

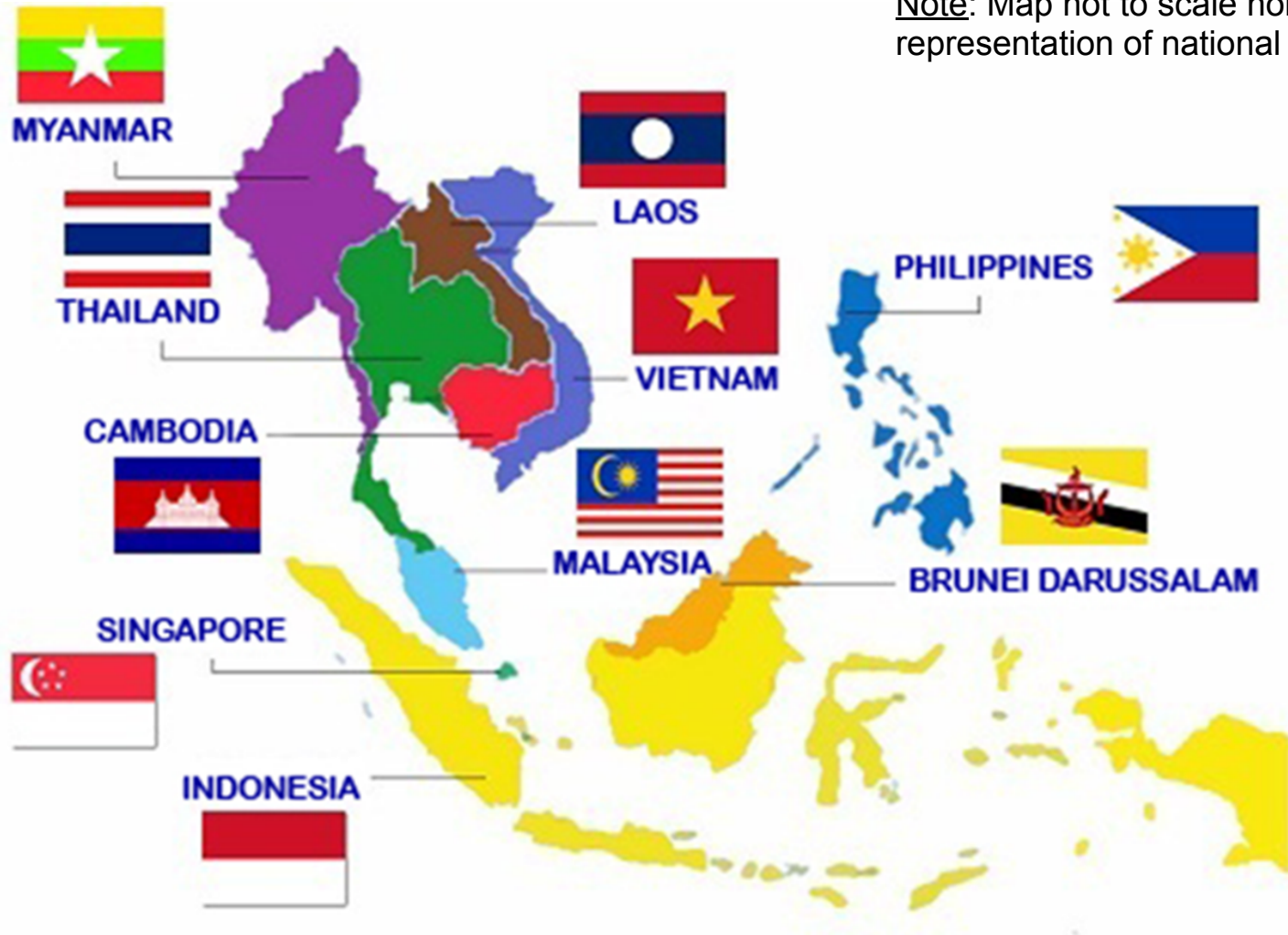


# ASEAN Community 2015: Environmental Cooperation and Climate Change



one vision  
one identity  
one community<sup>1</sup>

# The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)



Note: Map not to scale nor accurate representation of national territories

# ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2009-2015

## Section D. Ensuring Environmental Sustainability

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- ❖ ASEAN shall work towards achieving sustainable development as well as promoting clean and green environment by protecting the natural resource base for economic and social development including the sustainable management and conservation of soil, water, mineral, energy, biodiversity, forest, coastal and marine resources as well as the improvement in water and air quality for the ASEAN region. **ASEAN will actively participate in global efforts towards addressing global environmental challenges, including climate change and the ozone layer protection, as well as developing and adapting environmentally-sound technology for development needs and environmental sustainability.**

