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MEMORANDUM

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Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (BMB)
Coastal and Marine Environment (BMB)
Water Resources Management (NWRB)
Environmentally Sustainable Cities (EMB)
Chemicals and Waste (EMB)
Environmental Education (EMB)
Climate Change (EMB/CCS)

FROM : The Undersecretary, Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **Invitation to Third (3rd) ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development, 18 November 2021**

DATE : NOV 05 2021

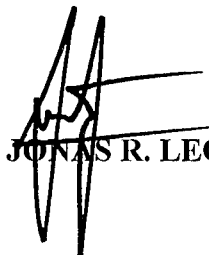
This refers to the letter of Ms. Marian Jocelyn T. Tirol-Ignacio, Acting Head, Office of ASEAN Affairs, DFA conveying the invitation letter from H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand and H.E. Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, Member of the European Commission and Commissioner for International Partnerships, to the *3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development: Towards a Greener, more Innovative, Equal and Inclusive Future*. The said Dialogue organized jointly by Thailand, as the ASEAN Coordinator on Sustainable Development Cooperation and the EU will be held on 18 November 2021 via videoconference.

The Third Dialogue aims to exchange on, take stock of and promote concrete cooperation between ASEAN and the EU on sustainable development and in support of post COVID-19 recovery. Topics of thematic discussions will focus on (a) *Green Recovery, Climate Action, Environment and Bio-Circular Green Economy*; (b) *Research, Innovation, Sustainable Growth and Digitalization*; and (c) *Gender Equality, Women's Economic Empowerment, and Inclusive Human Development*.

The Dialogue will be participated in by **senior officials** from AMS and the EU, and other **representatives from ASEAN** and EU Member States, relevant UN agencies and other international organizations, the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDDSD) and other relevant ASEAN Centres, the private sector and civil society including youth organizations. It will start with a high level ministerial segment for the opening session, followed by thematic discussions at senior officials' level.

In this regard, you are hereby requested to attend the said Dialogue as Philippine Delegation to be held on 18 November 2021 via videoconference and to register by 08 November 2021 on the link provided in the attached letter of invitation, draft Concept Note, and Draft Programme. Submit the names of your representative to psddivision@gmail.com for onward transmittal to DFA on or before 08 November 2021.

For your preferential action.


ATTY JONAS R. LEONES



PSSO Policy Studies Division <policy@denr.gov.ph>

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Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 1:38 PM

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RECEIVED BY *Ambyl*
DATE/TIME *10/27*

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Attached is a letter from Acting Head of Office Marian Jocelyn R. Tirol-Ignacio on the subject.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Thank you and best regards.

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DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

OFFICE OF ASEAN AFFAIRS

Our Ref. No. : DIV3-808 -ASEAN-2021
Subject : **3rd ASEAN-EU-Dialogue on Sustainable Development, 18
November 2021**
Date : 26 October 2021

Dear Undersecretary Leones,

Attached is a copy of the invitation letter from H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and H.E. Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, Member of the European Commission and Commissioner for International Partnerships, to the *3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development: Towards a Greener, more Innovative, Equal and Inclusive Future* which will be held on 18 November 2021 from 1500 to 1830H (Bangkok time/GMT+7) via videoconference.


The Dialogue is aimed at deepening mutual understanding and cooperation on sustainable development in the context of efforts to respond to the pandemic and prepare for the post-COVID 19 recovery.

The Draft concept note, programme and administrative arrangements are also attached. Please note that delegations are requested to register **by 8 November 2021** at <https://tinyurl.com/AEDSD181121>.

Your Office may also wish to directly contact Mr. Narong Silpathamtada through email na.silpathamtada@mfa.mail.go.th for substantive and procedural matters and Mr. Pakorn Kumpornlua through email pa.kumpornwa@mfa.mail.go.th for registration and technical matters.

The Department would appreciate being informed of the composition of the PH delegation to the Dialogue through the following emails: asean.div3@dfa.gov.ph and asean@dfa.gov.ph

Very truly yours,
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:


MARIAN JOCELYN R. TIROL-IGNACIO
Acting Head of Office

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
Principal - ASOEN
Department of Environment and Resources (DENR)



25 October 2021

Colleagues,

Re: Invitation to the 3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development, 18 November 2021

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the European Union are natural partners as our two regions share many common values and interests. Based on this foundation, ASEAN and the EU became Strategic Partners in 2020 and have continued to further our mutually beneficial partnership, including in the area of sustainable development which contributes to the strengthening of the ASEAN Community and the EU respectively.

