



## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Director**  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Climate Change Service  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau

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

SUBJECT : **LAUNCH OF ASEAN SECOND HAZE-FREE ROADMAP (2023-2030) AND POLICY DIALOGUE ON STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS FOR ACHIEVING HAZE-FREE SOUTHEAST ASIA ON 21 FEBRUARY 2024 IN A HYBRID FORMAT**

DATE : 19 FEB 2024

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This has reference to the letter dated 06 February 2024 from Dr. Vong Sok, head of Environment Division of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Department inviting the Philippines to the **Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap (2023-2030) and Policy Dialogue on *Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia***, to be held on **21 February 2024, 9:00 (GMT+7)** in **Jakarta, Indonesia and via online**.

Following the adoption of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap (2023-2030) during the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COP-18) on 23 August 2023 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The ASEAN Secretariat in collaboration with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) under the Measurable Action for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia (MAHFSA) Programme is organizing the said event in a hybrid format.

The policy dialogue aims to showcase the new elements of the Roadmap and foster discussions among stakeholders on their perspectives regarding strategies, actions, and resources outlined in the Roadmap. The dialogue encompasses a focus on exploring the roles of both the public and private sectors, as well as other institutions in addressing fire and haze in the region while emphasizing the critical need for collaborative endeavors between these sectors. This will be followed by a Consultation Meeting on the Roadmap M&E Framework.

In this regard, may we request your respective Offices to send representative/s to the said Policy dialogue and register through the following link: [https://bit.ly/LPD\\_Roadmap2](https://bit.ly/LPD_Roadmap2). Should you have any inquiries, please kindly contact Dr. Swetha Peteru ([S.Peteru@cifosssr-icraf.org](mailto:S.Peteru@cifosssr-icraf.org)) copy furnish Dyah Ratri

([dyah.ratri@asean.org](mailto:dyah.ratri@asean.org)). For further information, please refer to the attached copies of the Invitation, Concept Note, and the Indicative Program provided by the ASEAN Secretariat.

For your information and consideration, please.

  
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## [ASOEN and AWGCC] [Invitation] [Cross-Sectoral] Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap (2023-2030) and Policy Dialogue on Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia, 21 February 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia and via online

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**MAHFSA Programme**

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Subject: [Invitation] [Cross-Sectoral] Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap (2023-2030) and Policy Dialogue on Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia, 21 February 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia and via online**

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat!

We wish to inform you that Environment Division together with the Measurable Action for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia (MAHFSA) Programme will organise the **Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap (2023-2030) and Policy Dialogue: *Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia***, on **Wednesday, 21 February 2024** starting at 9.00 AM (GMT+7) at Borobudur Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia [in hybrid format](#).

The policy dialogue aims to showcase the new elements of the Roadmap and fostering discussions among stakeholders on their perspectives regarding strategies, actions, and resources outlined in the Roadmap. This dialogue encompasses a focus on exploring the roles of both the public and private sectors, as well as other institutions in addressing fire and haze in the region while emphasizing the critical need for collaborative endeavours between these sectors.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite you or your representative to attend the event and participate in the dialogue. Kindly also find enclosed the concept note of the Launch and Policy Dialogue for your kind reference.

We would appreciate to receiving the confirmation of attendance by completing the registration by **16 February 2024** through the link [https://bit.ly/LPD\\_Roadmap2](https://bit.ly/LPD_Roadmap2). Should you have any inquiries, please kindly contact Dr. Swetha Peteru (S.Peteru@cifor-icraf.org) with copy to Dyah Ratri (dyah.ratri@asean.org).

Thank you and look forward to your kind confirmation and participation.

*Attachments:*

1. *Invitation Letter and Distribution List*
2. *Concept Note*

Best regards,

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**017 - Invitation Letter\_MAHFSA Policy Dialogue and Launch Roadmap (Sectoral Bodies).pdf**  
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**Concept Note Second Haze Roadmap Launch and Policy Dialogue.pdf**  
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6 February 2024

**ASEAN Sectoral Bodies**  
(See Distribution List)

**Subject : Invitation to the Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap (2023-2030) and Policy Dialogue on Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia, 21 February 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the ASEAN Secretariat.

