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## MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : The Directors  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau  
Land Management Bureau  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

FROM : The OIC Director  
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INPUTS ON TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED  
RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASEAN RESOURCE  
PANEL**

DATE : **26 APR 2022**

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This refers to the establishment of the ASEAN Resource Panel (ARP), upon recommendation of the 2017 Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: A Framework for Action. The ARP is tasked to assess scientific knowledge and translate it into practical policy recommendations for the region, with a particular focus on filling the research gap on resource use and resource management.

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) has secured funds to build the capacity of four ASEAN Countries, including the Philippines, to strengthen the baseline and data collection and institutional systems related to the establishment and implementation of the ARP.

The following questions were posed by UN ESCAP on the current context of resource efficiency in the country:

1. What are examples of Resource efficiency policies in the Philippines?
2. What are the Best practices in implementing these resource efficiency policies?
3. What are the greatest challenges and the greatest opportunities for resource efficiency policy implementation?
4. What are the states of the implementation of resource efficiency policies at the sectoral level, in cities, and in regional areas?
5. Which agencies are responsible for resource efficiency policy formulation and implementation?

The questions above will serve as input for the establishment of the ARP. In line with this, may we request for your inputs/comments on the above on or before **28 April 2022**.

For your information and appropriate action



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Office of the Executive Secretary

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Dear ASOEN Focal Points of the ARP

**Re: Recent developments regarding of the ASEAN Resource Panel**

As you know, the ASEAN Resource Panel (ARP) is being established as a Flagship Initiative per the recommendation of the 2017 Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: A Framework for Action (Complementarities Report).

The Terms of Reference for the ASEAN Resource Panel were adopted by the ASOEN in November 2020.

The next step for the Panel is to issue the call for applications for panel members, that we would like to be selected in time for a first meeting of the Panel before the end the year.

In parallel, ESCAP has secured some funds to build the capacities of four countries including Cambodia, Lao PDR, the Philippines and Viet Nam to engage with the ARP by strengthening baseline and data collection and institutional systems. The project aligns activities with the establishment of the ARP and meetings of the ASOEN officials to help identify the national data and capacity needs to support full engagement with the Panel.

It is also expected that we would need to report on the progress regarding the ASEAN Resource Panel at the upcoming ASEAN Ministerial Summit.

We would like to arrange a meeting to discuss these recent developments on the ARP, and would be grateful if you could share your availability for a 30-minute call. We would like to propose the *afternoon* of Tuesday, 21 September or Wednesday, 22 September, or the *morning* of Thursday, 23 September. Please let us know the preference.

If you have any inquiries, please contact Ms. Solene Le Doze, Economic Affairs Officer at email [solene.ledoze@un.org](mailto:solene.ledoze@un.org).

I look forward to your kind reply.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ruhimat Soerakoesoemah".

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Sub regional Office for Southeast Asia  
United Nations Economic and Social  
Commission for Asia and the Pacific