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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors,**
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Climate Change Service

FROM : **The OIC-Director,**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS ON THE 5th ASEAN-GERMANY
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
(AG-DPC) ON NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

DATE : **08 OCT 2021**

This refers to the request for inputs from DFA Asst Sec. Junever Mahilum-West for the 5th ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee Meeting (AG-DPC) on November 5, 2021.

Relative to this, we would like to request for any updates and/or developments, if any, on existing ASEAN-Germany projects. Furthermore, PH initiatives which may be proposed under the Review of Implementation of the 2018-2022 Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) for ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership (copy attached) should be aligned with the said document to ensure their approval. Priority areas under the 2018-2022 PCA for ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership include the following topics: environment and climate change, forestry, Disaster management and humanitarian assistance, and Sustainable Development.

May we kindly request you to submit your inputs, on or before 15 October 2021 for our consolidation.

For your information and appropriate action, please.


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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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OFFICE OF ASEAN AFFAIRS

Our Ref. No. : DIV5-765-ASEAN-2021
Subject: **Request for Inputs for the 5th ASEAN-Germany
Development Partnership Committee Meeting (AG-DPC), 5
November 2021**
Date : 1 October 2021

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

ASEAN requests updates and/or developments on cooperation under ASEAN-Germany relations for the upcoming 5th ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee Meeting (AG-DPC) to be held on 5 November 2021. Attached for reference is the agenda of the meeting.

ASEAN notes that Philippine initiatives and respective sectoral plans which may be proposed under the Review of the Implementation of Practical Cooperation Areas for ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership 2018-2022, which will expire next year, should align with the latter to assure the approval of subsequent Project Proposals. We note that from the last AG-DPC in 2020, the following areas remain unaddressed:

1. Counter-terrorism, countering violent extremism and combatting transnational crime;
2. Maritime cooperation;
3. Peace and reconciliation; and
4. Tourism.

We would appreciate receiving your inputs on topics, issues, and/or initiatives you may wish to be discussed at the Meeting on or before 20 October 2021 at asean.div5@dfa.gov.ph, copy furnished asean@dfa.gov.ph.

Thank you for your continued support on matters of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


JUNEVER M. MAHILUM-WEST
Assistant Secretary

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**FIFTH ASEAN-GERMANY
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

5 November 2021, Videoconference

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs**
(Co-Chairs to deliver their remarks)
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
(The Meeting to adopt the Agenda)
3. **Business Arrangements**
(ASEAN to brief the Meeting)
4. **Developments in ASEAN and Germany**
 - 4.1. **Developments in ASEAN**
(ASEAN Secretariat to lead, Germany to respond)
 - 4.2. **Developments in Germany**
(Germany to lead, ASEAN to respond)
5. **Review and Future Direction of the ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership**
 - 5.1. **Review of the Implementation of Practical Cooperation Areas for ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership 2018 - 2022**
(ASEAN Secretariat to lead, Germany to respond)
 - 5.2. **Review and New ASEAN-Germany Cooperation Programmes/Projects**
(Germany to lead, ASEAN to respond)
 - 5.3. **Development of the ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership: Practical Cooperation Areas 2023-2027**
(ASEAN Secretariat to lead, Germany to Respond)
6. **Other Matters**
7. **Date of the Sixth ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee Meeting**
(The Meeting to discuss date of the next meeting)
8. **Summary Record of the Fifth ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee Meeting**
(The Meeting to adopt the Summary Record through ad-referendum)

Practical Cooperation Areas for ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership 2018 - 2022

ASEAN-Germany Practical Cooperation Areas aims to implement future cooperation under the framework of the ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership 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.

ASEAN and Germany hereby agree that the following areas will be given priority for the cooperation between both sides. Programmes, projects and/or cooperative activities will be developed to undertake practical cooperation under these areas:

1. Political-Security Cooperation

- 1.1 Counter-terrorism, countering violent extremism and combatting transnational crime
- 1.2 Maritime cooperation
- 1.3 Peace and reconciliation
- 1.4 Good governance and human rights

2. Economic Cooperation

- 2.1 Trade and investment
- 2.2 Promotion of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)
- 2.3 Food, agriculture and forestry
- 2.4 Energy security
- 2.5 Tourism
- 2.6 Innovation and Technology, including information and communication technology

3. Socio-cultural Cooperation

- 3.1 Education
- 3.2 Culture exchange and cooperation
- 3.3 Environment and climate change
- 3.4 Technical vocational education and training (TVET)
- 3.5 Disaster management and humanitarian assistance
- 3.6 Poverty Alleviation

4. Connectivity Cooperation

5. Support for Narrowing the Development Gap and Initiative for ASEAN Integration

6. Sustainable Development

7. Follow-Up Mechanism

The implementation of the PCA will be reviewed by the ASEAN-Germany Development Partnership Committee (AG-DPC) Meeting and an annual progress report on the implementation of the PCA shall be submitted to the AG-DPC. ASEAN and Germany may make amendments to this document as it may find appropriate at any time.

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