



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN**



MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity and Director,
Biodiversity Management Bureau in concurrent capacity**

**Assistant Secretary for Mining Concerns and OIC-Director,
Mines and Geosciences Bureau in concurrent capacity**

**OIC-Assistant Secretary for Field Operations – Western
Mindanao and Director, Forest Management Bureau in
concurrent capacity**

**OIC-Assistant Secretary for Environment and Director
Environmental Management Bureau in concurrent capacity**

**The OIC Executive Director
National Water Resources Board (NWRB)**

**The Director
Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service**

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

**SUBJECT: AGREEMENTS AND DIRECTIVES DURING THE MEETING
WITH ASOEN WORKING GROUPS AND ASEAN FOCALS
HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2024**

DATE : **19 NOV 2024**

This refers to the meeting with ASOEN working groups and ASEAN focals held on 12 November 2024. Relative thereto, the following were the major ways forward agreed upon by the meeting:

1. Include FASPS in every ASOEN coordination meeting for the effective monitoring of international projects. In the same regard, we recommend that the Policy and Planning Service (PPS) conduct a meeting with FASPS to align and harmonize the monitoring processes for ASEAN projects and activities.
2. The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) should coordinate with the Department of Finance (DOF) regarding the securing of Special Presidential Authority (SPA) for relevant projects such as the Effectively Managing Networks of Marine Protected Areas in Large Marine Ecosystems in the ASEAN Region (ASEAN ENMAPS).
3. On Upcoming Events and Meetings of the Working Group – The

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Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) shall prepare a workplan for the 17th ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education (AWGEE) for subsequent submission to PPS.

4. The ASEAN Working Group on Chemicals and Waste (AWGCW) will take the lead in coordinating activities related to the Action Plans for the ASEAN Declaration on Plastics Circularity.
5. EMB is tasked with coordinating with the ASEAN Secretariat to finalize the list of attendees for the Transboundary Haze and Plastic Pollution Workshop, as well as the nomination for the Committee under the Conference of the Parties AATHP/Conference of the Parties (COM/COP).
6. On the Proposed Activities and Priorities of the Philippines for ASEAN Chairship in 2026 – The Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) is requested to submit a list of proposed Philippine priorities at the regional level in anticipation of the Secretary's upcoming request.
7. On the Confirmation of ASOEN Working Group National Focal Points and draft Special Order for ASOEN - Concerned offices are requested to allocate funding for the participation of national representatives in ASEAN-related activities.
8. On the Indicative Calendar, focals should update the indicative calendar of events of upcoming activities, meetings, and conferences

With regard to the documents for which we are seeking inputs and comments, kindly take note of the following: The Draft Special Order re: Designating Officials and Personnel as National Focal Points for DENR ASEAN Working and Expert Groups, which is available for review at this link: <https://bit.ly/4fGmfWB>. Please provide any inputs, comments, or updates to the concerned offices; and the Indicative Calendar of Events, accessible in this link: <https://bit.ly/aseancalendar2025>, for your review and update.

Please submit your comments and/or inputs to the draft Special Order to the Policy Studies Division (policy@denr.gov.ph, psddivision@gmail.com) on or before 25 November 2024.

With regard to the Indicative Calendar, we request you to update the document regularly. The PPS will also update the document regularly for information and reference. Attached is a copy of the Highlights of the Meeting for your reference.


CHERYL LOISE T. LEAL

cc: Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs
Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, International Affairs and Climate Change



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2 **SPECIAL ORDER**
3 No. 2024 - _____

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5 **SUBJECT: DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL AS**
6 **NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS FOR DENR ASEAN WORKING**
7 **AND EXPERT GROUPS**

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9 In the interest of the service and in order to effectively carry out the functions
10 of the DENR to participate in ASEAN related events and to strengthen collaboration
11 in addressing critical regional environmental issues, promoting sustainability,
12 enhancing climate resilience, and fostering ecosystem conservation within ASEAN,
13 the following officials and personnel are hereby designated as National Focal Points
14 for the ASEAN Working Groups in their respective fields:

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Focal Office	ASEAN Body	Principal	Alternate
Policy and Planning Service (PPS)	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment	DENR Secretary	Undersecretary for International Affairs
	ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment	Supervising Undersecretary for International Affairs	Assistant Secretary for International Affairs PPS Director
Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals	DENR Secretary	Supervising Undersecretary for Mines and Geosciences MGB Director
	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals	MGB Director	MGB Assistant Director
	Working Group on Trade and Investment in Minerals (WGTIM)	Mineral Economics, Information and Publication Division	
	Working Group on Mineral Information Database (WGMID)	Policy, Planning and International Affairs Division	

