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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Directors  
  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director, Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS RE: 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-GERMANY  
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (AG-  
DPC)**

DATE : 06 NOV 2020

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This pertains to the letter of Assistant Secretary Junever Mahilum-West, Office of ASEAN Affairs, DFA dated 29 October 2020, requesting all relevant agencies to identify current or future projects where PH priorities can be pursued under the ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee (AG-DPC).

This coming 19 November 2020, the 4<sup>th</sup> AG-DPC Meeting will be held in Jakarta to be attended by the representatives of the Philippine Permanent Mission to ASEAN. It is an annual meeting between the ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Ambassador of Germany to discuss and review the future direction of ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership. Attached is the matrix of the implementation of the AG-DPC 2018-2022 for your reference.

In this regard, may we request you to submit your inputs of possible areas of cooperation where Germany can contribute or cooperate with ASEAN on its efforts in climate change, environmental protection and biodiversity conservation. We will highly appreciate receiving an advance copy of your inputs thru email ([psddivision@gmail.com](mailto:psddivision@gmail.com)) on or before 13 November 2020 for consolidation prior to submission to DFA.

  
**MELINDA C. CAPISTRANO**



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

OFFICE OF ASEAN AFFAIRS

Our Ref. No. : DIV5-800-JMW-2020  
Subject : **4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee Meeting, 19 November 2020**  
Date : 29 October 2020

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames,

The Department is pleased to inform your office that the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee (AG-DPC) Meeting will be held on 19 November 2020. The Meeting will be attended by representatives of the Philippine Permanent Mission to ASEAN in Jakarta.

The AG-DPC is an annual meeting between the ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives and the Ambassador of Germany in Jakarta to discuss and review the future direction of ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership.

Based on the attached Matrix of Implementation of the AG-DPC Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) 2018-2022, following are the unaddressed action lines:

- Counter-terrorism, countering violent extremism and combating transnational crime;
- Maritime cooperation;
- Peace and reconciliation;
- Tourism;
- Education;
- Culture exchange and cooperation; and
- Disaster management and humanitarian assistance.

The Department invites all relevant agencies to identify current or future projects where PH priorities can be pursued under the ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership.

Kindly send your inputs to [asean@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:asean@dfa.gov.ph) cc: [asean.div5@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:asean.div5@dfa.gov.ph) on or before **13 November 2020**.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,  
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

  
**JUNEVER M. MAHILUM-WEST**  
Assistant Secretary

**ALL AMTB AGENCIES**

**MATRIX OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE ASEAN-GERMANY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP: PRATICAL COOPERATION AREAS 2018-2022**

The ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership: Practical Cooperation Areas for ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership 2018 – 2022 was adopted at the Second ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee (AG-DPC) on 20 March 2018. The Practical Cooperation Areas are aimed at implementing future cooperation under the framework of the ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership in order to further substantiate the Partnership and cooperation with a focus on practical areas for mutual benefits, where ASEAN and Germany have expertise and mutual interests. This Practical Cooperation Areas will also contribute to the realisation of ASEAN Community Vision 2025 goals as well as further strengthen ASEAN-Germany relations.

Subsequently, the ASEAN Secretariat has developed an implementation programme in the form of a matrix to reflect the list of indicative projects and activities to implement measures/actions under the Practical Cooperation Areas, as well as to assist in monitoring the implementation of the Practical Cooperation Areas.

Under the Practical Cooperation Areas, there are **19** measures/activities listed for implementation, which cover all three pillars of cooperation, namely political and security cooperation, economic cooperation and socio-cultural cooperation, as well as cross-sectoral areas, namely cooperation on connectivity, narrowing the development gap and Initiative for ASEAN integration (IAI) as well as sustainable development. **16** out of the 19 measures/activities, **4** under political and security cooperation, **6** under economic cooperation, and **6** under social and cultural cooperation.

No	Areas/Measures	Project/Programme/Activity
<b>Political-Security Cooperation</b>		
1.1	Counter-terrorism, countering violent extremism and combatting transnational crime	
1.2	Maritime cooperation	
1.3	Peace and reconciliation	

No	Areas/Measures	Project/Programme/Activity
1.4	Good governance and human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 'Strengthening Supreme Audit Institutions of the ASEAN Member States (ASEANSAI), Phase II' Programme with a total budget of USD 4,408,960.00 was implemented from 2015 – April 2019.</li> <li>The 'AIPA for ASEAN Integration (AIPA4ASEAN)' Programme is currently being implemented. The programme will conclude on 28 February 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Cooperation</b>		
2.1	Trade and investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 'BMZ (GIZ) – Competition Policy and Law in ASEAN, Phase II' Programme was implemented from 2014 to 2018.</li> <li>The Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation in the Land Transport Sector in the ASEAN Region ("Transport and Climate Change" – TCC) – Phase 2' Programme with a total budget of USD 3,857,840.00, is currently ongoing. The programme will conclude in 2019.</li> <li>The Programme of 'Consumer Protection in ASEAN (PROTECT)' with a total budget of USD 4,232,601.60 is currently being implemented from 2019 until 2022.</li> <li>The 'Improving the Quality Infrastructure in ASEAN, Phase II' Programme was completed in 2018.</li> <li>The implementation of the Programme of 'Strengthening Quality Infrastructure in ASEAN - Phase 3 (PTB)' will commence in July 2019 and conclude in December 2021.</li> </ul>
2.2	Promotion of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Programme of 'Strengthening regional structures for small and medium enterprise promotion in the ASEAN region' is currently being implemented, from 2019 to the year of 2022.</li> </ul>

