



EU and ASEAN together towards a Dialogue on Climate Action

Jakarta, 30 April 2019: The consultative EU-ASEAN working meeting on Climate Action took place in Jakarta, Indonesia from 29 to 30 April 2019, with participation from ASEAN Dialogue/Development Partners. This was an opportunity for the EU and ASEAN to review selected concept notes inspired by the Action Plan of the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) and other relevant regional processes, leading to the identification of potential actions relevant to and supportive of Region-to-Region Policy Dialogue on Climate Action. The meeting, which marks the start of an EU-ASEAN technical dialogue, is meant to support a High-Level Dialogue on Environment and Climate Change, due to be launched later this year.

The meeting brought together representatives of AWGCC; ASEAN Member States (AMS) National Focal Points (NFP); ASEAN Secretariat Environment Division; the European Commission Directorate General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA) represented by the EU Mission to ASEAN; Dialogue/Development Partners of ASEAN; and E-READI. The meeting enabled all participants to have a fruitful exchange through discussions on shared priority areas between the AWGCC Action Plan, and EU-ASEAN dialogue. Furthermore, the meeting offered insight for ASEAN Dialogue/Development Partners on areas of mutual EU-ASEAN priority actions. It also provided them with the opportunity to indicate interest in collaborating with the EU and E-READI, as well as support for other Action Lines under the AWGCC Action Plan that align with the Dialogue/Development Partners' respective priorities. A deeper understanding and exchange of good practices, knowledge, ideas and lessons learned in the area of Climate Change between the EU and ASEAN were further developed during this two-day meeting.

Forward looking, the Dialogue on Climate Action will address the science and policy interface on Climate Change decision-making processes, legislative frameworks, analytical work and interlinkages with other relevant policy areas, including: energy, agriculture, transport, and technology. All aim to improve overall cross-sectoral coordination on mitigation, adaptation and support measures, with priority actions focused on food and nutrition security and the achievement of SDGs, which will advance regional and national framework conditions.

The meeting was supported by the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI), a development cooperation program that facilitates dialogues between the EU and ASEAN in priority policy areas of joint interest. Drawing on the EU's experience of regional integration, the E-READI policy dialogue facility further strengthens both the ASEAN regional integration process as well as the overall ASEAN-EU partnership.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. The Member States of the Association are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. On 31 December 2015, the ASEAN Community was formally established. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta.

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