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9th ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT (AMMDM) AND RELATED MEETINGS

14 October 2021, Singapore – The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and related meetings took place virtually from 8 to 14 October 2021.

As the Chair of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) this year, Singapore organised a series of meetings from 8 to 14 October 2021. The meetings included the 9th AMMDM and 10th Conference of Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), the 39th Meeting of the ACDM and other related meetings. This year's theme is: "Strengthening Partnership and Innovation for Disaster Management in ASEAN".

2. Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, delivered the opening remarks earlier today as the Chair of the AMMDM. Minister Shanmugam said: "Managing this pandemic remains a great challenge, not least due to the high transmissibility of the Delta variant. While we deal with the pandemic at the same time, we nevertheless still need to make sure that our disaster management response remains ready."

3. Minister Shanmugam commended the ACDM and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) for successfully mobilising a humanitarian assistance mission, with contributions from many ASEAN Member States and other partners, to deliver supplies and aid to Myanmar despite the challenges faced during the pandemic.

4. Minister Shanmugam also affirmed that ASEAN must continue to work together to strengthen governance, partnership, and innovation in disaster management. Some key developments of the ACDM in the past year contributed to the strengthening of governance and innovation. These included the launch of the ASEAN Mapping Exercise Report to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN Centres and Entities Associated with ASEAN on Disaster Management; and the ACDM's flagship publication entitled 'ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook'.

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5. Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development, delivered Singapore's country statement during the meeting. In the statement, MOS Faishal said that as the ACDM Chair in 2021, Singapore took the lead in strengthening Governance, Partnership and Innovation for Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction in ASEAN. With the support of ASEAN Member States, the ACDM has established permanent dialogue platforms with the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea. He said that Singapore's ACDM and AMMDM Chairmanship reflects the success and support of all ASEAN Member States.

6. MOS Faishal also thanked Thailand, the Vice-Chair of the ACDM in 2021, for their close cooperation and guidance which contributed greatly to the success of the various programmes and projects undertaken throughout the year.

7. The 9th AMMDM was held in conjunction with the Commemoration of ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM). The ADDM is convened annually to raise awareness and remind the public of the importance of disaster risk reduction.

8. Six new initiatives were launched at this year's ADDM as follows:

- i. the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook publication;
- ii. the Publication of the ASEAN Mapping Exercise;
- iii. the Web-Based Monitoring and Evaluation System;
- iv. the ASEAN-United Nations' Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management;
- v. the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Adaptation to Drought; and
- vi. the ASEAN Regional Framework on Protection, Gender, and Inclusion in Disaster Management.

9. Singapore led the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook publication and the ASEAN Mapping Exercise, contributing to the region's efforts to strengthen partnership and innovation in disaster management.

10. During the ADDM, Dato Lim Jock Hoi, the ASEAN Secretary General delivered the closing remarks. He welcomed the finalisation of key documents which will further enhance cooperation in disaster management. He said: "We have witnessed today the remarkable progress that has been made through partnership and innovation. As we embark on the implementation of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, we are capitalising on new technologies to chart our

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progress through the Web-based Monitoring and Evaluation System which will ensure that ASEAN is on-track towards meeting the goals of its five-year plans.”

11. Singapore took over as the Chair of the AMMDM and ACDM in 2021 from the Philippines. The chairpersonship of the 10th AMMDM and ACDM in 2022 was handed over to Thailand. In his speech, Minister Shanmugam thanked the Philippines for the smooth transition of the chairpersonship from the previous year, and Thailand for the support as Vice-Chair this year.

12. Please refer to the Annexes for more information on the initiatives.

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FACTSHEET ON AMMDM, ACDM, AADMER AND AADMER WORK PROGRAMME

1. Singapore is the Chair of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM), ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the Governing Board of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) in 2021. The AMMDM is an annual meeting of the ASEAN Ministers overseeing disaster management in their respective countries and provides guidance on enhancing ASEAN's collective efforts to build a more disaster-resilient society and respond to disasters within the region collectively.
2. The ACDM comprises the National Disaster Management Organisations (NDMO) of the ten ASEAN Member States. It was established in 2003 to enhance ASEAN's cooperation in all aspects of disaster management. SCDF has been the National Focal Point for the ACDM since its establishment.
3. SCDF was instrumental in the establishment and operationalisation of the AHA Centre, which was launched at the 19th ASEAN Summit on 17 November 2011. Located in Jakarta, the AHA Centre is the regional coordination body and operational engine of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), facilitating the co-operation and coordination among the ASEAN Member States and with relevant United Nations and international organisations.
4. One of the key highlights of this year's ACDM was the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025, which was launched in June 2021 in conjunction with the 6th AADMER Partnership Conference. This is the third five-year Work Programme that has been developed since 2010.
5. The AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025 was developed based on the foundation laid out by AADMER's vision to build a region of disaster-resilient nations, mutually assisting and complementing one another, sharing a common bond in minimising adverse effects of disasters in pursuit of safer communities and sustainable development.
6. In the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025, the ASEAN Member States aim to enhance and support ASEAN's disaster risk reduction and disaster

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management capabilities through cooperation across different sectors of society, capacity building, scalable innovation, resource mobilisation, new partnerships, and stronger coordination among the Member States. The Work Programme is also aligned to global agreements such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

7. The AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025 can be found here: <https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/AADMER-Work-Programme-2021-2025.pdf>

