



# ASEAN MAYORS FORUM

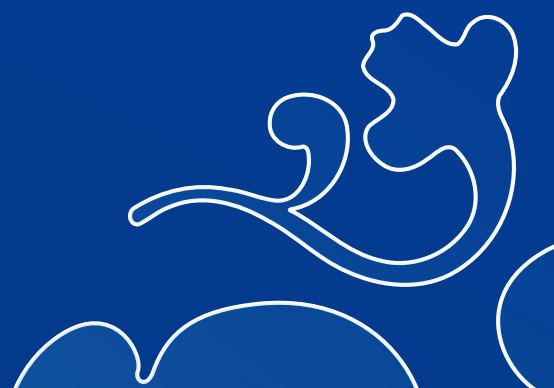
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# ABBREVIATIONS

<b>AMF</b>	: ASEAN Mayors Forum	<b>ICLEI</b>	: International Council for Local Environment Initiatives
<b>APPSI</b>	: Asosiasi Pemerintah Provinsi Seluruh Indonesia	<b>IGES</b>	: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies
<b>APKASI</b>	: Asosiasi Pemerintah Kabupaten Seluruh Indonesia	<b>SDGs</b>	: Sustainable Development Goals
<b>APRU</b>	: Association of Pacific Rim Universities	<b>NUA</b>	: New Urban Agenda
<b>ASEAN</b>	: Association of Southeast Asian Nations	<b>PDR</b>	: People's Democratic Republic
<b>ASEAN</b>	: Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy	<b>PUPR</b>	: Pekerjaan Umum dan Perumahan Rakyat
<b>ASCC</b>	: ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community	<b>SFDRR</b>	: Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
<b>BIBD</b>	: Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam	<b>TPA</b>	: Tempat Pembuangan Akhir
<b>BMU</b>	: Bundes Ministerium fur Umwelt (Germany)	<b>UCLG ASPAC</b>	: United Cities and Local Government Asia Pacific
<b>COP 26</b>	: Conference of the Parties	<b>UN</b>	: United Nations
<b>DILG</b>	: Department of Interior and Local Government of the Philippines	<b>UNESCAP</b>	: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
<b>EU</b>	: European Union	<b>UNFCCC</b>	: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>FDI</b>	: Foreign Direct Investment	<b>UNU-IAS</b>	: United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability
<b>GCoM SEA</b>	: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy-Southeast Asia		
<b>GHG</b>	: Green House Gas		
<b>GIZ</b>	: German International Cooperation		
<b>GRC</b>	: Global Regional Coherence		



## FOREWORD

ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) is a network of cities and local governments in the ASEAN Member States, aiming to bring about transformative societal changes while contributing to regional and global development goals. This regional platform was formed in 2011 and legally recognised as an ASEAN affiliated entity in 2018.

The AMF Secretariat is administered and hosted by the United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), an association of cities and local governments in Asia-Pacific. Through advocacy, capacity building, research, training, knowledge management, and project development, the AMF foster collaboration between local governments inside and outside ASEAN.

The AMF has been actively participating and contributing to the ASEAN Community and global agenda, particularly in the areas of SDGs, climate change, disaster risk reduction, and urban development. AMF has been facilitating policy conversation and collaboration among ASEAN mayors and partners since its establishment while also sharing lessons and contributions to worldwide dialogues on sustainable development goals.

This 2021 AMF Annual Report strengthened local governments and reinforced ASEAN's attempts to develop national and regional stability, elevating local actions to underpin a resilient ASEAN. Furthermore, these initiatives addressed important concerns and adhered to the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework's objectives.

We would like to thank the ASEAN Secretariat and all other related ASEAN authorities for their tremendous support of the AMF. We are excited to go forward with this collaboration and make a meaningful contribution to the ASEAN cities and local governments.



“ **Cities must have strong, adaptive, and resilient approaches, and we need to get the synergy for the collaborations through ASEAN Mayors Forum.** ”

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi  
Secretary-General United Cities and Local Governments  
Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC)-ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF)



# INTRODUCTION

As one of the key stakeholders in the ASEAN Community, cities, local governments and their leaders play a vital role in building an inclusive, forward-looking community and meeting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, mayors and local leaders cannot thrive with visions confined within their organisations' walls, even though they have many resources and talents to tackle various challenges. This is because the complexity and interconnectedness of challenges in the cities and local governments are too large and complicated to be solved by the leader alone, particularly in the emerging ASEAN region. Therefore, the complexity can only be addressed effectively if the cities, local governments, and other stakeholders collaborate and make alliances to achieve more significant results and face societal challenges. Establishing a platform that can address this collaboration issue is highly needed and anticipated. This is why ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) was formed and comes to empower collaboration among mayors, local government leaders and other stakeholders through various activities such as advocacy, capacity building, and knowledge management in the wider ASEAN region.

Since its initial establishment in 2011, the AMF has been promoting sustainable peace, constructive co-operations, enhancing friendly relations, and providing a common ground for sustainable development of all ASEAN cities and people in the area of economic and social, scientific, and technological fields. Besides promoting cross-sector collaboration, AMF has also published declarations since the first ASEAN Mayors Forum in 2011. Furthermore, the AMF has already been endorsing local governments' responsibilities and contributions to ASEAN development remarked by the UN SDGs, the New Urban Agenda (NUA), the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR).

The ASEAN Mayors Forum has the foresight to allow the provincial, city and municipal leaders to establish a platform that is geared towards accelerating the sub-regional integration process in the region. Not only can the leaders share their experiences (including best practices) and network with each other, they can even engage in necessary collective actions such as providing feedback to the national governments and ASEAN Secretariat. Through active participation to strengthen the ASEAN nation, AMF received accreditation from the ASEAN Secretariat as one of the affiliated entities of ASEAN and is the only network of local governments associated with ASEAN (included in ANNEX 2 of ASEAN charter).





