

## ASEAN Community and Beyond

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has embarked upon a regional community-building process by declaring the vision of "ASEAN Community" comprised of the three pillars, namely ASEAN Political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community, and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

The role of local governments is significant in the ASEAN Community building and deepening process. Furthermore, at least 60 per cent of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set under the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development cannot be achieved without actions at the local level. The particular dynamics of urbanisation in Southeast Asia also calls for ASEAN mayors' active work to sustain economic development without compromising environmental conditions and worsening inequalities.

One such resource is local governments.

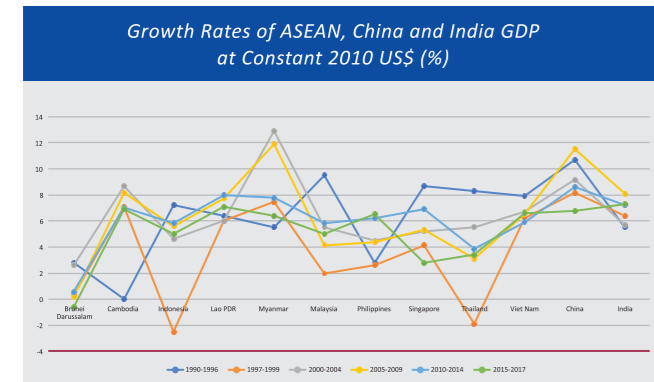
## Why Local Governments?

There are three (3) broad roles of local governments:

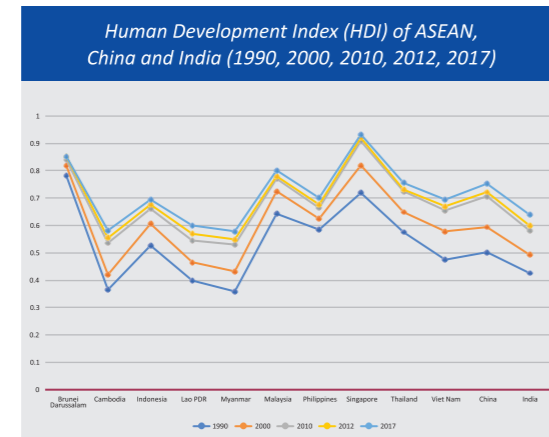
- They provide the voice, leadership and strategic vision for their community.
- They provide or organise local public services essential for people's well-being.
- They act as catalyst and drivers for the local development process.



## Fact Sheet ASEAN Community



\* Data for Cambodia available from 1994.  
Source: World Bank (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.MKTP.KD?view=chart>).



Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic.  
Source: Human Development Report 2018.

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# ASEAN MAYORS FORUM

Committed to the belief of good governance at all levels  
Promoting the principles of subsidiarity and meaningful self-governance  
Dedicated to promote sustainable people-centered local governance

ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) is a platform in which Mayors, Governors and subnational government leaders and local executives, across ASEAN can share experiences, lessons learnt and expertise for the provision of accountable local governance to their people. AMF works to facilitate networking, foster policy debate, and support sharing of good practices between local governments on the specific themes identified as priorities of a regional agenda. The AMF fully supports the ASEAN mission towards an ASEAN Community united under One Vision, One Identity and One Caring and Sharing Community.

The AMF strives to:

- 1 Encourage stakeholders in all levels of government, legislature, and civil society to support the principles of fair public participation, good governance, the rule of law and subsidiarity in their respective countries.
- 2 Contribute to civic awareness and education through campaigns, media engagement, publications, knowledge sharing in the context of local governance in ASEAN.
- 3 Advocate commitments to global agenda in complementary with ASEAN purposes and principles enshrined in ASEAN Charter and other relevant declarations and issuances.
- 4 Promote cooperation among subnational governments, recognising the role of cities in economic growth and environmental sustainability, in support of the ASEAN Integration.