Following the 2nd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development in Brussels in February 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to pose unprecedented multidimensional challenges to our regions and impacted our efforts to attain the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Furthering ASEAN-EU concrete cooperation to promote sustainability and sustainable development is crucial in addressing the pandemic and in “building back better, greener and stronger” in the post-COVID-19 era. In this regard, Thailand, as the ASEAN Coordinator on Sustainable Development Cooperation, and the EU are pleased to jointly organise the **3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development: Towards a Greener, more Innovative, Equal and Inclusive Future** on 18 November 2021 at 15.00-18.30 hours (Bangkok time / GMT+7) via videoconference.

The third Dialogue will begin with a high-level segment, followed by thematic discussions at senior officials’ level. The Dialogue is aimed at deepening our mutual understanding and cementing our cooperation on sustainable development in the context of efforts to respond to the pandemic and prepare for the post-COVID-19 recovery. The draft concept note and programme as well as administrative arrangements of the Dialogue are attached hereto for your kind consideration.

We look forward to welcoming your delegation to this Dialogue to further advance the ASEAN-EU partnership on sustainable development.

Yours faithfully,

(Don Pramudwinai)
Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Kingdom of Thailand

(Jutta Urpilainen)
Member of the European Commission
Commissioner for International Partnerships

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"3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development: Towards a Greener, more Innovative, Equal and Inclusive Future"

Background / Context

This Dialogue will build on the 2nd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development which took place in Brussels on 10 February 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic poses a great challenge to national, regional and global efforts to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. It has prompted ASEAN and the EU to work together and forge a closer partnership to "build back better, greener and stronger". The EU and ASEAN became Strategic Partners in 2020. Sustainability and sustainable development are critical in both regions' strategy for post-COVID-19 recovery. Post-COVID-19 recovery and the achievement of the SDGs can be pursued together, particularly in building a greener, more innovative, equal and truly inclusive future. This is indeed in line with the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework and the EU's policies and recovery package. The ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development serves as an important platform for both sides to enhance cooperation and partnership on sustainable development which can contribute to post-COVID-19 recovery. Hence, Thailand as the ASEAN Coordinator for Sustainable Development Cooperation and the EU will co-chair the third Dialogue on **Thursday, 18 November 2021 via videoconference during 15.00-18.30 hours (Bangkok time or GMT+7)** where Thailand will be the host.

Objective

The aim of this third Dialogue is to exchange on, take stock of and **promote concrete cooperation** between ASEAN and the EU on sustainable development and in support of post-COVID-19 recovery in order to realise a greener, more innovative, equal and truly inclusive future for ASEAN and the EU.

Sessions

To achieve the above objective, topics of thematic discussions of the third Dialogue will focus on the following:

- **Green Recovery, Climate Action, Environment and Bio-Circular-Green Economy**
- **Research, Innovation, Sustainable Growth and Digitalisation**
- **Gender Equality, Women's Economic Empowerment, and Inclusive Human Development**

Participants and format

The Dialogue will bring together **senior officials from ASEAN and the EU**. It will be co-chaired by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand (MFA Thailand) and the EU, with a prominent role for the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), with support of the ASEAN Secretariat. Other possible participants include representatives from ASEAN and EU Member States, relevant Directorates-General of the European Commission and the European External Action Service, relevant UN agencies and other international organisations, the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDD) and other relevant ASEAN Centres, the private sector and civil society including youth organisations.

The Dialogue will start with a **high-level ministerial segment for the opening session**, co-chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand on the ASEAN side and the Commissioner for International Partnerships on the EU side. The high-level segment will be publicly web-streamed via MFA Thailand's Facebook page and via the webpage of the EU Delegation to ASEAN. Three closed sessions will follow and cover the three aforementioned thematic areas.

Outcome document

A joint co-chairs' press statement will be issued.

Draft Programme

"3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development: Towards a Greener, more Innovative, Equal and Inclusive Future"

18 November 2021 from 15.00-18.30 hours (GMT+7) via videoconference

Open Session (Live streamed via MFA Thailand's Facebook page¹ and via the webpage of the EU Delegation to ASEAN²)

High-Level Segment of the Dialogue

15:00 – 15:15 Opening remarks

H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand as ASEAN Coordinator on Sustainable Development Cooperation

H.E. Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, Member of the European Commission, Commissioner for International Partnerships

15:15 – 15:25 Launch of the Green Team Europe Initiative for ASEAN / South-East Asia

Speakers: *H.E. Ms. Jutta Urpilainen, Member of the European Commission, Commissioner for International Partnerships*

H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN (TBC)

15:25 – 15:30 Group Photo of Heads of Delegation

15:30 – 15:40 Break

Closed Sessions

Thematic Discussions at Senior Officials' Level

Sessions will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, and a senior official from DG INTPA (TBC).

In each session, introductory remarks will be given by either ASEAN or EU chair, followed by a 5-7 minute presentation each by invited speakers before interventions (max. 3 minutes) from participants. Participants who wish to take the floor should indicate this in advance when they register for the event. The speakers will have an opportunity to respond at the end of each session.