Focal Office	ASEAN Body	Principal	Alternate
	Working Group on Sustainable Minerals Development	Mine Safety, Environment and Social Development Division	
	Working Group on Capacity Building on Minerals	Lands Geological Survey Division	
Forest Management Bureau (FMB)	ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry	Supervising Undersecretary for Forestry	FMB Director
	ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry	FMB Director	FMB Assistant Director
	ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry	FMB Director	FMB Assistant Director
	ASEAN Working Group on Forest Management	FMB Director	FMB Assistant Director
Forest Management Bureau (FMB) / Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau	ASEAN Working Group on Forest Products Development	DOST-FPRDI Director	FMB Director
Forest Management Bureau (FMB) / Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)	Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	DENR Secretary	Undersecretary for International Affairs
			FMB Director
			Chief, FMB – Forest Protection Section
			EMB Director
			Chief, EMB – Environmental Quality Division
	Committee to the COP ASEAN Agreement on	FMB Director	EMB Director

Focal Office	ASEAN Body	Principal	Alternate
	Transboundary Haze Pollution		Chief, EMB – Environmental Quality Division FMB Assistant Director Chief, FMB – Forest Protection Section
Forest Management Bureau (FMB) / Climate Change Service (CCS)	ASEAN Working Group on Forest and Climate Change	FMB Director	FMB Assistant Director
Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)	ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education	EMB Director	EMB Assistant Director Chief, EMB – Environmental Education and Information Division
	ASEAN Working Group on Chemicals and Waste	EMB Director	EMB Assistant Director
Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) / Policy and Planning Service (PPS)	ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities	EMB Director	PPS Director Chief, EMB – Policy, Planning and Program Development
Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)	ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands	BMB Director	BMB Assistant Director Chief, BMB – Caves, Wetlands and Other Ecosystems Division Chief, BMB – Special Ecosystems Standards Section
	ASEAN Working Group on Nature	BMB Director	BMB Assistant Director

Focal Office	ASEAN Body	Principal	Alternate
	Conservation and Biodiversity		Chief, BMB – Biodiversity Policy and Knowledge Management Division
	ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment	BMB Director	BMB Assistant Director Chief, BMB CMD
	ASEAN Working Group on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement	BMB Director	BMB Assistant Director
Climate Change Service (CCS) / Policy and Planning Service (PPS)	ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change	CCS Director	PPS Director Chief, CCS – Climate Change Information and Technical Support Division.
National Water Resources Board (NWRB)	ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management	NWRB Executive Director	NWRB Deputy Executive Director Chief, Policy and Programs Division

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17 Attached in this Order is the list of members with their corresponding
18 designation, contact information, and field of expertise who shall compose the DENR
19 ASEAN Working Group National Focal Points (**Annex A**), which shall be updated as
20 necessary.

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22 **Roles and Responsibilities.** The designated National Focal Points shall act
23 as follows:

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25 1. Designate technical staff to support the activities under the respective

26 ASEAN body/working group. The focal offices shall provide the names and
27 contact details of their designated technical staff to the PPS PSD;

28 2. Provide inputs, relevant positions, recommendations, talking points,
29 updates, and interventions on the various documents under the purview of
30 the ASEAN body/working group, and ensure the implementation of the
31 activities under their respective working groups;

32 3. Participate in meetings, fora, and other activities relative to their ASEAN
33 body/working group;

34 4. Provide the PPS-PSD with updated notional calendars for each respective
35 ASEAN body or working group to support planning and coordination; and,

36 5. Submit highlights/reports using **Annex B** as template, on participation in
37 the activities of the ASEAN body/working group to the Undersecretary for

38 International Affairs, copy furnished to the Assistant Secretary for
39 International Affairs, the PPS-PSD, and PPS - PMED.

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41 Expenses to be incurred from the conduct of activities shall be charged
42 against each respective offices allocation, subject to the usual accounting and
43 auditing rules and regulations.