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## AMF AND SDGs

There are 17 SDGs and 169 targets in total. While they are all important and interrelated, some have been more relevant to AMF and Brunei Chairmanship than others. This section explains the specific SDGs and targets of Brunei Darussalam Chairmanships, which are taken from the SDGs annual report and Brunei Darussalam deliverables as a chair of ASEAN 2021. Furthermore, it become the base for AMF to bring the SDGs goal into the organisation



ASEAN Community has been working together to help people overcome poverty. Through AMF and UCLG ASPAC's cities and local governments network, the role of local leaders has been becoming extremely vital in determining how well they deal with poverty. In addition, as a chair, Brunei continues to work to combat poverty in all its aspects, and provided a critical connection between the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community by framing ASEAN's perspective and goals on circular economy.

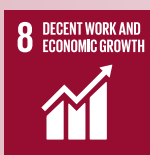


Brunei Darussalam has dedicated to enhancing the food system by speeding agricultural and fisheries sector supply, boosting domestic and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), and increasing the production of safe, Halal, and high-quality food while also strengthening the food system's value chain.





ASEAN Community has been working together to help people overcome the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The role of local leaders has been extremely vital in determining how well cities have responded since the start of the outbreak. In addition to physical well-being, healthy mental well-being is crucial for obtaining comprehensive well-being.



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During the chairmanship of Brunei Darussalam, various ASEAN key stakeholders have produced policy and program interventions to promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the region and advocate for gender and statistics investment to assess progress toward the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in the ASEAN region. This goal is aligned with the principle of AMF and UCLG ASPAC especially with their Standing Committee on Women in Local Governments



The Brunei government takes a national approach to environmental sustainability by changing societies' consumption and production habits. In line with this commitment, AMF has conducted various Mayors Forums related to the environment, climate, and energy, such as ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue last January 22. Besides, AMF has also actively produced campaign materials on Climate Change and Energy.



Urbanisation has endured giving rise to the economic benefit of higher wages in all its glory. This situation reveals that both the economic and environmental aspects of urbanisation should go hand in hand with their interests.







Brunei Darussalam aims to achieve long-term growth by ensuring peace and stability among its inhabitants by offering protection from various offenses. In line with this, the AMF builds stronger institutions through capacity building programmes and exchanges



ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) has been promoting constructive co-operations, as well as providing a common ground for sustainable development of all Asian cities and people in the area of economic, social, scientific and technological fields.



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# ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT

## ASEAN MAYORS FORUM: STRENGTHENING COMMITMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION AND ENABLING ENVIRONMENT OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Fostering regional cooperation amongst cities and local governments, the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS) is in the service of effective coordination for creating an enabling environment in the event. As a regional platform, the forum anticipates climate governance to conduct policy mapping by identifying main climate priorities and strategies for the Urban Act Initiative facilitated by the UCLG ASPAC as the ASEAN Mayors Forum Secretariat.

Funded by BMU Germany for the Urban Act Project preparation, the UCLG ASPAC in partnership with the UNESCAP and the GIZ Bangkok attempts to accomplish regional network engagement by organising a virtual ASEAN Mayors Forum Special Event (plus China and India) on 29 and 30 June 2021.



Picture 1: Governor Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Ph.D., delivered welcome remarks

Taking place in the capital city of Indonesia, the Governor of Jakarta, Mr. Anies Rasyid Baswedan, Ph.D., welcomed the panellists and the participants. There were four sessions held throughout a two day AMF Special Event. The first three sessions emerged to call forth the issue of climate sensitive urban development.

During the Plenary Session, a small group of panellists had their solidarity arrived at a better enabling environment for cities to conduct climate action, such as capacity building for local governments.



The theme “Enabling Environment on Climate Resilience: Local Governments and Cities Commitment to Tackle Climate Change”, the ASEAN Mayors Forum provides a plenary session, and is followed by other sessions with various topics of discussion. The overarching objectives are to

- (1) reinforce commitments among mayors, political partners and stakeholders and stimulate coordination;
- (2) promote race to zero and race to resilient campaign among ASEAN Cities and Local Governments networks;
- and (3) share knowledge on the climate action local practices and urban climate sensitive development plan.



Picture 2: Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi

Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of AMF and UCLG ASPAC, opened the event in the hope of fruitful interaction among the senior local government officials.



Picture 3: Ms. Armida Alisjahbana

Ms. Armida Alisjahbana, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), stated that South-east Asia is a vulnerable country to climate change. **“The Paris Agreement requires action across levels of government. As local communities and the national government develop Covid-19 recovery strategies, it is time to accelerate this action to be more resilient and greener. No local or national government should act alone, vertical integration of policies is critical. The role of cities must be well defined.”**



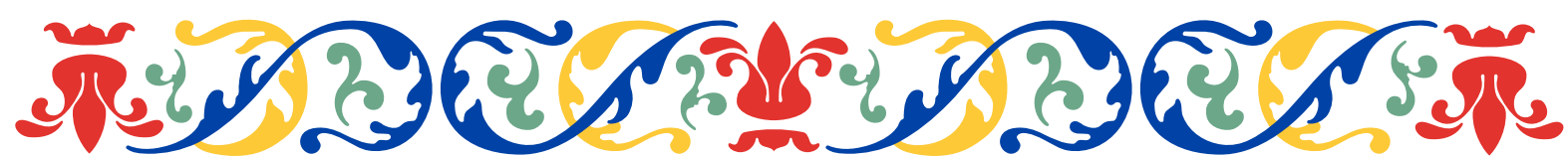
Picture 4: Mr. H.E. Kung Phoak

The Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), H.E. Kung Phoak mentioned the fast expansion and exponential development of mega-cities in Southeast Asia has resulted in significant environmental consequences. He stated that ASEAN has seen remarkable progress in these targets, especially through the work spearheaded by the ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities.