### Background

AMF was originally conceived in 2011 when visionary mayors in Southeast Asia met for the first time in Surabaya, Indonesia, to demonstrate the importance of local contributions to ASEAN's regional integration. The Forum has gained prominence since 2015, with successive AMF meetings to discuss the ASEAN Community building and how mayors can help accelerate its progress and benefits for citizens. The role of local governments has been further enhanced due to the wide recognition that major target of Global Agendas, the SDGs, Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Agreement, New Urban Agenda cannot be achieved without their actions at the local level.

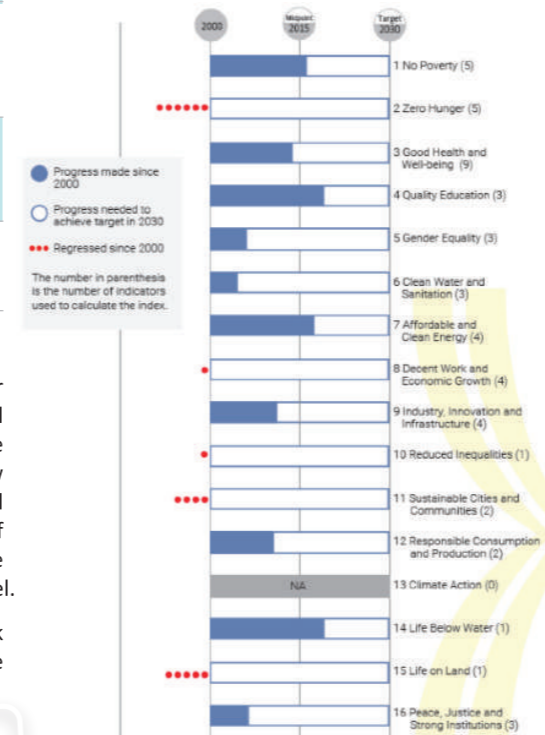
AMF has received accreditation from ASEAN as the first local governments network affiliated entity in August 2018. UCLG ASPAC hosts the AMF secretariat under the framework of its Southeast Asia Standing Committee.

### AMF Logo

The AMF logo subscribes to the three colors in the ASEAN emblem: blue, red, and yellow. Blue stands for peace and stability, red for courage and dynamism, and yellow for prosperity. The two curvilinear shapes with an oval at its core form the figure of a dynamic globe representing how each element interlinks and builds on the other symbolising the synergies to create one ASEAN Community.



### ASEAN Progress on SDGs in 2015



Source: ASEAN SDGs Baseline, UNESCAP (2017)

## Engaging with ASEAN as an Associated Entity

- Take a stand on policy matters or regional concerns through position papers submitted to the ASEAN
- Secure ASEAN endorsement on project proposals for Third Party funding
- Initiate programmes for action of relevant ASEAN Sectoral Body
- Access ASEAN documents for research
- Use ASEAN Secretariat facilities for official meetings and other activities in Jakarta

Source: Rules of Procedure and Criteria for Engagement with Entities Annex A (Guidelines on Accreditation of Entities Associated with ASEAN) Section IV Privileges for Accreditation



## ASEAN MAYORS FORUM - TIMELINE

ASEAN: A Community of Opportunities for All



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August 2018

26-28 August 2019

**5th ASEAN Mayors Forum**  
*Driving Local Actions for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth*  
Bangkok, Thailand



**4th ASEAN Mayors Forum 2018**  
*Building Sustainable and Smart Development in ASEAN Cities and Regions*  
Singapore, Republic of Singapore

7 July 2018



26-27 July 2017

**3rd ASEAN Mayors Forum**  
*50 Years of ASEAN: Empowering Communities for a Stronger Region*  
Taguig, Philippines  
**Taguig Action Agenda**



**2nd ASEAN Mayors Forum**  
*Adaptive and Intelligent Cities for an Integrated Borderless Prosperous Region*  
Makassar, Indonesia  
**Makassar Declaration**

9-11 September 2015



24-25 October 2011

**1st ASEAN Mayors Forum**  
Surabaya, Indonesia  
**Surabaya Communiqué**



## UCLG ASPAC

is the largest regional section of UCLG representing the united voice of cities in Asia-Pacific.

UCLG ASPAC serves as the Secretariat of the ASEAN Mayors Forum.



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