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45 This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Undersecretary for Organizational
Transformation and Human Resources

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ANNEX A. ASEAN Working Group National Focal Points

Name	Position	Office	Phone Number	E-mail	ASEAN Working Group of concern
Sec. Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga	<i>Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources</i>	Office of the Secretary, DENR	<i>Tel. No. (632) 926-3011, 920-4301</i> <i>Trunkline No. 929-6626 loc 2258</i> <i>IP Phone Trunkline No. 755-3300 loc 1104, 1105</i> <i>Facsimile: (632) 920-4301</i>	osec@denr.gov.ph	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals
Atty. Jonas R. Leones	<i>Undersecretary</i>	<i>Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs</i>	<i>Tel. No. 8928-1186, 8928-1195</i> <i>Trunkline 8929-6626</i> <i>local 2286, 2289</i> <i>IP Phone Trunkline No. 8249-3367, 8248-3367</i>	ouppia@denr.gov.ph	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment ASEAN Ministers on

Name	Position	Office	Phone Number	E-mail	ASEAN Working Group of concern
			<i>local 1070, 1071, 1072</i>		Agriculture and Forestry
Noralene M. Uy, Ph.D.	Assistant Secretary	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, International Affairs and Climate Change	Tel. No. 8920-2212 Trunkline No. 8929-6626 Local 2176 IP Phone Trunkline No. 8249-3367, 8248-3367 local 1139, 1140	nmuy@denr.gov.ph	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)
POLICY AND PLANNING SERVICE					
Dir. Cheryl T. Leal	<i>OIC Director</i>	<i>Policy and Planning Service</i>	<i>Tel. No. 8925-1184 Trunkline No. 8929-6626 local 20043 IP Phone Trunkline No. 8249-3367, 8248-3367 local 1082, 1083</i>	cleal@denr.gov.ph pps@denr.gov.ph	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally

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					Sustainable Cities (AWGESC) ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)
CLIMATE CHANGE SERVICE					
Mr. Albert A. Magalang	<i>Division Chief</i>	<i>Climate Change Service - Climate Change Information and Technical Support Division</i>	<i>Tel. No. 8928-1194</i>	<i>aamagalang@denr.gov.ph</i>	ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)
FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU					
Asec. Arleigh Adorable, CESO III	OIC Assistant Secretary	<i>OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations - Western Mindanao Forest Management Bureau</i>	<i>Tel. No. 8928-1219 IP Phone Trunkline No. 8249-3367, 8248-3367 local 1141</i>	<i>fmb@denr.gov.ph</i>	ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry

Name	Position	Office	Phone Number	E-mail	ASEAN Working Group of concern
					ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry ASEAN Working Group on Forest Management ASEAN Working Group on Forest Products Development ASEAN Working Group on Forest and Climate Change Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

Name	Position	Office	Phone Number	E-mail	ASEAN Working Group of concern
					Committee under the Conference of the Parties AATHP (COM)
For. Edna D. Nuestro	OIC Assistant Director	Forest Management Bureau	(63-2) 8927-4784 / (63-2) 8928-2778	fmb@denr.gov.ph	ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry ASEAN Working Group on Social Forestry ASEAN Working Group on Forest Management
For. Raul Briz	<i>Section Chief</i>	<i>Forest Protection Section</i>	Phone: (63-2) 8928-2891 / Fax: (63-2) 8928-2891	raulbriz@yahoo.com / frcd@fmb.denr.gov.ph	Committee under the Conference of the Parties AATHP (COM)
BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU					
Asec. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr.	Assistant Secretary	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity	Tel. No. 8920-2212 Trunkline No.	director@bmb.gov.ph	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment

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		Biodiversity Management Bureau	8929-6626 Local 2176 IP Phone Trunkline No. 8249-3367, 8248-3367 local 1139, 1140		ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME) ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP) ASEAN Working Group on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement
Ms. Armida P. Andres	Assistant Director	Biodiversity Management Bureau			ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and

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					<p>Marine Environment</p> <p>ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity</p> <p>ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands</p> <p>ASEAN Working Group on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement</p>
Ms. Nancy R. Corpuz	OIC Division Chief	<i>Biodiversity Policy and Knowledge Management Division</i>	<i>Tel. No.+(63 2) 9246031 to 35 local 210</i>	bpkmd@bmb.gov.ph nancy.corpuz@bmb.gov.ph	ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)
Ms. Juvy P. Ladisla	<i>OIC Division Chief</i>	<i>Caves, Wetlands and Other Ecosystems Division</i>	<i>Tel. No. +(63 2) 9246031 to 35 local 229 +(63 2) 9258950</i>	cawed@bmb.gov.ph juvy.ladisla@bmb.gov.ph	ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP)