Picture 5: The panellist shared important messages climate resilience city

These panellists were Dr. Medrilzam, Director for Environmental Affairs of the Ministry of Planning (Bappenas) from Indonesia, Mr. Jarurot Phooprasert, Expert on Architectural Planning, Department of Public Works, Town & Country Planning (DPT) from Thailand, and Mr. Epimaco V. Densing III, Undersecretary of the Interior & Local Government of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) of the Philippines. They emphasised on how increasing climate resilience go hand- in-hand with the development as many mega-cites in the ASEAN are vulnerable to climate- change induced disasters.



## SMART GREEN CITIES PROGRAMME LAUNCHING



Picture 6: Online group picture on declaration of commitment to the Smart Green ASEAN Cities Project

Representing AMF and UCLG ASPAC, the Secretary-General Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, joined the declaration of commitment to the Smart Green ASEAN Cities Programme Launching. As the key knowledge management hub on local government in the region, we have been committed to supporting cities and local governments in ASEAN in enhancing capacity, sharing practices, and knowledge on the implementation of the global agenda 2030 target toward sustainable and smart cities.

Furthermore, with the synergy of the local governments, the European Union (EU), and other related stakeholders, the transformative promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially in the Smart ASEAN Cities Programme, would be achieved. Therefore, we state our commitment to continue the support by strengthening partnerships at the regional level and with the European Union globally to achieve Smart Green Cities Programme.



We strongly support and commit to strengthening the partnerships and collaborations regionally to achieve Smart Green Cities Programme for the ASEAN Cities. Also, we ensure greater active participation of ASEAN cities and local governments in working with all stakeholders and delivering this programme.



Picture 7: Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi attended the ASEAN Smart Green ASEAN Cities Launch

## ASEAN CITY LEADERS DIALOGUE: FINDING BREAKTHROUGH AND STEPPING UP CLIMATE COMMITMENTS POST-COP26

In responding to the COP 26, the UCLG ASPAC, AMF, the Global Covenant of Mayors Secretariat for Southeast Asia (GCoM SEA) and the GCoM Global Regional Coherence (GRC), have successfully organised the ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue under the framework of ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This event was held back-to-back with the GCoM National Webinars in Southeast Asian countries, which took place before the ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue. The dialogue was a very functional platform for city leaders to express their expertise and experience on climate action and ambition to raise climate awareness and provide guidance to local/regional governments on the outcomes of COP26.



with the concept of back-to-back events, the events have successfully brought together more than 100 participants and speakers from UCLG, GCoM Global, UNFCCC, and other COP26 participants, who shared significant findings and recommendations for future climate actions and implementation. Besides, Governors/Mayors/Regents/City Leaders, local government officials, and representatives of local government groups from Southeast Asia also attended this event. In addition, the ASEAN Secretariat, GCoM Global and Regional Asia Pacific officials and partners, Donors, and National Government representatives were among the other attendees as well.



Picture 8: Ms. Mar-len Abigail Sombillo Binay

The ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue started by the welcoming remarks from:

- ▲ Mr. Anies Rasyid Baswedan PhD, Governor of Jakarta, Co-President of UCLG ASPAC
- ▲ Ms. Mar-len Abigail Sombillo Binay, Mayor of Makati City, GCoM Board Member for Southeast Asia
- ▲ Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary-General of UCLG ASPAC/AMF/GCoM SEA



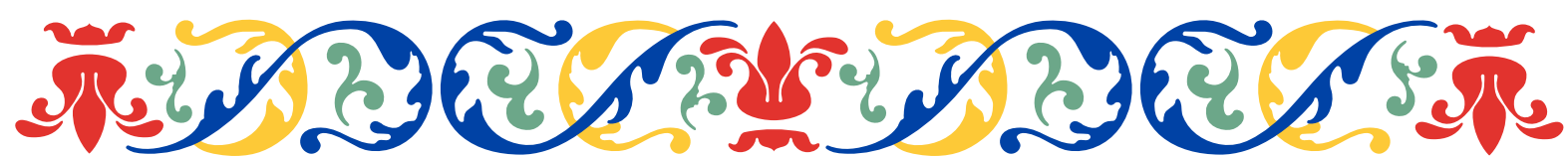
Picture 9: Main session of ACLD

Continuing the Welcome Remarks, it went to the main session, which was the dialogue of the city leaders from ASEAN countries. Opening the dialogue, Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, said that Kuala Lumpur has an initiative and programmes to be implemented in line with reducing 70% carbon emission by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by the year 2050. Along with that, Kuala Lumpur has maintained the green initiative and identified the climate actions plan.



Picture 10: Mr. Benjamin Magalong shared on how to reduce GHG emission through energy consumption

Another remarkable speaker was Mr. Benjamin Magalong, Mayor of Baguio City has taken the initiatives to reduce GHG emissions through energy consumption. Under this strategy, the city focuses on a transformation digital programme to manage the city as a resource and provide effective strategies for the public by monitoring the valuing Air Quality Index, Urban Index, Climate Mitigation Measure, and Automated Weather Station.



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The third session was a panel discussion, which brought together many global speakers from various institutions, among them namely: Mr. Jean Baptiste, Senior Advocacy Officer UCLG World Secretariat; Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief of the Sustainable Urban Development Section for the Environment and Development Division of UN ESCAP; Mr. Andy Deacon, Acting Managing Director of GCoM, Mr. Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy ICLEI; and Ms. Asma Jhina, City Resilience and Climate Finance Advisor for GCoM. The panel discussion was closed by Dr. Mahesti Okitasari, Research Associate at the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS). She emphasised the importance of increasing collaboration vertically and horizontally for coherence cooperation.



