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The Forty-Seventh Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (47th AMAF)

1 October 2025, Pasay City, Philippines

1. The ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) convened their Forty-Seventh Meeting on 1 October 2025, in Pasay City, Philippines, under the Chairmanship of the Philippines. The Meeting reaffirmed ASEAN's strong commitment to advancing cooperation in the food, agriculture, and forestry sectors as key drivers of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and its future aspirations.
2. The Meeting recognised the evolving regional and global contexts, particularly the development of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 of a resilient, innovative, dynamic, and people-centred ASEAN and the AEC Strategic Plan 2026–2030, and reaffirmed the vital role of the FAF sectors in delivering sustainability, inclusivity, resilience, and prosperity for all the peoples of ASEAN. Despite some progress registered in the last State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report 2025, the number of food insecure people in ASEAN countries remain of significant concern with an estimated 14% of the population facing food insecurity, and nearly 228 million (i.e., around 32% of the population) not able to afford a healthy diet, challenging progress in the realisation of the right to food.

Policy Frameworks and Strategic Directions

3. The Meeting endorsed the ASEAN Vision for FAF Towards 2045 and its cooperation framework, underscoring its importance as a long-term guide for strengthening regional inclusive and resilient food systems that ensure food security and nutrition and contributing to advancing the right to food for all, promoting sustainable and inclusive forest management, and enhancing climate resilience, notably of those who are in situations of vulnerability.

4. The Meeting further adopted the ASEAN Food, Agriculture and Forestry (FAF) Sectoral Plan 2026–2030 as the medium-term blueprint to operationalise the Vision 2045. The Meeting called for the effective implementation of the Sectoral Plan and urged ASEAN Member States, Dialogue Partners, Development Partners and other stakeholders to contribute actively to its success. The Plan focuses on six priority areas:
 - Promoting Sustainable and Regenerative Measures – Encouraging responsible investment, smallholder-friendly technologies, sustainable fisheries, and water security.
 - Decarbonisation and Climate Resilience in Agriculture – Reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting climate-smart practices, and enhancing adaptation strategies.
 - Strengthening Food Security and Nutrition – Ensuring availability, accessibility, and utilisation of safe and nutritious food through innovation, investment, and regional cooperation.
 - Promoting Trade and Market Connectivity – Enhancing food safety standards, supply chain efficiency, and market access through harmonised regulations and digital technologies.
 - Fostering Public-Private Partnerships and Digital Innovation – Leveraging partnerships and digital tools to support smart farming and sustainable reporting and financially empowering cooperatives and small and medium enterprises (SMEs).
 - Strengthening Sustainable Forest Management – Advancing forest conservation, community-based management, and alignment with regional and global sustainability frameworks.
5. The Meeting tasked the Senior Officials’ Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF) and its subsidiary bodies to incorporate these six priorities into their work programmes and ensure coherence and consistency with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, the AEC Strategic Plan 2026–2030, and the ASEAN FAF Vision 2045.

Sustainable Development and Regional Initiatives

6. The Meeting highlighted the importance of regenerative agriculture as a key strategy to improve soil health, restore ecosystems, enhance biodiversity, and build resilience against climate change. The Meeting encouraged ASEAN Member States to share experiences, scale up pilot initiatives, and mobilise partnerships with academia, civil society, international organisations, and the private sector to accelerate regenerative agriculture practices in the region.

7. The Meeting also welcomed the ASEAN One Billion Trees Initiative as a vital contribution to forest conservation, climate action, and community empowerment. The meeting encouraged all ASEAN Member States to develop national action plans to support the collective regional targets and to strengthen monitoring and reporting systems to track progress.
8. The Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to address cross-cutting issues, including climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, food safety and quality standards, and circular economy approaches, recognising their direct impact on food security, livelihoods, and long-term sustainability of the agriculture and forestry sectors.
9. The Meeting commended the progress of various regional initiatives that support sustainable development and innovation in the FAF sectors, implemented in collaboration with partners, among others:
 - Development of sustainable aviation fuels from agricultural waste;
 - Decarbonisation in agriculture by reducing crop residue burning and promoting biomass and biochar production technologies;
 - Initiative on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and Ecosystem-based Approaches (EbA); and
 - Promotion of Blue Economy through the BlueFair Fish Project, sustainable management of tropical eel fisheries in ASEAN, and Cooperation Mechanism for the Competitive Development of Aquaculture and Small-Scale Fishery in ASEAN (COOPMEC) Project.
10. The Meeting encouraged all relevant partners to work closely with ASEAN, through the ASEAN Secretariat, to mobilise resources, build capacity, and materialise these important initiatives in support of the ASEAN FAF Vision 2045.

Strengthening Cooperation and Partnerships

11. The Meeting appreciated the valuable support provided by ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, international organisations, and other partners in advancing regional cooperation in food, agriculture, and forestry. The Meeting encouraged continued collaboration in implementing the ASEAN FAF Sectoral Plan of Action 2026–2030 and the ASEAN FAF Vision 2045, particularly in the areas of innovation, carbon neutrality, ecosystem restoration, and food system resilience.
12. In this regard, the Meeting acknowledged the contributions of key partners, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in advancing food security and standards; the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in

providing policy research and evidence-based recommendations; the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in promoting science, technology, and innovation for climate-resilient agriculture; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in supporting sustainable land use, biodiversity, and climate action; and the U.S.-ASEAN Business Council (USABC), ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) and other business advisory councils in fostering private sector engagement and investment. The Meeting also welcomed the support of other development partners, international organisations, and stakeholders, and encouraged strengthened multi-stakeholder partnerships to mobilise resources, build capacity, and scale up impactful initiatives in the FAF sectors.

13. The Meeting underscored the importance of engaging all stakeholders—government agencies, private sector partners, development partners, research institutions, and local communities—in advancing ASEAN’s food, agriculture, and forestry agenda, ensuring inclusivity and shared benefits across the region.

Support for ASEAN Chairmanship

14. The Meeting expressed strong support for the Philippines’ ASEAN Chairmanship in 2026, highlighting its focus on regenerative agriculture and resilient agricultural system Initiative. The Meeting agreed to work closely with the Philippines to ensure the successful implementation of these priorities, contributing to ASEAN’s shared vision of a sustainable, resilient, and prosperous region.
15. The Meeting expressed their sincere appreciation to the Philippines for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements for the 47th AMAF and Related Meetings.
16. The Meeting agreed that the 48th AMAF will be held in Singapore in 2026.
