

ASEAN-Norway Sectoral Dialogue Partnership: Practical Cooperation Areas (2026-2030)

Recognising that 2025 marks the 10th year of ASEAN-Norway Sectoral Dialogue Partnership, the Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) aims to implement future cooperation under the framework of the ASEAN-Norway Sectoral Dialogue Partnership to further substantiate the Partnership and cooperation with a focus on practical areas for mutual benefits, where ASEAN and Norway have expertise and mutual interests. This PCA will also contribute to the realisation of the goals of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans, as well as the strengthening of ASEAN-Norway relations.

ASEAN and Norway 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. This includes projects approved under the Norway-ASEAN Regional Initiatives Programme (NARIP); participation in official ASEAN activities; cooperation between Norwegian institutions and ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and Committees related to knowledge exchange, capacity building and technical training; other projects or activities mutually approved by ASEAN and Norway.

1. Political-Security Cooperation

- 1.1. Peace, conflict management, and conflict resolution, as well as post-conflict peacebuilding
- 1.2. Humanitarian mine action and explosive remnants of war
- 1.3. Promote and facilitate dialogue and cooperation between the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget) and the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)
- 1.4. Rule of law and human rights, including through supporting the work and mandate of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)
- 1.5. Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)
- 1.6. Maritime cooperation, including sharing experience and best practices in combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing

2. Economic Cooperation

- 2.1. Support trade and investment cooperation, in areas outlined in the Joint Declaration on Economic Cooperation (JDC) between ASEAN and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- 2.2. Private Sector Development including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and digital economy within the framework of the EFTA-ASEAN joint declaration
- 2.3. Science, Technology and Innovation
- 2.4. Green Energy Transition and carbon neutrality
- 2.5. Circular Economy
- 2.6. Transport, including Green Shipping

3. Socio-Cultural Cooperation

- 3.1. People-to-people exchanges, Education, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), and Media and information
- 3.2. Environmental Protection and Climate Change
- 3.3. Ocean Sustainability, including combating marine plastic debris
- 3.4. Inclusive development, women's empowerment and gender equality

4. Cross-Pillar Cooperation

- 4.1. ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)
- 4.2. Connectivity and ASEAN Smart Cities Network
- 4.3. Sustainable Development

4.4. Blue Economy

4.5. Initiative for ASEAN Integration and Narrowing the Development Gap

4.6. Technical assistance and capacity building initiatives to support Timor-Leste's accession to ASEAN

5. Follow-up Mechanism

The implementation of the PCA will be reviewed by the ASEAN-Norway Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AN-JSCC) Meeting and an annual progress report on the implementation of the PCA shall be submitted to the AN-JSCC. ASEAN and Norway may make amendments to this document, based on mutual consent, taking into account new priorities following the adoption 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-JSCC.

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