Name	Position	Office	Phone Number	E-mail	ASEAN Working Group of concern
Mr. John Erick Avelino	Division Chief	Integrated Coastal and Marine Partnership Section	(63 2) 9246031 to 35 local 205, (63 2) 9258945	johnerrick.avelino@bmb.gov.ph	ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME)
Ms. Joy M. Navarro	<i>OIC Section Chief</i>	<i>Special Ecosystems Standards Section, Caves, Wetlands and Other Ecosystems Division</i>	<i>Tel. No. +(63 2) 9246031 to 35 local 229 +(63 2) 9258950</i>	<i>cawed@bmb.gov.ph joy.navarro@bmb.gov.ph</i>	ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP)
Ms. Zoisane Geam G. Lumbres	<i>Ecosystems Management Specialist II</i>	<i>Caves, Wetlands and Other Ecosystems Division</i>	<i>Tel. No. +(63 2) 9246031 to 35 local 229 +(63 2) 9258950</i>	<i>cawed@bmb.gov.ph zoisane.lumbres@bmb.gov.ph</i>	ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP)
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU					
Asec. Jacqueline A. Caancan, CESO III	OIC-Assistant Secretary	OIC-Assistant Secretary for Environment	8920-6215	od@emb.gov.ph	ASEAN Working Group on Chemicals and Waste (AWGCW)

Name	Position	Office	Phone Number	E-mail	ASEAN Working Group of concern
		Environmental Management Bureau			
Ms. Maria Cristina A. Francisco	Division Chief	Environmental Education and Information Division	(02) 8539-4378 local. 114 or 115		ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education (AWGEE)
Ms. Consolacion Crisostomo	Division Chief	Policy, Planning, and Program Development	8539-4378 loc. 161/162	pppdd@emb.gov.ph	ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC)
Mr. Geri-Geronimo R. Sañez	Division Chief	Environmental Quality Division	(02) 8539-4378 local. 127	ggrsanez@gmail.com	Committee under the Conference of the Parties AATHP (COM)
MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU					
Engr. Michael V. Cabalda	Assistant Secretary	Assistant Secretary for	(63-2) 8920-9120; (63-2)	central@mgb.gov.ph	ASEAN Ministerial

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		Mining Concerns Mines and Geosciences Bureau	8667-6700 local 136		Meeting on Minerals ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals
Engr. Teodorico A. Sandoval	OIC Assistant Director	Mines and Geosciences Bureau	(63-2) 8920-9130; (63-2) 8667-6700 local 105	central@mgb.gov.ph	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals
Engr. Romualdo D. Aguilos	Division Chief	Mineral Economics, Information and Publication Division	Telephone: (63-2) 86676700 local 126; Telefax: (63-2) 89288310	eco@mgb.gov.ph	Working Group on Trade and Investment in Minerals (WGTIM)
Ms. Ma. Cristina D. Pornillos	OIC Division Chief	Policy, Planning and International Affairs Division	8920-9132; (63-2) 8667-6700 loc 105 ; 135	planning@mgb.gov.ph	Working Group on Mineral Information Database (WGMID)
Engr. Marcial H. Mateo	Division Chief	Mine Safety, Environment and Social Development Division	(63-2) 8667-6700 loc 124; 103; 121; 123	minesafety@mgb.gov.ph	Working Group on Sustainable Minerals Development

Name	Position	Office	Phone Number	E-mail	ASEAN Working Group of concern
Dr. Karlo L. Queaño	Division Chief	Lands Geological Survey Division	(63-2) 8928-8544; (63-2) 8667-6700 loc 113	geology@mgb.gov.ph	Working Group on Capacity Building on Minerals
NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD					
Atty. Ricky A. Arzadon	OIC, Executive Director	National Water Resources Board	Tel. No. (0632)8 920-26-41; Local extension : 103	nwrbssec@nwrbs.gov.ph nwrbs@denr.gov.ph	ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM)
Engr. Susan P. Abano	Division Chief	Policy and Program Division	(0632)8 920-27-24 Local extension : 108	ppd@nwrbs.gov.ph susan.abano@nwrbs.gov.ph	ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM)

ANNEX B. ASEAN Related Meeting/Activity Report Format

[Title of Activity/Meeting]	
Reporting Entity	[Insert Department/Division Name]
Date of Submission	[Insert Date]
ASEAN Body/Working Group	[Name of the ASEAN Body/Working Group]
Date and Location	[Date(s) and Location of Activity]
Participants	[Names and Positions of Participants]
Objectives	[List key objectives of the activity]
Key Highlights	[Summarize major points discussed, decisions made, or resolutions passed]
Outcomes/Resolutions	[List specific outcomes, resolutions, or agreed actions]
Implications for the Philippines	[Explain how these outcomes impact the Philippines and/or align with national goals]
Follow-up Actions	[Identify any follow-up actions or responsibilities assigned]
Next Meeting Schedule	[Indicate the date and location of the next scheduled meeting, if applicable]
Additional Remarks	[Any additional observations, challenges, or recommendations]

