's capacity in disaster management, including in implementing the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme 2016 – 2020 and 'ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region'.
20. Promote science technology and innovation cooperation on prevention, mitigation and risk reduction of natural disaster.

H. Culture

21. Promote greater awareness of each other's traditions, heritage and cultures, through industries, cultural exchanges, and cultural events such as cultural festivals, art exhibitions, film festivals.

I. Human Resource Development

22. Promote people-to-people contacts, including through exchange of visits by students, youth, academicians, scholars, etc.

23. Continue to promote cooperation on human resource development in the areas of mutual benefit and interest

J. Connectivity

24. Explore the possibility of cooperation to support the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025.

K. Narrowing Development Gap and Initiative for ASEAN Integration

25. Explore the possibility of cooperation to support the implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration Work Plan III.

Follow-Up Mechanism

The implementation of the Practical Cooperation Areas will be reviewed by the ASEAN-Pakistan Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AP-JSCC) Meeting and an annual progress report on the implementation of the Practical Cooperation Areas shall be submitted to the AP-JSCC.

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