The 6th High-Level Brainstorming Dialogue on Enhancing Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Monday, 30 May 2022, 14.30-17.00 hours (Bangkok time)

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME AND ANNOTATED AGENDA**

(OPEN SESSION)

14.30-15.00 hrs.  **Agenda Item 1**: Policy Perspectives – Enhancing Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Opening Remarks:
➢ H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand (Co-Chair)
➢ H.E. Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP (Co-Chair)
➢ H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN

(Note: This session will be live streamed via UN ESCAP YouTube channel.)

15.00-16.50 hrs.  **Agenda Item 2**: Promoting Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Review of progress and sharing good practices

Sustainability has long been a strategic priority of ASEAN in the Community-building efforts, underlined by unwavering commitments to enhance the Complementarities Initiative and implementing the Complementarities Roadmap (2020 - 2025). The Roadmap covers 5 priority areas, namely (1) poverty eradication, (2) infrastructure and connectivity, (3) sustainable management of natural resources, (4) sustainable consumption and production and (5) resilience as well as capacity-building.

Despite our continuous efforts in advancing actions under the Roadmap, the COVID-19 crisis has undoubtedly posed unprecedented challenges and scaled back our efforts in achieving the SDGs. At the same time, it has also obliged us to rethink models for economic growth, redouble our efforts to build back better, and reinvigorate this Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs.

Within this context, and with a view to reinforcing ASEAN’s sustainability agenda, Thailand has introduced the concept of the “Bio-Circular-
Green Economy (BCG) Model” as an alternative strategy for ASEAN in a post-COVID-19 era. With the objective of ensuring a more sustainable and inclusive future with emphasis on human empowerment and resilience-building, the BCG Model looks beyond immediate recovery by accelerating the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The BCG model, in this connection, may be applied as a framework of action that complements the Complementarities Initiative.

The BCG Model applies a whole-of-society approach and integrates bioeconomy, circular economy, and green economy with advanced technologies and innovations throughout the supply chains to boost competitiveness, enhance resource efficiency, regenerate biodiversity and mitigate impacts on the environment. Indeed, the BCG Model is in line with sustainable policies and strategies of ASEAN Member States as well as ASEAN external partners. Thus, there are tremendous opportunities and benefits to be shared in promoting synergy and enhance engagement and cooperation amongst all stakeholders.

In this session, ASEAN Member States, UN agencies and external partners will review the progress made on the implementation of the Complementarities Initiative. Scalable policies and good practices adopted within the framework of the bio-circular-green economy can also be shared to illustrate how these approaches help support the implementation of the Complementarities Roadmap. In addition, policy recommendations and concrete project ideas can be further discussed as ways forward in accelerating actions towards realizing the SDGs in ASEAN.

(A) Progress on implementing actions under the Complementarities Initiative

- H.E. Ms. Chulamanee Chartsuwan, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand (Co-Chair)
- Update on the progress of the Complementarities Initiative including in the context of the ASEAN-UN Plan of Action 2021-2025 by Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary of UN ESCAP (Co-Chair)
- Update on ASEAN’s undertakings to promote sustainable development by H.E. Mr. Ekkaphab Phanthavong, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community
- Advancing sustainable development cooperation under the current ASEAN Chairmanship theme “ASEAN A.C.T: Addressing Challenge Together” by H.E. Mr. Theng Pagnathun, Director General of Planning,
➢ Update on the overall implementation of the Complementarities Roadmap (2020-2025) and the work of the ACSDSD by Mr. Chirachai Punkrasin, Executive Director, ASEAN Center for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD)

(B) Recovering Lost Progress: Accelerating the implementation of the Complementarities Roadmap (Each speaker has allotted time of 5 minutes.)

➢ Presentations by UN agencies, and external partners.

Poverty Eradication: Ensuring food security as a pathway out of poverty
- Mr. Ke Yousheng, Permanent Representative of China to ESCAP
- Ms. Birgit Hansl Country Manager Thailand, the World Bank
- Mr. Takayuki Hagiwara, Regional Programme Leader, FAO

Infrastructure and Connectivity: Bridging the digital divide in support of a green digitalization of ASEAN
- Mr. Jean-Louis VILLE, acting Director for the Middle East, Asia and Pacific, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission,
- H.E. Mr. Alexandre Fasel, Swiss Special Representative for Science Diplomacy, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland
- Mr. Anouj Mehta, Country Director, Thailand Resident Mission, Southeast Asia Department, ADB

Sustainable Management of Natural Resources: Enhancing capacity for efficient and integral resources management through the principle of circularity
- France
- Ms. Isabelle Louis, Deputy Regional Director of UNEP Asia and the Pacific – “Plastic related activities in the region following the global resolution at the 5th UN Environment Assembly”

Sustainable Consumption and Production: Empowering green and circular transition for ASEAN SMEs
- Mr. Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Ms. Maria Perdomo, Regional Manager for Asia, Inclusive Digital Economies, UNCDF
Resilience: Promoting Green Economy to enhance regional resilience and tackling climate change

- Mr. Hironobu MITA, Deputy Director of Environmental Strategy Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment of Japan
- Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief, Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ESCAP

- Open floor, including Q&A, for other participants

16.50-17.00 hrs. Closing Session

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, and Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary of UN ESCAP, (Co-Chairs) will summarise the main conclusions of the Dialogue, including possible next steps.

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