Pictures 11: Inspiring Global Speaker



Picture 12: Regent of North Minahasa

At the last session, The ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue was ended by the signing ceremony session of GCoM Pilot Cities from four different countries. Some cities that have signed the GCoM Commitment letter before were not signing live during the event.

However, the commitment paper was shown and displayed on screen during the signing session. For the live session, representing Indonesia, the regent of Minahasa Utara emphasised the importance of tackling climate change.





Besides, the representative of Tam Ky City, Viet Nam, stated that they were happy to join the network and are now implementing the climate action plan. Tam Ky City also wishes to know more best practices from cities worldwide. Another representative from Viet Nam, Cao Lanh city, stated that they appreciated the efforts from different stakeholders to achieve net-zero carbon emission.



Pictures 13: Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi closed the ACLD event

All in all, the event was closed by the Secretary-General, Dr. Bernadia, who said, **"I am happy with how things played out today. However, this does not mean our climate commitment has reached a plateau. There is still much to improve and advocate for. In the end, we still have a lot of work to do."**

## ASIA PACIFIC MAYORS' ACADEMY

Since 2019, the ASEAN Mayors Forum has been supporting the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy as a capacity building initiative led by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and UCLG ASPAC, together with the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). The Academy creates a growing network of local leaders committed to sustainable development and enables the implementation of sustainable urban solutions in the region.

To date, eleven (11) ASEAN Mayors have completed their participation in the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy and five (5) ASEAN Mayors were selected for the 2021-2022 class. The third cohort included Mayors from: Ternate (Indonesia), Sepang and Kuala Selangor District Council (Malaysia), and Iloilo and Vigan (Philippines).

The Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy is structured based on The Future of Asian & Pacific Cities (2019) Report that focused on four (4) priority areas for resilient and sustainable cities: urban & territorial planning, urban resilience, smart & inclusive cities, and urban finance. A module on COVID-19 was also introduced since 2020 to facilitate sharing of best practices in response and recovery efforts and foster bottom-up approach in building back better from the pandemic. By participating in the Academy, ASEAN Mayors gain technical support through various experts and access to knowledge and tools which strengthens their leadership and capacity to perform their mandates.





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## DECLARATION ON THE SITUATION IN MYANMAR



"Following the Statement issued in February, the membership of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) continues to closely monitor the increasingly concerning events in Myanmar. In solidarity with the people of Myanmar, UCLG urges the respect of rule of law and the results of the democratic elections but in

particular the protection of the lives of the population. UCLG hopes representatives of local authorities will be able to assume the legitimate mandate entrusted to them by the people of Myanmar.

We join the statements made by the United Nations and ASEAN in which deep concern on the military take-over of the country have been expressed. We call on human rights to be protected and internet connections to be restored to allow communication. We stand with the people of Myanmar and want to assure them that they are not forgotten, and hope for a swift restoration of freedoms, security and peace." (UCLG World, 2022)

(Source: <https://www.uclg.org/en/media/news/declaration-situation-myanmar>)

AMF Secretariat submitted the above declaration to the Secretary General of ASEAN.



## LOCALISE SDGs

Local governments are key players in achieving the 2030 Agenda, also known as the SDGs. The LOCALISE SDGs programme in Indonesia, which has been implemented since 2018, seeks to strengthen the capacity of cities, local government and their associations to improve governance and development of more effective development policies and promote inclusive and sustainable regional development through the achievement of SDGs.

The LOCALISE SDGs programme is supported by grant assistance from the European Union and implemented by UCLG ASPAC, in collaboration with the Association of Indonesian City Governments (APEKSI) and involving other local government associations such as APPSI, APKASI, and ADEKSI. This program helped to strengthen the capacity of local governments in 16 provinces and 14 cities in Indonesia and network with foreign local governments and other development actors.