The Measurable Action for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia (MAHFSA) Programme is committed to support ASEAN Member States (AMS) in implementing the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP). The Component 3 of the Programme is focused on improving regional coordination mechanisms by providing a platform to promote the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap and for relevant actors to exchange views on the Roadmap's various strategies and actions.

The ASEAN Secretariat together with the MAHFSA Programme is organising the **Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap (2023-2030) and Policy Dialogue: Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia**, on **Wednesday, 21 February 2024** starting at 9.00 AM (GMT+7) at Borobudur Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia and via online.

The event will comprise of a half-day hybrid launch ceremony for the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap then followed by a policy dialogue which showcase the new elements of the Roadmap and fostering discussions among stakeholders on their perspectives regarding strategies, actions, and resources outlined in the Roadmap. This dialogue encompasses a focus on exploring the roles of both the public and private

sectors, as well as other institutions in addressing fires and haze in the region while emphasizing the critical need for collaborative endeavors between these sectors.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite you or your representative to attend the event and participate in the dialogue. Please confirm your attendance by completing the registration **by 16 February 2024** through the link [https://bit.ly/LPD\\_Roadmap2](https://bit.ly/LPD_Roadmap2).

For details of the Meetings, kindly refer to the Concept Note as attached.

Should you have inquiries, please contact Dr. Swetha Peteru ([S.Peteru@CIFOR-ICRAF.org](mailto:S.Peteru@CIFOR-ICRAF.org)) with copy to Dyah Ratri ([dyah.ratri@asean.org](mailto:dyah.ratri@asean.org)).

Thank you and look forward to your kind confirmation and participation.

Yours sincerely,



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*Enclosures:*

- 1. Distribution List;*
- 2. Concept Note Policy Dialogue on Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia and the Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-free Roadmap*

## **DISTRIBUTION LIST**

### **ASEAN Sectoral Bodies**

- ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment (ASOEN)
- ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP)
- ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)
- ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF)
- Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM AMAF)
- ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)



## **Concept Note:**

### **Launch of the Second ASEAN Haze-Free Roadmap (2023-2030) and Policy Dialogue on Strategies and Actions for Achieving a Haze-Free Southeast Asia**

**Hotel Borobudur and Online, Jakarta, 21 February 2024**

#### **Background**

Transboundary haze is a widespread air pollution and smog that affects multiple countries and regions, including Southeast Asia (SEA). The issue of haze has transcended from being a regional concern to a global environmental crisis and is primarily caused by land clearing and peatland fires, causing severe environmental degradation, health hazards, and economic disruptions. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Member States (AMS) have taken several measures to tackle transboundary haze and promote regional cooperation to address the problem effectively. The key measures include the signing and ratification of the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP), adoption of the Roadmap on ASEAN Cooperation towards Transboundary Haze Pollution Control with Means of Implementation (2016-2020) and the ASEAN Peatland Management Strategy 2006-2020 (APMS), which specifically provided a framework of action to address peatland related haze issues.

A review commissioned to evaluate progress and experiences of the First (2016-2020) Roadmap implementation to achieve the vision of haze-free ASEAN has led to the development of a new roadmap. In August 2023, the Second Roadmap on ASEAN Cooperation towards Transboundary Haze Pollution Control with Means of Implementation (Haze-Free Roadmap) (2023-2030) was adopted during the 18th Meeting of the Committee Under the Conference of the Parties to ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM-18) and 18th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COP-18). It consists of nine mutually reinforcing strategies.

The Second Roadmap synthesizes lessons learned, best practices, and innovative approaches, charting a course that amalgamates regional aspirations with actionable steps toward a haze-free future. Drawing on lessons learned from the implementation of the First Roadmap and considering the need to increase stakeholders' awareness of the Second Roadmap, it is crucial to provide a platform for relevant actors to exchange of views on the Roadmap's various strategies and actions for addressing transboundary haze issues. Such platforms enable relevant stakeholders to better understand differing perspectives on aspects such as policy and regulatory framework and law enforcement, sustainable land management practices, community engagement, innovative technologies etc. This can serve as the basis for creating effective policies and implementation.

