ASEAN-Turkey Sectoral Dialogue Partnership: Practical Cooperation Areas (2019-2023)

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

Political-Security Cooperation

Counter-Terrorism, Violent Extremism, Radicalisation and Transnational Crimes; Peace and Reconciliation

- 1. Explore the possibility of conducting information and intelligence exchange on security challenges;
- 2. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in countering terrorism, preventing violent extremism and curbing the rise of radicalisation, including in anti-money laundering and countering terrorism financing; the prosecution, rehabilitation and reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs), the sharing of intelligence and information on the recruitment and movement of FTFs, and in countering the use of internet, including social media, for terrorist purposes;
- 3. Explore the possibility of capacity building cooperation and collaboration (ASEAN) and intensify communication, including exchange of visits, to develop joint cooperation in countering terrorism and other transnational crimes;
- 4. Encourage cooperation to promote moderation, tolerance and understanding to prevent and to counter terrorism and violent extremism;
- 5. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and exchanging best practices in the area of preventing and combating transnational crimes including on legal matters and law enforcement;
- Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in promoting peace and reconciliation, including with the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) in accordance with its Terms of Reference;

- Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in addressing humanitarian aspects of landmines and explosive remnants of war in the region, including capacity building and support the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) to achieve this goal;
- 8. Explore the possibility to share experiences and best practices in ensuring cyber security between the relevant national authorities responsible for cyber security.

Economic Cooperation

Trade and Investment

- 9. Support the promotion of trade and investment relations between ASEAN and Turkey;
- 10. Explore the possibility of cooperation to promote e-commerce between ASEAN and Turkey;
- 11. Promote industrial sectors for mutual cooperation, business-to-business contacts, including through exchange of visits of chambers of commerce and exchange of visits of investment support offices, technical committees, workshops, conferences, seminars, business fora, participation in each other's trade fairs/expositions and other relevant activities.

Public Private Partnership

- 12. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in planning and implementing Public Private Partnership projects;
- 13. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices on Public Private Partnership in the area of infrastructure construction;

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

14. Support capacity building in entrepreneurial skills and MSMEs development;

Tourism

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

16. Encourage greater flows of tourists between ASEAN and Turkey, such as through joint promotional campaigns; cooperation in sharing of data and tourism statistics; and support for the development of cultural and heritage resources as tourism attractions.

Mining

17. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices on mining investments;

Energy and Renewable Energy

18. Promote cooperation on research and development in the field of energy and renewable energy, including support to the implementation of ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2016-2025;

Science and Technology, Innovation, Research and Development

- 19. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices on standardisation, conformity assessment and metrology;
- 20. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices on digital transformation of the manufacturing industry;
- 21. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and information and explore the possibility of developing cooperation concerning the high performance growth of ASEAN economies in the Global Innovation Index;
- 22. Promote cooperation on research and development in the field of Science and Technology in the areas of mutual interests and benefits, including support to the implementation of ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2016-2025;
- 23. Promote cooperation on research and development in the area of information and communication technology.

Food and Agriculture

24. Promote the exchange of experts for skills training and other initiatives;

- 25. Explore the possibility of sharing experiences and best practices in sustainable agriculture, and food processing and food safety;
- 26. Explore cooperation on the development of standards and qualifications related to agriculture, including through comparability and benchmarking.

Socio-Cultural Cooperation

Disaster Management

- 27. Support capacity building and sharing of best practices and experiences on disaster risk reduction and management, namely disaster prevention and mitigation, disaster preparedness, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief/response, and disaster recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, as well as climate change adaptation and mitigation, through the realisation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Priority Programmes and the One ASEAN One Response;
- 28. Explore the possibility for cooperation between the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of Turkey and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) to strengthen ASEAN's capacity in disaster management, including the implementation of the 'ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region'; and collaboration among private sectors in ASEAN and Turkey in fostering public-private partnerships in support of One ASEAN One Response;
- 29. Promote the exchange of experts for skills training and other initiatives.

Sustainable Development

30. Support the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in ASEAN, and complementarities between the ASEAN Vision 2025 and the SDGs, through exchange of best practices and capacity building initiatives.

Culture

- 31. Promote greater awareness of each other's traditions, arts, heritage and cultures, through regularly held cultural festivals, art exhibitions (except for those of cultural heritage), film festivals, workshops and other cultural events and activities;
- 32. Promote creative industry cooperation in areas such as, music, craft, cuisine, etc.;
- 33. Encourage assistance and support for the protection, conservation and restoration of cultural and historical heritage;
- 34. Promote human resource development and training in the field of culture, including through the exchange of experiences on the hosting of large-scale cultural activities;
- 35. Promote people-to-people contacts, networking and exchange of visits between government officials, artists, students, youth, academicians, scholars, librarians, media, community representatives, as well as diplomats;
- 36. Explore possible cooperation in co-production of films, TV shows, and other forms of new media to promote inter-cultural awareness and foster people-to-people interaction, understanding and ties through film festivals and exchanges of media personnel;
- 37. Encourage the translation and publication of literary works from their own languages to the others;
- 38. Encourage the collaboration and direct contacts between public libraries for the purpose of exchanging information materials and publications.

Education, Skills Training and Youth Development

39. Promote cooperation on human resource development, in the areas of mutual benefits and interests, including through students and youth exchange programs, training of teachers and education practitioners, higher education, scholarship programmes, research and sharing best practices and experiences;

40. Promote cooperation in technical and vocational education and training through consultations, information sharing, exchange programmes and capacity building.

ASEAN Smart Cities Network

41. Explore the possibility of supporting ASEAN Smart Cities Network through mutually accepted initiatives.

Connectivity

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

Narrowing Development Gap

43. Explore the possibility of cooperation to support the implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan III.

Follow-Up Mechanism

The implementation of this Practical Cooperation Areas will be reviewed by the ASEAN-Turkey Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AT-JSCC) Meeting and an annual progress report on the implementation of the Practical Cooperation Areas shall be submitted to the AT-JSCC. ASEAN and Turkey may make amendments to this Priority Plan as it may find appropriate at any time.

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