PREPARED BY:

[Insert Name]

[Position]

**2025 INDICATIVE CALENDAR
OF REGULAR ASEAN MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES UNDER ENVIRONMENT AND HAZE SECTORS**

DATE	MEETING/WORKSHOP	CHAIR / LEAD	HOST/VENUE
JANUARY			
1	<u>New Year</u>		
29	<u>Lunar New Year</u>		
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
TBP	10 th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Chemicals and Waste (AWGCW)	Indonesia	Cambodia
TBP	17 th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education (AWGEE)	Cambodia	Philippines
30-31	<u>Islamic Eid Holiday</u>		
APRIL			
10-11	CASA Mid-term Workshop	AWGESC (Viet Nam)	Seoul, ROK
13-15	<u>Songkran Festival</u>		
TBC	i. Closing Workshop of 3RproMar Project	AWGCME (Thailand)	TBC
TBP	ii. 26 th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME) iii. ASEAN Coordination Meeting with Partners on Coastal and Marine Environment iv. 5 th PSC Meeting of 3RproMar Project (TBC) v. 5 th PSC Meeting of SEA-MaP Project	Thailand	Malaysia
TBC	i. 4 th PSC Meeting of Smart Green ASEAN Cities (SGAC) ii. 3 rd PSC Meeting of ASEAN Municipal Solid Waste Enhancement (AMUSE) iii. 3 rd PSC Meeting of Air Quality Improvement Programme (AQIP) iv. 3 rd PSC Meeting of Clean Air for Sustainable ASEAN (CASA) v. 3 rd PSC Meeting of Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management (IMSWM) vi. 23 rd Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC)	Viet Nam	Viet Nam

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29	<u>Good Friday</u>		
28-30	10 th Our Ocean Conference		ROK
29 April – 9 May	Meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2025		Geneva, Switzerland
MAY			
<u>1</u>	<u>International Labour Day</u>		
4-7	EAS Congress	PEMSEA	Glasgow, UK
TBP	i. 3 rd Project Steering Committee of IRBM ii. 25 th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM)	Lao PDR	Indonesia
TBC	International Conference on ASEAN Groundwater Management Programme		Thailand
<u>TBC</u>	i. 3 rd PSC Meeting of Climate Action Programme (CAP) ii. 5 th ASEAN Climate Change Partnership Conference iii. 16 th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)	Malaysia	Lao PDR
TBC	i. MAHFSA Project Closing Event (TBC) ii. Final PSC Meeting of MAHFSA* (TBC)	MAHFSA PCU, GEC, CIFOR, ASEAN Secretariat	TBA
13-14	World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF)		Sao Paulo, Brazil
JUNE			
2-6	The Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries to adopt a Plastic Pollution Treaty		Ecuador, Peru, Rwanda
5	World Environment Day		
<u>7</u>	<u>Eid al-Adha</u>		
8	World Ocean Day		

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TBC	i. 35 th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB) ii. 12 th ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) Committee Meeting	Philippines	Thailand
TBC	i. 10 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP)*	Malaysia	Malaysia
<u>27</u>	<u>Islamic New Year</u>		
JULY			
TBC	i. 26 th Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution (TWG)* ii. 26 th Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution (MSC)*	Brunei Darussalam	Brunei Darussalam
TBC	i. 11 th PSC Meeting of ASEAN-Germany Cooperation on Biodiversity ii. 27 th Meeting of Governing Board of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) iii. 36 th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment (ASOEN) iv. 19 th ASEAN-Japan Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation (AJDEC) v. 22 nd ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Environment (SOME) vi. 7 th ASEAN-EU High-Level Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change vii. 5 th ASEAN-ROK Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change viii. 4 th ASEAN-US Senior Officials Meeting on Environment and Climate Change ix. Officials Meeting for Preparation of the 6 th EAS EMM (TBC)	Philippines	Malaysia
AUGUST			
<u>8</u>	<u>ASEAN Day</u>		
SEPTEMBER			
TBP	i. 20 th Meeting of the Committee under the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM-20)*	Malaysia	Malaysia