Pictures 14: Localised SDGs Indonesia

Source: <https://localisesdgs-indonesia.org/publikasi>

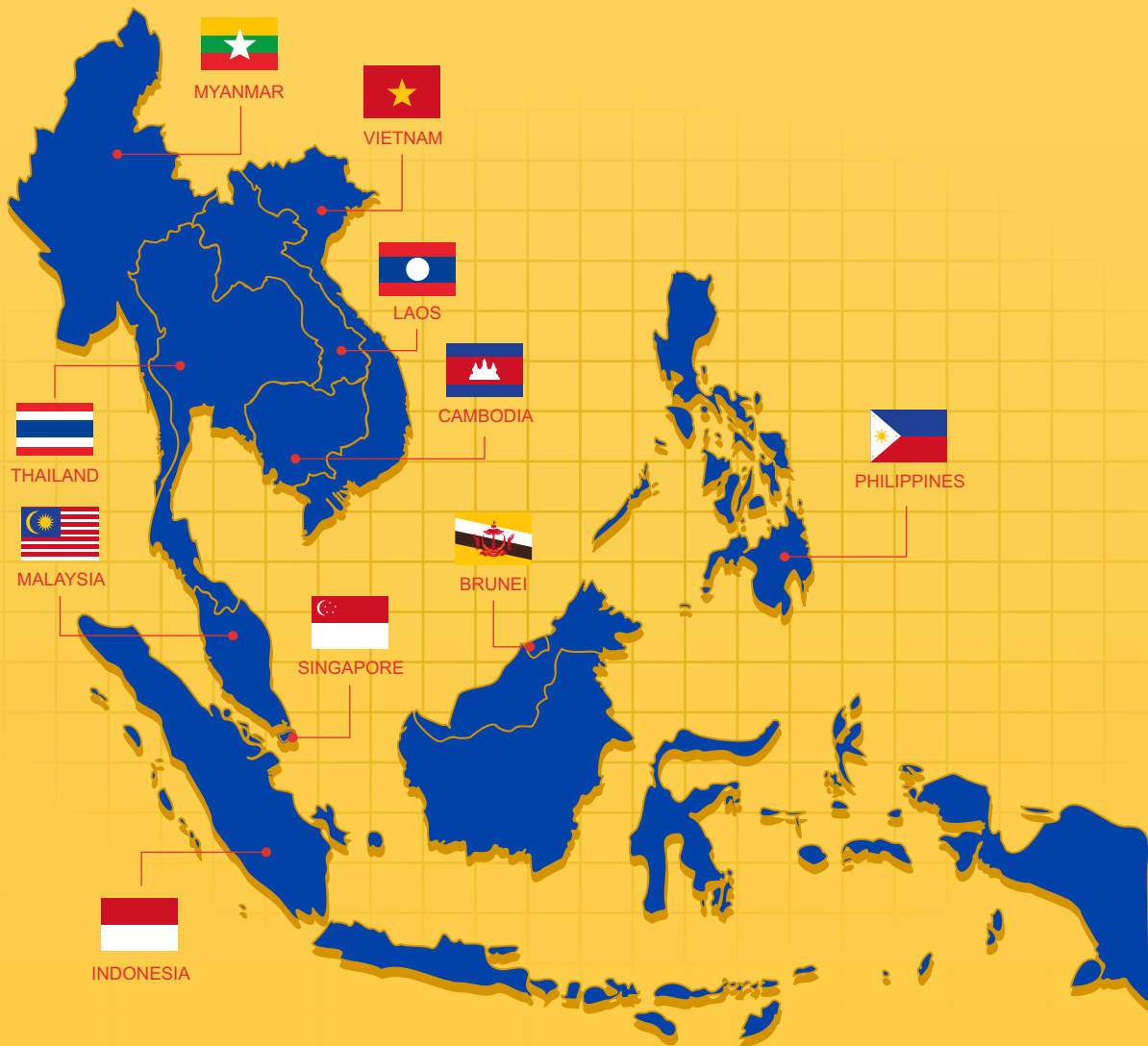




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# BEST PRACTICES 2021



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

## Infusing responsible entrepreneurship towards a sustainable future

A sustainability framework has recently been established by Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD), demonstrating the bank’s commitment to playing a key role in the country’s sustainability goals. The bank is constantly working with company owners and NGOs to enlighten, encourage awareness, and assist the entrepreneurs in adopting more efficient and environmentally business decisions and becoming responsible entrepreneurs, which is one of the Sustainability Framework’s pillars.

Source: <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/infusing-responsible-entrepreneurship-towards-a-sustainable-future/>





CAMBODIA

### Ream City: The plan to transform Sihanoukville into a green living hub

An 834-hectare piece of the busy seaside city of Sihanoukville might mirror Singapore by the end of 2045. The Cambodian government intends to turn the southwestern beach city into a tourist, trade, and housing hub and a home for its citizens.

Source: [www.eco-business.com/news/ream-city-the-plan-to-transform-sihanoukville-into-a-green-living-hub](http://www.eco-business.com/news/ream-city-the-plan-to-transform-sihanoukville-into-a-green-living-hub)



INDONESIA

### Jambi Will Have Modern TPA with Sanitary Landfill System, Indonesia

The Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing (PUPR) will use a sanitary landfill system to promote waste management at the in Jambi City. The usage of a sanitary dumping system is meant to reduce pollution's influence on the environment, whether through water, soil, or air. Initially, the Talang Gulo TPA's waste management system relied on traditional practice, namely open dumping.

Source: <https://www.medcom.id/english/national/5b2e4GeN-benowo-waste-to-energy-plant-inaugurated>



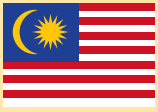
LAOS

### New roadmap for Lao PDR to promote sustainable production and exports of wood products

The Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) released its first international strategy for the wood processing industry, marking a watershed moment for the country's wood processors. The new plan was prepared by the Lao PDR Ministry of Industry and Commerce based on input from industry leaders, small company owners, institutions, and public-sector officials

Source: <https://www.intracen.org/news/New-roadmap-for-Lao-PDR-promote-sustainable-production-and-exports-of-wood->





MALAYSIA

### Malaysian capital market well-placed to facilitate sustainable economy: SC chairman

The Malaysian capital market is strategical to assist in establishing a more equitable and sustainable nation by facilitating sustainable economic activity and corporate practices. The capital market's fundamental role would make it a useful platform for effecting long-term sustainable transformation.

Source: [www.nst.com.my/business/2022/02/772167/malaysian-capital-market-well-placed-facilitate-sustainable-economy](http://www.nst.com.my/business/2022/02/772167/malaysian-capital-market-well-placed-facilitate-sustainable-economy)



MYANMAR

### Myanmar - Sustainable Development of the Mining Sector

The main goal of Myanmar's Sustainable Development of the Mining Sector is to enhance mining management and operations' safety, social, and environmental factors. Enhancement of supervision processes, strengthening of mining staff capability, and strong collaboration of key stakeholders in the mining industry are all implementation components.

Source: <https://www.deutsche-rohstoffagentur.de/>



PHILIPPINES

### The Philippines unveils its first sustainable finance framework

The Philippines has released the Sustainable Finance Framework which focuses on using international financial markets to raise green, social, or sustainability securities, loans, and other debt instruments. Furthermore, the framework represents a turning point in the country's sustainability path and the sustainable financing sector.

