

ASEAN-Netherlands Development Partnership: Practical Cooperation Areas (2025-2029)

ASEAN-Netherlands Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) aims to implement future cooperation under the framework of the ASEAN-Netherlands Development Partnership to further substantiate the Partnership and cooperation with a focus on practical areas for mutual benefits, where ASEAN and the Netherlands have expertise and mutual interests. This PCA will also contribute to the realisation of the goals of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and its successor document as well as to further strengthen ASEAN-Netherlands relations.

ASEAN and the Netherlands hereby agree on the following areas for cooperation between both sides, including through ASEAN Centres established in the respective ASEAN Member States. Both sides aim to develop programmes, projects and/or cooperative activities to undertake practical cooperation under these areas:

1. Political-Security Cooperation

- 1.1. Law of the Sea
- 1.2. Peace and Reconciliation
- 1.3. Combatting Transnational Crime
- 1.4. Humanitarian mine action and explosive remnants of war, including through the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC)
- 1.5. Good governance, rule of law and human rights, including through dialogue, sharing of experiences and best practices
- 1.6. Maritime Cooperation

2. Economic Cooperation

- 2.1. Trade and Investment
- 2.2. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- 2.3. Science, Technology and Innovation
- 2.4. Green Growth, Energy Transition, and Energy Security
- 2.5. Food Security, including cooperation on sustainable agriculture
- 2.6. Circular Economy

3. Socio-Cultural Cooperation

- 3.1. People-to-people exchanges
- 3.2. Higher Education and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
- 3.3. Environment and Climate Change, Resilience and Adaptation
- 3.4. Water Management

- 3.5. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)
- 3.6. Health Cooperation
- 3.7. Heritage Management

4. Cross-Pillar Cooperation

- 4.1. Connectivity
- 4.2. Smart Cities
- 4.3. Initiative for ASEAN Integration and Narrowing the Development Gap
- 4.4. Sustainable Development
- 4.5. Cybersecurity
- 4.6. ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)
- 4.7. Digitalisation, including digital economy
- 4.8. Blue Economy
- 4.9. Statistics
- 4.10. Gender Mainstreaming and Women, Peace and Security (WPS)

Follow-up Mechanism

The implementation of the PCA will be reviewed by the ASEAN-Netherlands Development Partnership Committee (AN-DPC) Meeting and an annual progress report on the implementation of the PCA shall be submitted to the AN-DPC. ASEAN and the Netherlands may make amendments to this document, based on mutual consent, taking into account new priorities following the development of ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans, and other areas of common interest identified by both sides with the approval of the AN-DPC.