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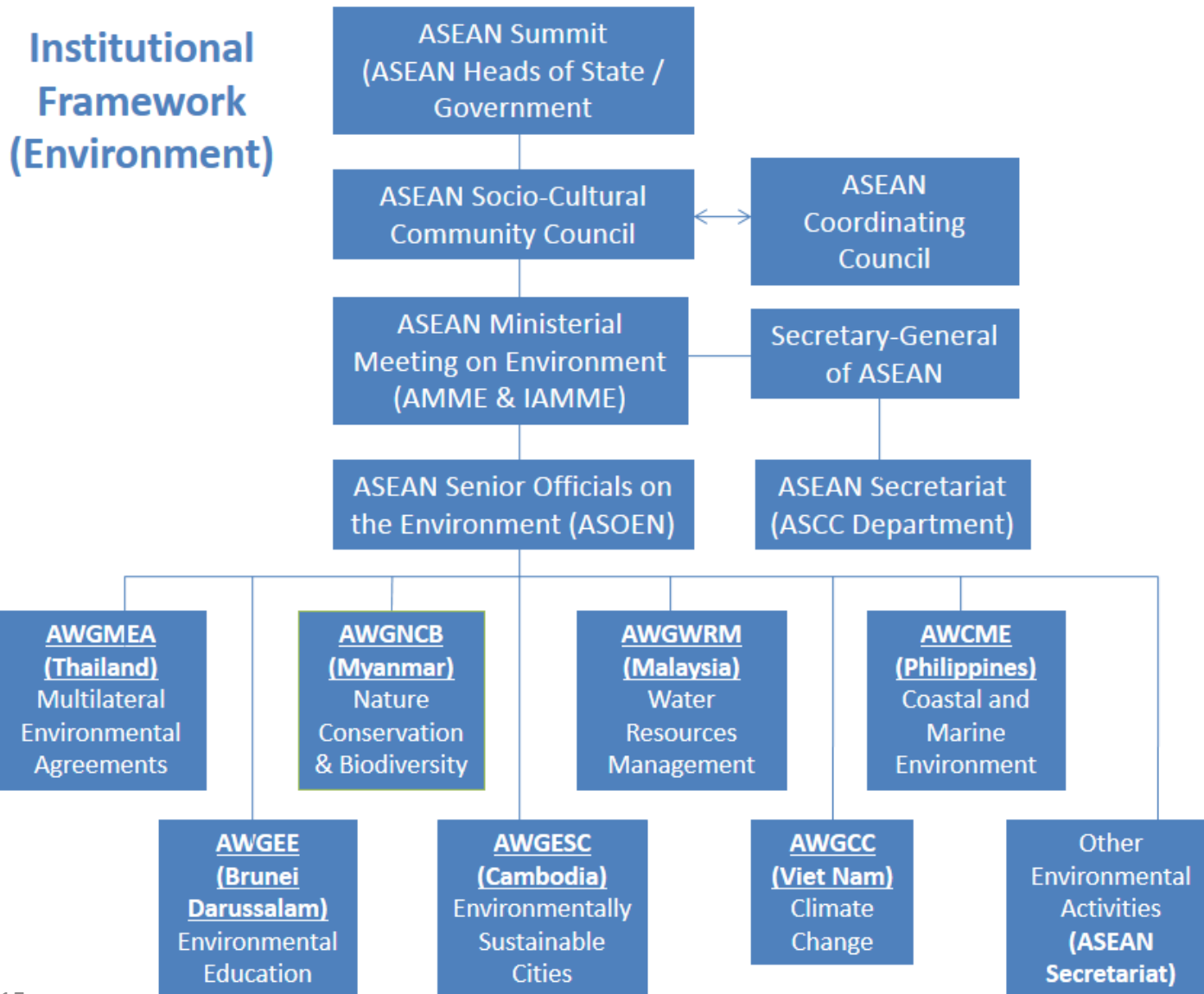
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### Priority Areas for Regional Cooperation as reflected in the Blueprint:

- D.1. Addressing global environmental issues – **AWGMEA/AWGCW**
- D.2. Managing and preventing transboundary environmental pollution (transboundary haze pollution and transboundary movement of hazardous wastes) – **TWG, TWG Mekong, MSC, MSC Mekong**
- D.3. Promoting sustainable development through environmental education and public participation – **AWGEE**
- D.4. Promoting environmentally sound technology
- D.5. Promoting quality living standards in ASEAN cities/urban areas – **AWGESC**
- D.6. Harmonizing environmental policies and databases
- D.7. Promoting the sustainable use of coastal and marine environment – **AWGCME**
- D.8. Promoting sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity – **AWGNCB**
- D.9. Promoting the sustainability of freshwater resources – **AWGWRM**
- D.10. Responding to climate change and addressing its impacts – AWGCC**
- D.11. Promoting sustainable forest management (under the purview of AEC)

# ASEAN Approach to Regional Environmental Management and Cooperation



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## Institutional Framework (Haze)



- **COP:** Conference of the Parties
- **TWG:** Technical Working Group (southern region)
- **TWG Mekong:** Technical Working Group in Mekong Sub-region
- **MSC:** Ministerial Steering Committee
- **MSC Mekong:** Ministerial Steering Committee in Mekong Sub-region