Source: <https://member.fintech.global/2022/01/17/the-philippines-unveils-its-first-sustainable-finance-framework/>







SINGAPORE

### **Seven bus stops transformed into urban farms; all vegetables to be donated to local charity kitchen**

Under the collaboration between the sovereign wealth fund and local urban farming school Gardens, more than 100kg of fresh food is produced each week at seven bus stops in Singapore. This initiation creates awareness on the public and students to create awareness about urban farming on the public and students' point of view.

Source: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/bus-stops-urban-farms-vegetables-donated-local-charity-2385961>



THAILAND

### **Alternative Development Pathways for Thailand's Sustainable Electricity Trade with Laos**

Thailand has long encouraged a varied energy supply that includes imports from surrounding countries, including opening more sustainable power trading with Laos to ensure national energy supply. This action demonstrates Thailand's commitment to meeting the Paris Agreement's goals and supporting regional development toward the SDGs.

Source: <https://www.stimson.org/2022/alternative-development-pathways-for-thailands-sustainable-electricity-trade-with-laos/>



VIETNAM

### **Understanding sustainable agriculture in Vietnam**

The farmers in Vietnam have familiarised themselves with sustainable farming, resulting Vietnam as one of the giant agricultural countries in the world. Two farming company specialists, VinEco and Bayer, shared best practices down the farming chain to implement more sustainable practices. This initiative aims to assist Vietnam's agriculture industry in transforming and increasing its existing production rates.

Source: <https://www.bayer.com/en/agriculture/article/understanding-sustainable-agriculture-vietnam-through-baygap>





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# AMF PUBLICATIONS AND OTHERS

## AMF DIGITAL PLATFORM



Picture 15: AMF Digital Platform

ASEAN entities are recognised organisations that support and reflect the ASEAN's goals, values, regulations, guidelines, and other policies. The Rules of Procedures and Standards for Involvement for Entities Associated with ASEAN and its Annexes govern ASEAN's engagement with associated entities, which is described in Article 16 of the ASEAN Charter.

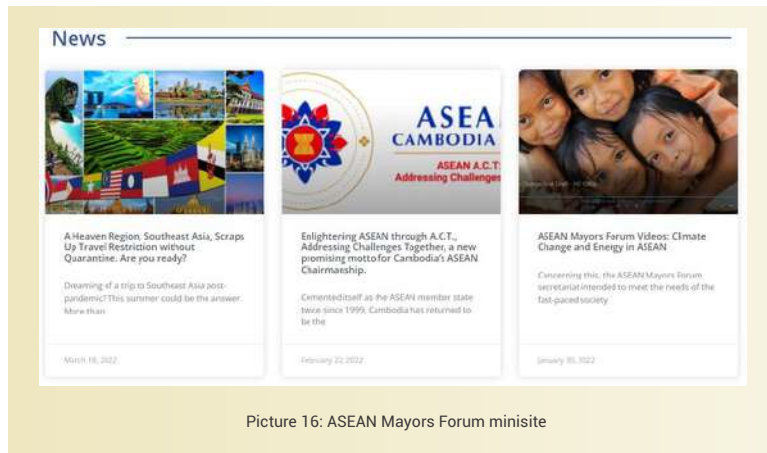
The AMF Digital Platform was created to maximise the AMF's relationship with the ASEAN Secretariat and other recognised entities. The ASEAN entities are accredited organisations that correspond to ASEAN's goals and objectives, principles, rules, guidelines, and other policies. As one of the entities, AMF is required to post its events and publications on this portal. Besides, AMF has numerous rights as one of the entities, including the use of the ASEAN name, symbol, flag, and anthem in AMF's events and publications. In exchange, the AMF must produce an annual report containing a comprehensive financial report to the Committee of Permanent Representatives via the ASEAN Secretariat.

Furthermore, accredited entities can connect directly with the ASEAN Secretariat and other entities in using this entities platform. Accredited entities are given a login and password to access the site, and they are able to modify their own profiles as they see fit. At the end, accredited entities are constantly up to share on the latest ASEAN and fellow accredited entity information by maximising the usage of this ASEAN entities site. Its purpose is to allow direct communication between the entities and ASEAN.



## SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

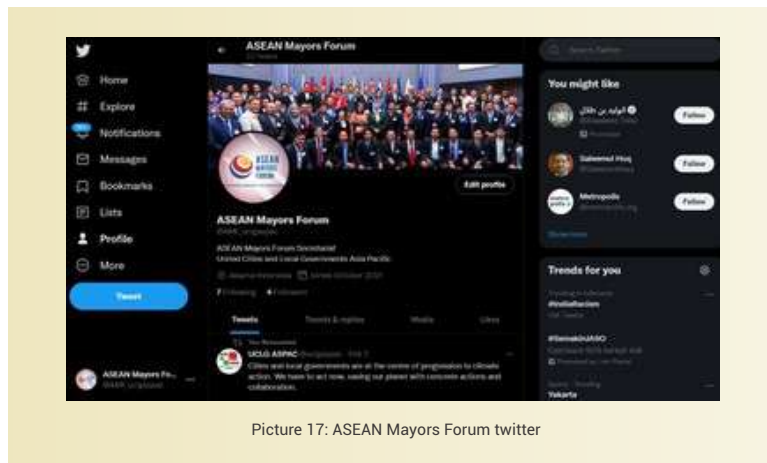
### AMF MINISITE



Picture 16: ASEAN Mayors Forum minisite

The AMF minisite is a website with a small digital footprint that exists to promote AMF activities or attain a particular target affiliated with the UCLG ASPAC website. Also, the AMF minisite was created to promote AMF's activities.

### AMF TWITTER



Picture 17: ASEAN Mayors Forum twitter

Using Twitter will offer value which help other social media platforms owned by the AMF Secretariat boost its search engine presence. Furthermore, it helps AMF grow in the engagement with cities, and local governments, meet new entities, and convert potential members.