15:40 – 16:30 Session 1: Green Recovery, Climate Action, Environment and Bio-Circular-Green Economy

Topics: Building Back Better and Greener in the context of a Robust Post-COVID-19 Recovery, Bio-Circular-Green Economy (BCG) Model, Green Deal, climate change, green growth strategies, sustainable consumption and production, biodiversity and combatting pollution and plastic debris.

Chair: Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Thailand

Speakers:

- Dr. Kanchana Wanichkorn, Vice President of the Office of National Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation Policy Council of Thailand

¹ <https://www.facebook.com/ThaiMFA>

² https://ccas.europa.eu/delegations/association-southeast-asian-nations-asean_en

- **EU speaker** (Directorate-General for Environment)

16:30 – 17:20 Session 2: Research, Innovation, Sustainable Growth and Digitalisation

Topics: Science, technology and innovation, creative industries and economy (2021 is the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development), big data, digital transformation and digital literacy as well as smart, innovative and green financing

Chair: Senior official from the Directorate-General for International Partnerships

Speakers:

- Mr. Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Economic Community
- Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

17:20 – 17:30 Break

17:30 – 18:20 Session 3: Gender Equality, Women's Economic Empowerment, and Inclusive Human Development

Topics: Women's economic empowerment, education and training for bridging the gender and development gaps, promoting entrepreneurship and financial inclusion for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), women and other vulnerable groups.

Chair: Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Thailand

Speakers:

- Ms. Dyah Anita Prihapsari, Chairperson of ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network
- Ms. Chiara Adamo, Acting Director for Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission

18:20 – 18:30 Concluding Remarks by Co-Chairs

- Senior official from DG INTPA
- Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Thailand

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**The 3rd ASEAN-EU Dialogue on Sustainable Development:
Towards a Greener, more Innovative, Equal and Inclusive Future**
18 November 2021, 15.00 - 18.30 hours (Bangkok Time or GMT+7)

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Meeting Information

1. Thailand will host this Meeting on 18 November 2021 at 15.00-18.30 hours (Bangkok time or GMT+7) via videoconference (VCF).

Technical Arrangements and Registration

2. Each delegation will be provided up to 3 connections – one for Head of Delegation (HoD) and two for observers (OS).
3. A WhatsApp group will be created for IT arrangements and technical coordination before and during the Meeting. The nominated Contact Point from each delegation will be added to the Group.
4. All delegations are requested to register by completing the online form at the link: <https://tinyurl.com/AEDSD181121> by **8 November 2021**. Please note that if a delegation submits multiple entries of the form, only the latest entry (submitted by the deadline) will be accepted. Further technical details will be provided nearer to the date of the Meeting.
5. As for intervention, each delegation may speak in one session (if any) and is requested to indicate in the registration which session they wish to inscribe to speak. Due to the limited time of the Meeting, each intervention should not be longer than **3 minutes**. Each session can accommodate around 8 or 9 interventions, based on inscription on a first-come-first-serve basis. The host will circulate the list of speakers and other updated information prior to the Meeting via email and the WhatsApp Group.

VCF Platform and Naming Protocol

6. The Meeting will be held using the Cisco Webex platform, which will be managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.
7. All participants, upon logging in, are requested to set their connection ID as follows:
 - For HoDs and speakers, please use the format “HoD/Speaker-Country/Organisation Abbreviation-Name”
(e.g. HoD-TH-Don Pramudwinai or Speaker-DG INTPA- Chiara Adamo).

- For other participants, please use the format “OS-Country/Organisation Abbreviation-Name”
(e.g. *OS-TH-Narong Silpathamtada* or *OS-ACSDSD-Nattavud Pimpa*).

Arrangements for Dry Run and the Meeting Day

8. All delegations and speakers are invited to join a dry run on **17 November 2021 from 15.00 - 16.30 hours (Bangkok time)**. At **15.00 hours**, the virtual room will be open for delegations to conduct technical checks on their connection, audio and visual. At **15.30 hours**, the host will call on invited speakers to test their microphone, to be followed by delegations who have inscribed for intervention in an order in accordance with the list of speakers which will be circulated prior to the dry run.
9. On the Meeting day, all speakers and delegations are encouraged to connect **one hour** before the Meeting starts to check their connection, audio and visual.
10. All participants are requested to be ready **5 minutes** before the start of the Meeting.

Working Language and Other Details

11. The working language will be English without interpretation.
12. All HoDs are requested to turn on their camera for the entire duration of the Meeting, whereas other participants to turn off their camera during the whole event.
13. All participants are requested to keep their microphone muted at all times, unless they are invited to speak. Should technical issues or difficulties arise during the Meeting, please send an alert through the WhatsApp Group.
14. The Meeting will be recorded for note-taking purposes.
15. Dress code is business attire.

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