

OVERVIEW OF ASEAN-CHILE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

1. The Republic of Chile was conferred the status of Development Partner of ASEAN during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 22 June 2019, at the sidelines of the 34th ASEAN Summit in Bangkok, Thailand.
2. The ASEAN-Chile Development Partnership has been further institutionalised through the convening of the First ASEAN-Chile Development Partnership Committee (AC-DPC) Meeting on 30 January 2020 at the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, which adopted the Terms of Reference for the AC-DPC. The AC-DPC Meeting serves as a platform to explore practical cooperation between ASEAN and Chile and is expected to support ASEAN community-building efforts.
3. ASEAN and Chile adopted the ASEAN-Chile Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) for ASEAN-Chile Development Partnership 2021-2025 at the Second AC-DPC Meeting, which was held on 29 January 2021 via videoconference. The PCA serves as a guiding document for engagement and cooperation between ASEAN and Chile in the five-year timeframe. On 22 October 2024, ASEAN and Chile agreed to extend the PCA by one year until the end of December 2026 to provide more time for its implementation.
4. The Third AC-DPC Meeting was held on 21 February 2022 via videoconference and Fourth AC-DPC Meeting was held on 16 February 2023 at the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat. The Meetings discussed, among others, the progress of implementation of the PCA and future direction of the ASEAN-Chile Development Partnership.
5. The Fifth AC-DPC Meeting on 22 April 2024 encouraged ASEAN and Chile to continue working closely in exploring collaborative activities of mutual interest in the areas of cooperation under the PCA. The Sixth AC-DPC Meeting on 7 March 2025 at the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat noted, among others, Chile's application to accede to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP) and welcomed Chile's interest in establishing the ASEAN-Chile Business Advisory Council.
6. The Seventh AC-DPC Meeting on 31 March 2026 at the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat reviewed progress in the implementation of the PCA and agreed to further extend the PCA for another year until the end of 2027, with a view to encouraging more concrete activities/projects to enhance the implementation of the PCA in the extended period.

7. Chile appointed its first Ambassador to ASEAN who presented his credentials to the then Secretary-General of ASEAN in June 2011. The 4th (incumbent) Ambassador to ASEAN, H.E. Mario Ignacio Artaza, presented his credentials to the Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, on 17 January 2024.

8. Chile acceded to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) in 2016. There were several high-level visits between both sides over the past years, including the visit to the ASEAN Headquarters/ASEAN Secretariat by the then President of Chile, H.E. Michelle Bachelet on 12 May 2017. Chile established diplomatic relations with all ASEAN Member States, including its resident Ambassadors in six AMS, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam, and accredited a non-resident Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar.

9. The ASEAN Committee in Santiago (ACS) was established in July 2013, consisting of five ASEAN Member States' embassies (Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam) in Santiago, Chile.

10. The total two-way trade between ASEAN and Chile reached USD 4.68 billion¹, and FDI inflows from Chile to ASEAN remaining modest at USD 0.03 million in 2024². The Chile-ASEAN Business Council was established in 2025.

11. As a strong advocate of free trade agreements (FTAs), Chile has positioned itself as Latin America's gateway to the Asia Pacific region, with 33 bilateral and regional FTAs in place encompassing 65 markets³. There are 4 bilateral agreements with individual AMS, namely Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and Viet Nam; and one plurilateral trade agreement (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership-CPTPP) which includes four AMS, namely Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, and Viet Nam.

12. Chile has conducted various capacity-building programmes with individual ASEAN Member States through the Chilean International Cooperation for Development Agency (AGCID).

13. Chile engages with ASEAN and its Member States through CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean Countries, formerly Rio Group) and the Pacific Alliance.

¹ ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Trade Statistics Database as of 13 March 2025

² ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN FDI Database as of 1 July 2025

³ Source: <https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/chile-trade-agreements>