Tweets will now surface in relevant Google search results. This means that tweets from the AMF secretariat could appear in the top search results. This opportunity allows the AMF Secretariat to increase its visibility. The AMF secretariat has created an informative profile with a relevant display and cover picture. This platform can assist AMF Secretariat in establishing a digital presence and increasing entities' awareness of AMF.





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## AMF VIDEO ON ASEAN ISSUES

### ASEAN AND ENERGY VIDEO



Picture 18: ASEAN and Energy Video

Concerning this, the ASEAN Mayors Forum secretariat intended to meet the needs of the fast-paced society by producing a video entitled **"Energy in Southeast Asian Countries."** The objective of this video is to produce visual documentation which gives useful Information, Education, and Communication material that promotes UCLG ASPAC and ASEAN Mayors Forum.

### ASEAN AND CLIMATE CHANGE VIDEO



Pictures 19: ASEAN and Climate Change Video

Living in a fast-paced society where information is constantly available visually, video is a powerful medium that can boost people's engagement and increase trust. It is a trend that is not going anywhere anytime soon.

Therefore, to deliver a powerful message to the society, besides having ASEAN and Energy video, the AMF Secretariat produced a new video on

Climate Change in ASEAN. The video is divided into four chapters, the general problem of climate worldwide, climate change condition in ASEAN, mitigation and adaptation action locally and regionally. Finally, the video is closed by a meaningful key message which emphasise the optimism of a better life through the smiles and eyes of the children.



## MERCHANDISE

### TOTE BAGS

Printed and visible material are available in form of tumbler, umbrella, and Tote bags with the logo of UCLG ASPAC, AMF, and ASEAN.

All of the produced material are distributed to AMF local governments, associations, partners, and relevant stakeholders before, during, or after the special events.



Picture 20: Tote Bags

### TUMBLER

AMF has created a tumbler with an appealing design and the correct shade that makes it a must-have. Furthermore, the tumbler has a great selection of styles tied to AMF imagery.



Picture 21: Tumbler

### UMBRELLA

The umbrella would not only enhance the participants' experience on the AMF events, but it will also project a fantastic picture of how well-prepared AMF events are for any circumstance.



Picture 22: Umbrella





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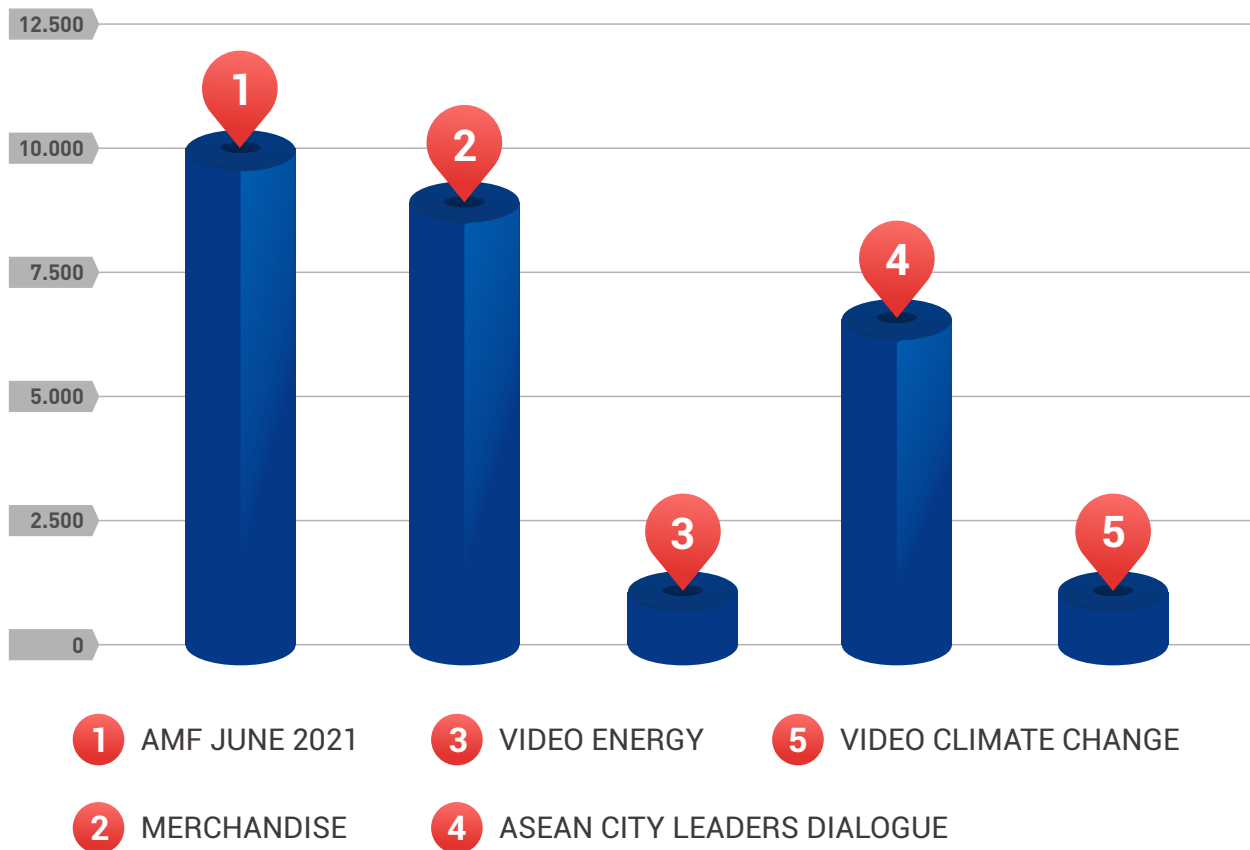




# FINANCIAL REPORT

## FOR THE EXPENDITURE IN 2021

AMF EXPENDITURES 2021 (IN EURO)



Graphic 1: AMF Expenditure

AMF was successfully conducted in hybrid in June 2021. Funded by BMU Germany for the Urban Act Project preparation, the UCLG ASPAC, in partnership with the UNESCAP and the GIZ Bangkok, attempts to accomplish regional network engagement by organising a virtual ASEAN Mayors Forum Special Event (plus China and India) on 29 and 30 June 2021. Besides, AMF Secretariat also purchased merchandises as souvenirs.