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. 20th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COP-20)* iii. 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment (AMME) iv. ASEAN ESC Award Ceremony v. ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting vi. ASEAN-EU Ministerial Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change (TBC) 		
OCTOBER			
TBC	ASEAN Circular Economy Forum 2025		TBC
6-11	44th and 45th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits	APSC	Vientiane, Lao PDR
NOVEMBER			
TBC	30 th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29) to the UNFCCC		Brazil
TBC	PSC Meeting of Southeast Asia Programme on Marine Plastics (SEA-MaP)		Virtual
DECEMBER			
TBP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 20th Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region (TWG Mekong)* ii. 14th Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region (MSC Mekong)* 	Lao PDR	Lao PDR
<u>25</u>	<u>Christmas</u>		

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<u>TBC/TBP</u>			
TBC	ASEAN Resources Panel (ARP) Meeting		TBC
TBC	ASEAN-China Environment Week		TBC
TBC	ASEAN-MRC Secretariat-to-Secretariat Meeting		ASEC / MRC Secretariat
TBC	15 th EAS High-level Seminar on Sustainable Cities (HLS SC)	AWGESC	TBC
Colour Code:			
	Public Holiday		
	UN/External Events		
	Events organised/related to ACB		
	Events organised/related to MAHFSA/SUPA		

TBC: To Be Confirmed	TBP: To Be Proposed by Host	<u>Underlined</u> : Major Holiday / Environment-related Event	Ad-hoc / project meetings excluded	*AATHP-related meetings under COM/COP
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MEETING WITH ASOEN WORKING GROUPS AND ASEAN FOCALS

AFTER ACTIVITY REPORT

DATE AND TIME	12 November 2024 9:00AM
VENUE	OAPPIACC Conference Room, 5 th Floor, DENR Main Building
OBJECTIVE/S	<p>The meeting with ASOEN Working Groups and ASEAN Focals to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Key agreements and updates of the 35th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment2. Key agreements and updates from ASOEN Working Groups, COM/COP to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution3. Ongoing ASEAN projects and participation of DENR4. Upcoming Events and Meetings of the Working Group5. Proposed Activities and Priorities of the Philippines for ASEAN Chairship in 20266. Confirmation of ASOEN Working Group National Focal Points and draft Special Order for ASOEN7. Indicative Calendar of Events for 2025
DENR ATTENDEES/ PARTICIPANTS	<p>Dir. Cheryl Loise T. Leal (PPS) Mr. Conrad Bravante (FASPS) Ms. Isabel Salas (FASPS) Ms. Alita Sangalang (BMB - CMD) Ms. Hiyas Crisostomo (BMB-CMD) Ms. Consolacion Crisostomo (EMB - PPPDD) Mr. Chadbert Aquino (EMB-EQD AQMS) Mr. Philip Aquino (EMB-EQD CMS)</p>

Ms. Ma. Cristina Francisco (EMB-EEID)

Ms. Florian Servidad (MGB)

Secretariat

PPS-PSD

BACKGROUND

This meeting marks the beginning of the regular updates and preparations for the 2026 ASEAN Summit, with a particular focus on the environment and climate change sector. As the Philippines holds the ASEAN Chairmanship from 2023 to 2025, it is crucial to align the priorities for the environment and climate sector with the broader objectives of the summit. The discussions during this session will serve as a foundation for identifying and shaping the key environmental and climate issues that need to be raised at the upcoming ASEAN Summit. This is similar to the preparatory meeting held for ASOEN earlier this year, ensuring continuity and coherence in addressing the region's environmental challenges and advancing collective efforts on climate action. The inputs gathered here will play a pivotal role in framing the strategic priorities for ASEAN's environment and climate change agenda for the 2026 Summit.

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSIONS

- **Key agreements and updates of the 35th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment** (% Ms. Anna Michelle Lim)
 - ASEAN Declaration on Plastics Circularity
 - This document has been adopted.
 - ASOEN National focal points will consolidate the comments of relevant Working Groups and submit them to Lao PDR.
 - Some Philippine positions, including chemicals of concern and plastic waste trade, were not included in the document endorsed by ASOEN and AMME on October 5, 2024, because Malaysia and Indonesia had a redline, but this will not affect the position of the Philippines to the INC.
 - The ASEAN Joint Statement on Biodiversity for CBD COP 16 and the Joint Statement on Climate Change for UNFCCC COP 29 were adopted at the

44th and 45th ASEAN Summits in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