# Towards ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision

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- ❖ **ASEAN Declaration** (1967) established the commitment of ASEAN Member States (AMEs) to promote regional cooperation in Southeast Asia in the spirit of equality and partnership and thereby contribute towards peace, progress and prosperity in the region.
- ❖ **Cha-Am Hua Hin Declaration on the ASEAN Roadmap for an ASEAN Community 2009-2015** (2009) envisaged the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015 and the three Community Blueprints – Economic, Political-Security, and Socio-Cultural – and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan constitute the ASEAN Roadmap 2009-2015.
- ❖ **Bali Declaration on the ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations** (Bali Concord III) and its Plan of Action (2012-2017) (2012) established the commitment to bring the ASEAN common platform on global issues to be achieved by 2022.
- ❖ **Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision** (23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit, 9 October 2013) pledged ASEAN to develop the ASEAN Community's post-2015 vision with the aspiration to a Southeast Asian region bound by One Vision, One Identity, One Community.

# Towards ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision: Backgrounds, Rationale and Key Decisions

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- ❖ ***Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision*** (25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, 12 November 2014) endorsed the central and overarching elements as the basis to develop the Post-2015 Vision of the ASEAN Community and tasked the ASEAN Coordinating Council to oversee the overall process of developing the Post-2015 Vision and the Attendant Documents of the three community pillars for the period of 2016-2025.
- ❖ ***Kuala Lumpur Declaration on a People-Oriented, People-Centred ASEAN*** (26<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, 27 April 2015) pledged ASEAN to “continue establishing a people-oriented, people-centred and rules-based ASEAN Community where all people, stakeholders and sectors of society can contribute to and enjoy the benefits from a more integrated and connected Community encompassing enhanced cooperation in the political-security, economic and socio-cultural pillars for sustainable, equitable and inclusive development.”
- ❖ ***Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together, and Blueprints 2025*** of the three community pillars for the period of 2016-2025 were adopted by the ASEAN Leaders at the **27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit** (Kuala Lumpur, 19-21 November 2015).



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  - ❖ Look forward to positive outcomes from the intensive negotiations under the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action toward increasing the level of implementation of existing mitigation and financial commitments under the Convention during the pre-2020 period;
  - ❖ Encourage each Party that has not yet communicated an INDC to do so expeditiously in support of a successful COP-21;
  - ❖ Urge Parties to adopt a COP decision on Pre-2020 ambition that effectively and adequately enhances ambition on adaptation, mitigation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building and transparency of actions and support during the pre-2020 period;

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  - ❖ Request support for developing countries and least developed countries to pursue sustainable development opportunities that can enable new mitigation and adaptation efforts to be included in their INDCs, noting that mitigation and adaptation efforts can have strong transboundary co-benefits which contribute, inter alia, to food, water and energy security;
  - ❖ Urge developed countries to enhance the provision of the means of implementation in terms of capacity building, technical assistance, technology development and transfer, and financing, during the post-2020 time frame, to enable developing countries and least developed countries to implement ambitious mitigation and adaptation

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  - ❖ Agree that finalization and operationalization of the Loss and Damage Mechanism with the support of developed countries is an urgent priority for the ASEAN region, notably the application of insurance oriented financial mechanisms, such as crop insurance;

Download document from:

<http://environment.asean.org/download/climate-change/agreement/ASEAN-Joint-Statement-on-Climate-Change-Adopted.pdf>

# Key ASEAN Cooperation Mechanisms for Implementation of ASCC Blueprint 2025 on Environment & Climate Change

- ❖ ***Declaration on ASEAN Post-2015 Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Agenda*** adopted at the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit;
- ❖ (Proposed) ***Fifth ASEAN State of the Environment Report*** (ASoER5) to be published in 2016;
- ❖ (Proposed) ***ASEAN Strategic Plan of Action on Post-2015 Environmental Cooperation*** (ASPAPEC) to be developed and implemented in line with the ASEAN Vision 2025 and the ASCC Blueprint 2025;
- ❖ ***Interim Action Plan on ASEAN Post-2015 Environmental Cooperation*** (IAPAPEC) adopted by 26<sup>th</sup> ASOEN to guide ASEAN cooperation on environment until the adoption of the ASEAN Strategic Plan of Action on Post-2015 Environmental Cooperation (ASPAPEC);
- ❖ (Proposed) ***ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap*** – the first consultative workshop will be hosted by Thailand in 2016;
- ❖ (Proposed) ***Action Plans of the ASOEN subsidiary bodies***, including a review of the existing ASEAN Action Plan on Joint Response to Climate Change.



## ASEAN Environment Websites

ASEAN Cooperation on Environment  
(<http://environment.asean.org>)

### Related Links:

- ASEAN Haze Action Online (<http://haze.asean.org>)
- ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (<http://aseanbiodiversity.org>)
- ASEAN Environmental Education Inventory Database (<http://aeeid.asean.org>)

All related links (<http://environment.asean.org/links/>)