In late 2021, 3 expenditures have been carried out, such as ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue, which has successfully brought together speakers and experts from regional and global to discuss and share comprehensively specific topics on the implementation of the Paris Agreement and COP 26. Also, two (2) videos concerning ASEAN and climate change and energy. The videos were displayed during the special event of AMF. The total budget can be shown as follow.

TOTAL: **EUR 27,365.61**





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# ASEAN MAYORS FORUM

## 2021-2022 TIMELINE



### **1** AMF 29-30 June 2021

In line with the Urban Act Initiative, we have successfully organised a hybrid session under the ASEAN Mayors Forum framework in June 2021. With the theme “Enabling Environment on Climate Resilience: Local Governments and Cities Commitment to Tackle Climate Change”, the meeting provided feedback on Urban Act Initiative programme especially in the development and implementation of Climate and Resilience Action Plan.



### **2** AMF Merchandise Production November 2021

The AMF secretariat has produced some attractive AMF merchandise with UCLG ASPAC, AMF, and ASEAN printed logo. The Merchandise that has been chosen are as follows:

- A. Tote bags – 500 Pcs
- B. Tumblr – 500 Pcs
- C. Folded umbrella – 320 Pcs

The Merchandises were delivered in 2 phases, which was in December 2021 and end of January 2022.



### **3** AMF Video Production: Climate Change and Energy in ASEAN December 2021

We have commenced the production of a video on climate change in ASEAN. The video has been displayed and used as an excellent tool for making, obtaining, reporting, sharing, and offering valuable information on climate change in the ASEAN region. Additionally, video recording has encouraged information sharing, allowing GCoM-GRC networks to obtain a greater knowledge of how climate change is affecting people's lives, cities, and local governments in the region.





## **4** ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue 17 January 2022

Intaking the momentum of COP26 to follow up its results, under the framework of ASEAN Mayors Forum, we have initiated the ASEAN City Leaders Dialogue "Finding Breakthrough and Stepping Up Climate Commitments Post- COP26." This dialogue has been held on 17 January 2022. This dialogue facilitated policy updates and knowledge-sharing activities to gain a collective understanding of action required from subnational governments post COP26. At the end of dialogue, City Leaders expressed their commitments to continue reaching zero emission by 2050

## **5** AMF 6-7 October 2022

The AMF Secretariat will conduct the AMF event in Surabaya which will be hosted by East Java Province and scheduled for October 2022. The event will draw up to 200 participants (hybrid), with more than 50 mayors/governors/city representatives from ASEAN, senior local governments officials and representatives of local government associations from all ASEAN member states.

## **6** AMF 14-15 November 2022

The AMF Secretariat has an intention to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMF event for this 2022 event side-by-side with the ASEAN Summit 2022. The AMF secretariat invites Phnom Penh City Administration as the host city for the AMF event scheduled from 14-15 November 2022. AMF is generally hosted by the city from the chairmanship's country of ASEAN; it is considered important if Phnom Penh, as the capital city of Cambodia, will be able to host the AMF event on the aforementioned date.





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## CONCLUSION

The United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP) 26 has ended and resulted key messages, crucial issues, debates, and commitments taken from the Glasgow Climate Change Conference COP26. The COP26 is a pivotal moment for the world leaders, including mayors and local leaders in ASEAN to deliver their climate promises and reshape a future global climate trajectory. The leaders are expected to put forward high-level ambition and action to secure a global net-zero and keep 1.5 degrees to protect communities and meet sustainable challenges.

To face the said issues, maintaining cross-sector collaboration among mayors and local leaders with other stakeholders in ASEAN is becoming more necessary since the increase of complexity impact of rapid changing environment, climate change, and pandemic outbreak. Even though ASEAN has emerged as the fifth strongest economy in the world; however, it is still challenging to develop successful, effective collaborations that are important to the dynamics and development, particularly in the developing Southeast Asia region. Furthermore, with the world facing dynamic, interdependent, evolving threats, and wicked sustainability problems, the efforts to tackle the issues are not adequate to resolve by one government alone. That is why cities and local governments need to make alliances and look beyond their confinements to achieve more significant results for the ASEAN recovery.

As the only local government network affiliated with ASEAN, the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) has a strategic role to empower the mentioned cross-sector collaboration among mayors and local leaders in order to accelerate the ASEAN recovery economically, socially, and environmentally. Ensuring the inclusivity and sustainability of the ASEAN cities and local governments, AMF will continue to empower mayors and local leaders to maintain a network and assist city acceleration, as well as raise regional and global awareness as crucial requirements of ASEAN cities and local governments to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Going forward, AMF will continue to strive to empower and assist mayors and local leaders in gaining information, a deeper understanding of regional resources, and a supporting Southeast Asian regional network to accelerate cities' resilience and sustainability.


All in all, AMF will maintain cross-sector collaboration among mayors, local leaders and other stakeholders in developing local recovery strategies and fostering community resilience. With the fully support from the AMF, the mayors and local leaders will ease to accessing and localizing the SDGs, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the Paris Climate Agreement, which will help the ASEAN Community to recover together and stronger as aligning with the ASEAN motto "One Vision, One Identity, One Community."






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