- Establishment Agreement on the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change
 - The Philippines has already submitted the Instrument of Full Powers (IFP) to the ASEAN Secretariat and has signed the Agreement
 - It was noted that the Climate Change Center is hosted in Brunei
- Establishment Agreement on the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Transboundary Haze Pollution Control
 - Instrument of Full Powers (IFP) has been signed by the ENR Secretary
 - The ACC THPC will be hosted in Indonesia
- The End-Term Review of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 will be finalized in 2025. The implementing partner may request interviews or focus group discussions with sectoral bodies and working groups.
- **Key agreements and updates from ASOEN Working Groups, COM/COP to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution**
 - *MGB on AMMin/ASOMM* (% Ms. Florian Servidad)
 - It was noted that MGB is part of a different It was noted that MGB belongs to a different sectoral body, but there are connections to ASCC activities. This meeting aims to align ASEAN-wide activities, not just those of individual sectoral bodies.
 - ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin) aims to present the current implementation and monitoring status of the ASEAN Mineral Cooperation Action Plan Phase III 2021-2025
 - August 13-15 2024, 12th Joint Working Groups Meeting of the ASEAN Minerals Cooperations - Jakarta, Indonesia.

- 24th ASOMM November 18-22, 2024 - Bali, Indonesia.
- AMMin is held biennially while ASOMM is held yearly.
- MGB to provide commitments and expected actions for the Philippines in their upcoming meetings
- *EMB on Updates on the 16th AWGEE* (% Ms. Francisco)
 - The WG is focused on the Implementation of environmental education in ASEAN Countries. Here in the Philippines, they are in search of a sustainable eco-friendly schools.
 - Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) is under the purview of AWGEE and various activities and programs under this were presented.
 - They clarified that most of their activities are in support of other activities.
 - They will be pushing more on integrating environmental education into the curriculum.
 - On the Regional level, the EMB pushes for a youth program on Green Education and Envi Icon will be part of the ASEAN Youth Eco-Champions Award (AYECA) that is being funded by Japan.
- *BMB on AWGCME* (% Ms. Alita Sangalang)
 - The 25th AWGCME, hosted by Lao PDR with BMB attending online, covered key topics such as coastal and marine area conservation, endangered species protection, tanker desludging and oil spill reduction, pollution mitigation (nutrients, debris, eutrophication), invasive alien species, climate change impacts on coastal areas, and integrated coastal management and marine spatial planning.
 - The Philippines will host the AWGCME Meeting in 2027. There is no hosting for next year, but BMB will be updating PPS if there are any changes.

- *AWGCW Chemicals* (% Mr. Philip Aquino)
 - The WG conducted several activities such as capacity building and technical assistance on Minamata Convention and ASEAN Regulatory Cooperation Platform 2023
 - Dir. Leal suggested a possible partnership with US-ABC through AWGCW.
- *EMB on COM/COP Transboundary Haze and Plastic Pollution* (% Mr. Chadbert Aquino)
 - EMB was recently able to be part of Transboundary Haze and Plastic Pollution. There will be a workshop on December 10-12 2024 that will be hosted by Lao PDR.
 - SWMD and AQMS to participate in the COM/COP in Bangkok, Thailand.
- **Ongoing ASEAN projects and participation of DENR**
 - *BMB on AWGCME* (% Ms. Alita Sangalang)
 - Discussed the aim of each project under the WG and highlighted the following activities:
 - 3RProMar conducts regional workshops that are in coordination with EMB. A knowledge-sharing conference in Bacolod City was held to share 3RProMar objectives.
 - Mr. Bravante noted that the Norwegian Project (implemented by PEMSEA) and SEAMAP (implemented by ASEC) are not included in the FASPS portfolio.
 - *AWGESC* (% Ms. Consolacion Crisostomo)
 - They provided information on the following Foreign assisted project under the AWGESC:
 - Smart Green ASEAN Cities (SGAC) Programme
 - ASEAN SDGs Frontrunner Cities Phase 2
 - Air Quality Improvement Program in ASEAN
 - Clean Air for Sustainable ASEAN

- Advancing ASEAN-Korean cooperation in Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management (IMSWM) for Environmentally Sustainable Cities
- ASEAN-GIZ Project "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle to Protect the Marine Environment and Coral Reefs (3RproMar)"
- *EMB on Updates on the 16th AWGEE* (% Ms. Ma. Cristina Francisco)
 - Ms. Francisco mentioned that they have been holding meetings on the Green Transition Initiatives Project with Korea, focusing on Plastics Circularity and programs in collaboration with DENR and MMDA.
- **Upcoming Events and Meetings of the Working Group**
 - The 17th AWGEE meeting, chaired and hosted by the Philippines, is scheduled for July 2025, with a tentative venue in Metro Manila or Iloilo. EMB will inform PPS of the final schedule, which may coincide with the 36th ASOEN. The total budget is Php 3,000,000.
 - 23rd AWGESC meeting in June 2025 hosted by Vietnam
 - The 2025 ASOMM and AMMin will be held in Lao PDR
 - The 2026 ASOMM will be held in Malaysia
- **Proposed Activities and Priorities of the Philippines for ASEAN Chairship in 2026** (% Dir. Cheryl Leal)
 - The Philippines will be initiating the drafting of the ASEAN Joint Statement to the UNFCCC and the ASEAN Joint Statement to the CBD as the ASEAN Chair for 2026.
 - Post-2025 ASEAN Strategic Plan on the Environment (ASPEN)
 - ASOEN Strategic Plan will be aligned to the Post-2025 ASCC Plan.