To promote public awareness of the Second Roadmap and encourage participation of stakeholders in the implementation of strategies and actions, the ASEAN Secretariat together with MAHFSA Programme, is hosting a hybrid launch of the Second Roadmap and policy dialogue on 21 February 2024 in Jakarta.

This event will consist of a half-day launch ceremony followed by a policy dialogue. The policy dialogue will highlight new elements of the Second ASEAN Haze-Free Roadmap and discuss the inextricably linked strategies and actions. The policy dialogue will explore the roles of both the public and private sectors in

combating haze, while emphasizing the critical need for collaborative endeavors between these sectors. By fostering a dialogue that encompasses diverse viewpoints and stakeholder contributions, the event endeavors to pave the way for a more holistic and inclusive approach towards achieving a haze-free Southeast Asia.

### Objectives

1. Highlight key elements of the Second ASEAN Haze-Free Roadmap
2. Stakeholders discuss perspectives on strategies and actions, and resources of the Second Roadmap, including the role of public and private sector and other institutions to tackle fires and haze in the region
3. Identify opportunities for collaboration and alignment
4. The Second Haze-Free Roadmap is launched and showcased

### Target participants and audience

The policy dialogue will be open to representatives from ASEAN member states, ASEAN sectoral bodies, relevant stakeholders, and the public. Specifically, ASEAN Member States (AMS) representatives from committees and working groups relevant to peatlands and haze pollution will be invited. These include the:

- Committee under the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM AATHP)
- ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment (ASOEN)
- ASEAN Task Force on Peatlands (ATFP)
- ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)
- ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Forestry (ASOF)
- Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM AMAF)
- ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)
- ASEAN peatland partners (IFAD, CIFOR, GEC, EU, GIZ, IUCN, ADB, IGES)

### Event format

This hybrid event will comprise of the launch, short presentations, a talk show and group discussions to provide time for interactive discussions. Highlighting ASEAN Haze-Free Roadmap targets and strategies, the facilitated discussions would enable participants to take a deep dive into the complexities of relevant opportunities and issues how various stakeholder, particularly the public and private sectors can make efforts towards realizing the Roadmap's objectives. Interactive discussions and questions from participants will be facilitated through specific a Q&A session as well as through the use of an online Q&A platform throughout the event. The event will be recorded for documentation purposes.

### Registration process

Invitations will be sent to representatives of the ASEAN member states, ASEAN sectoral bodies, and partners listed above. A registration link will be provided for in-person or online attendance.

## Indicative programme

Time	Activity	Speakers
08:00 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
09:00 – 09:10	<b>Opening and Welcome Remarks</b> Chairperson of the Committee under the Conference of the Parties to the AATHP (COM)	Lao PDR
09:10-09:25	<b>Roadmap Launch!</b> The Second Haze-Free Roadmap is launched and showcased  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remarks by H.E. Ekkaphab Phanthavong, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, ASEAN Secretariat</li> <li>Remarks by Mr. Hani Abdelkader Elsadani Salem, Head of the IFAD Southeast Asia and the Pacific Sub-regional Hub</li> </ul> Photo session	ASEAN Secretariat  IFAD  MC
9:25 – 9:45	<b>Presentation: What is the ASEAN Haze-Free Roadmap?</b>  Q&A	ASEAN Secretariat
9:45-10:45	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Talk Show: Perspectives on the Second Roadmap and associated strategies</b>	2 AMS representatives (Indonesia, Thailand) Academic/research representative TBD NGO/Donor representative TBD Private sector representative TBD  Facilitated by MAHFSA-CIFOR
10:45-11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:00-11:45	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Group Discussions (World café/ online polling platform):</b> Opportunities for collaboration and alignment of efforts  Guiding questions (draft): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the best ways to connect with or engage with key actors instrumental for Roadmap implementation?</li> <li>What are the mechanisms or platforms to strengthen cross-</li> </ol>	Facilitated by MAHFSA – CIFOR

	sectoral coordination and to promote active involvement of key implementers in advancing actions and relevant programs?	
12:00-12:10	<b>Closing</b>	MAHFSA – CIFOR
12:10-1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	