No	Areas/Measures	Project/Programme/Activity
2.3	Food, agriculture and forestry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A three-year ASEAN-Germany programme entitled 'Standards in the South East Asian Food Trade' was concluded in December 2018.</li> <li>• The 'ASEAN-German Programme on Response to Climate Change in Agriculture and Forestry' (GAP-CC), Module: "Forestry and Climate Change" (FOR-CC) was also completed in 2018.</li> <li>• The implementation of the programme of 'Biodiversity Based Products as Economic Sources for Nature Conservation and Livelihood Development (BBP)' with a total budget of USD 4,408,960.00 was concluded in June 2019.</li> <li>• The 'Climate Smart Land Use in ASEAN' Programme is currently under implementation. The Programme will end in 2021.</li> <li>• The 'Sustainable Agriculture Value Chains in ASEAN (ASEAN AgriTrade)' Programme with a total budget of USD 3,600,210.00 pending the formalization process and will be implemented until 2022.</li> <li>• To date, the 'Sustainable agricultural value chains in ASEAN; Replenishment' Programme remains pending.</li> </ul>
2.4	Energy security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'ASEAN-German Energy Programme (AGEP)' is currently ongoing.</li> <li>• The 'ASEAN-German Energy Programme, Phase II (AGEP II)' with a total budget of USD 3,306,720.00 will be implemented from 2019 to 2022.</li> </ul>
2.5	Tourism	

No	Areas/Measures	Project/Programme/Activity
2.6	Innovation and Technology, including information and communication technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'Improving the Quality Infrastructure in ASEAN, Phase II' Programme was completed in 2018.</li> <li>• The implementation of the Programme of 'Strengthening Quality Infrastructure in ASEAN - Phase 3 (PTB)' will commence in July 2019 and conclude in December 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>Socio-cultural Cooperation</b>		
3.1	Education	
3.2	Culture exchange and cooperation	
3.3	Environment and climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 'Institutional Strengthening of the Biodiversity Sector in ASEAN (ISB)' Programme with a total budget of USD 5,511,200.00 was concluded in February 2019.</li> <li>• The Programme of 'Small Grants Program by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity - Biodiversity &amp; Climate Change' was implemented by KfW Development Bank comprising two phases, which are (i) Phase I: 2014-2019; and (ii) Phase II: 2017—2021.</li> <li>• The 'Sustainable Use of Peatland and Haze Mitigation in ASEAN (SUPA Component 1)' Programme is currently under preparation, pending the formalization process.. The Programme duration is 4 years 8 months, with a total budget of USD 4,408,960.00.</li> <li>• The Programme 'Institutional Strengthening of the Biodiversity Sector in ASEAN, Phase II (ISB II)' will be implemented from 2019 to January 2021.</li> <li>• The Programme 'Energy Efficiency and Climate Change Mitigation in the Land Transport Sector' is currently implemented and will be concluded at the end of July 2019</li> </ul>

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3.4	Technical vocational education and training (TVET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Regional Cooperation Programme to Improve the Training of TVET Personnel in ASEAN Countries” (RECOTVET), which is implemented in its current phase from 2017 until 2020.</li> </ul>
3.5	Disaster management and humanitarian assistance	
3.6	Poverty Alleviation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ASEAN-German Programme on Response to Climate Change: Agriculture, Forestry and Related Sectors (GAP-CC): The Module on ASEAN Sustainable Agrifood Systems (ASEAN Biocontrol), Phase II (including additional budget 2.5 Mio EUR) has been implemented since 2015 and will be concluded in December 2019.</li> <li>• All projects of German development cooperation (except for institutional strengthening with ASEC) contribute to poverty alleviation.</li> </ul>
<b>Connectivity Cooperation</b>		
4	Connectivity Cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implementation of the Programme of ‘Strengthening Quality Infrastructure in ASEAN - Phase 3 (PTB)’ will commence in July 2019 and conclude in December 2021.</li> <li>• The Programme ‘Strengthening of the ASEAN Secretariat capacities and the Integration Process within the framework of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 (ASEC 2025)’ is being implemented from 09/2019 up to August 2021 and supports with one component the implementation of the “Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity” (MPAC)</li> </ul>

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<b>Support for Narrowing the Development Gap and Initiative for ASEAN Integration</b>		
5	Support for Narrowing the Development Gap and Initiative for ASEAN Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A project entitled 'Support to the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) within the framework of the ASEAN Single Market' was implemented from July 2016 up to November 2018.</li> <li>• The 'Promotion of Competitiveness within the Framework of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (COMPETE)' is currently being implemented from 2019 to 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainable Development</b>		
6	Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Programme of 'ASEAN Secretariat, Post 2015 - Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Development (2016 – 2018)', with a total budget of USD 2,149,368.00, was concluded in 2018.</li> <li>• The 'Sustainable Mobility for Metropolitan Regions in ASEAN Member States (SMMR)' Programme with a total budget of USD 3,367,392.00 is currently being implemented. The Programme will conclude in 2021.</li> <li>• The Programme of 'Strengthening of the ASEAN Secretariat capacities and the Integration Process within the framework of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 (ASEC 2025)' is being executed from 2019 up to August 2021.</li> </ul>