- ASOEN has initiated the crafting and development of the ASPEN.
 - Provides an opportunity to streamline the workstreams of seven working groups that may be adapted during the Chairship of the Philippines.
- Project Proposal re: Enhancing the AMS' Capacities for Climate Risk Management and Other Actions to Avert, Minimize and Address Loss and Damage
- ASEAN Declaration on Plastics Circularity
 - An opportunity to spearhead the development of a Regional Action Plan on Plastics, similar to the ASEAN Regional Action Plan for Combating Marine Debris in AMS with adoption aimed for the PH ASEAN Chairship in 2026.
- ASEAN Biodiversity Framework
 - Dir. Leal informed BMB to align their activities with the framework.
- Capacity Building/Forum on Natural Capital Accounting
 - We may utilize this and conduct valuation activities within our ASEAN Heritage Parks.
- **Confirmation of ASOEN Working Group National Focal Points and draft Special Order for ASOEN**
 - It was reiterated that the Ministerial meeting should be attended by the Secretary, with senior officials represented by the head of the office, both accompanied by a permanent staff for assistance. PSC meetings should be attended by director-level personnel and their alternates to ensure continuity. Capacity-building and think-tank dialogues must include a technical permanent employee. Regional Directors may be nominated, but for PSC/Senior Officials meetings, attendees should come from the Central Office to ensure continuity, unless the RD is a permanent representative of the working group.
- **Indicative Calendar of Events for 2025** (% Mr. Lanli Macay)

- Dir. Leal reminded everyone to allocate a fund for international travels and hostings.
- The 10th AWGCW Meeting will be held in May 2025 chaired by Indonesia and hosted by Cambodia
 - INC 5 will be on November 25 to December 1, 2024.
- The 25th AWGWRM will be on May 2025
- The 35th AWGNCB June 2025 to be chaired by the Philippines and hosted by Thailand
- 26th AWGCME meeting June 2025 Malaysia. The Philippines will be hosting 2027
- The ASOEN will be held in July 2025 while the AMME will convene in September 2025. Both meetings are to be hosted by Malaysia.
- The Calendar will be circulated to the attendees for them to update the Calendar and for their reference and preparation.

**AGREEMENTS and
WAYS FORWARD**

- PPS to conduct another meeting of with ASOEN Working Groups during the 1st Semester of 2025
- Include FASPS in every ASOEN coordination meeting for the monitoring of international projects.
- PPS to conduct a meeting with FASPS to coordinate on how to harmonize the monitoring of ASEAN projects and activities
- BMB to coordinate with DOF regarding securing SPA for projects
- -EMB to prepare the workplan for the 17th AWGEE for subsequent submission to PPS
- It was agreed that the AWGCW would take the lead in coordinating the activities related to the Action Plans for the ASEAN Declaration on Plastics Circularity.
- EMB to Coordinate with the ASEAN Secretariat on the attendees for the Transboundary Haze and

Plastic Pollution Workshop and nomination for COM/COP.

- MGB to submit a list of Philippine Priorities that we have in a Regional Level in anticipation of the Secretary's request.
- PPS to craft a reporting template for ASEAN Meetings to be included in the Special Order that will only include a brief backgrounder and highlights.
- PPS to circulate the Draft Special Order re: Designating Officials And Personnel As National Focal Points For DENR ASEAN Working And Expert Groups to concerned offices for inputs/comments/updating.
- PPS to draft a memo on the recommended level of participation for the ASEAN engagement
- Concerned offices to allocate funding for participation in ASEAN activities
- PPS to circulate the Indicative calendar of events to concerned offices for updating
- PPS to conduct a meeting with concerned offices regarding the process for international travels not funded by the organizer.

ATTACHMENTS

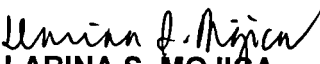
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