8. More information on the background and scope of AADMER as well as past and current AADMER Work Programmes, can be found here: <https://asean.org/asean-socio-cultural/asean-agreement-on-disaster-management-and-emergency-response-cop-to-aadmer/aadmer-work-programme/>

9. SCDF co-chairs two of the three working groups¹ that were formed to oversee the implementation of activities under the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025. The three working groups are:

- i. Prevention and Mitigation – This working group leads the implementation of two priority programmes which are disaster risk assessment and monitoring, and prevention and mitigation. This working group is co-chaired by Thailand, Philippines and Lao PDR.
- ii. Preparedness, Response and Recovery – This working group oversees programmes to strengthen coordination of regional responses and resilient recovery. This working group is co-chaired by Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore.
- iii. Global Leadership – This working group leads the implementation of programmes on knowledge management for regional resilience building and global leadership in disaster management. This working group is co-chaired by Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam.

¹ SCDF co-chairs the Preparedness, Response and Recovery Working Group, and the Global Leadership Working Group

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FACTSHEET ON THE ASEAN DISASTER RESILIENCE OUTLOOK PUBLICATION

1. The ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook (ADRO) publication is a first-of-its-kind publication to explore and crystallise the concepts and ideas discussed from the ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management (SPDDM). It was launched during the Commemoration of ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) to signify ASEAN's commitment in the development of disaster management resilience and capacities in the region.
2. The ADRO, a flagship publication for the ACDM, was led by Singapore during its chairpersonship of the ACDM and as Co-chair of the ACDM Working Group on Global Leadership with support from the ASEAN Secretariat. The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU) was the consultant for this publication.
3. The publication consolidates the best innovative practices, concepts and ideas presented and discussed by policy makers, practitioners, and researchers during the annual SPDDM held in Singapore since 2015. It also serves as a mid-term review of the ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management, highlighting new and emerging challenges and risks posed by the changing humanitarian landscape. In addition, it recommends futureproof solutions that can enhance ASEAN's resilience by 2025 and beyond.

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FACTSHEET ON THE ASEAN MAPPING EXERCISE REPORT

1. The ASEAN Mapping Exercise Report was launched during the Commemoration of ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM). The ASEAN Mapping Exercise was driven by Singapore during its chairpersonship of the ACDM and as Co-chair of the ACDM Working Group on Global Leadership, with support from the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. The ASEAN Mapping Exercise identifies the potential roles and activities that all relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN Centres and Entities associated with ASEAN may play. The ASEAN Mapping Exercise also details the technical expertise, capabilities and resources that can be made available to support ASEAN's disaster management efforts.
3. In addition, the recommendations from the ASEAN Mapping Exercise will inform the necessary action plans to enhance the current Joint Task Force to promote synergy with other relevant ASEAN bodies on the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief platform. This includes transforming the current platform into a new "ASEAN Disaster Resilience Platform and Forum" that leverages on the expertise of an expanded membership with all relevant Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN Centres, and Entities associated with ASEAN, which are involved in projects related to disaster management and disaster risk reduction. The scope of cooperation will also be expanded to be in line with the AADMER Work Programme.
4. The ASEAN Mapping Exercise rejuvenates existing multi-sectoral collaboration and enhances regional collaboration through a whole-of-ASEAN approach to achieve the ASEAN 2025 vision on Disaster Management.

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FACTSHEET ON THE WEB-BASED MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM

1. The Web-based Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System, an initiative launched during the Commemoration of ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM), signifies the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management's (ACDM) commitment to achieve the outcomes outlined in the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025.
2. Led by the ACDM Working Group on Global Leadership, the project management system tracks the progress of disaster management initiatives under the AADMER Work Programme. The Web-based M&E System streamlines the process for the collection, analysis and reporting of monitoring data. This enables easier progress tracking of resource mobilisation, completion of activities, and provides documented evidence of the various initiatives under the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025.
3. The system facilitates consolidation of data, comparison of actual results against target outcomes, data collection and analysis of information, the process of creating reports, and bolsters M&E institutional capacities. Besides dealing with data, the system determines whether the projects have sufficient resources, and is also able to track the progress of activities such as personnel training, allowing for timely intervention.
4. The system offers varying levels of access to different stakeholders, ensuring that required information is readily available for specific user groups. It serves as a central platform of information and documentation for the ACDM, the various Working Groups under the ACDM, the National Disaster Management Offices of the ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat, AHA Centre and other relevant partners.

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FACTSHEET ON THE ASEAN-UNITED NATIONS' (UN) JOINT STRATEGIC PLAN OF ACTION ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

1. The ASEAN-UN Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management (JSPADM) IV (2021-2025) was launched during the Commemoration of ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM). The development was led by the ACDM Working Group on Preparedness, Response and Recovery, and supported by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.
2. The ASEAN-UN JSPADM IV (2021-2025) is grounded in the long-standing relationship between ASEAN and the UN that began with the inaugural ASEAN-UN Summit, held in Bangkok in 2000. In this spirit, the fourth edition of the JSPADM outlines the various ASEAN-UN cooperation and UN's value-added support in areas such as disaster prevention and mitigation, disaster preparedness and response, and global leadership in disaster management.
3. The ASEAN-UN JSPADM IV (2021-2025) is structured to ensure its activities support the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025.

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FACTSHEET ON THE ASEAN REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION ON ADAPTATION TO DROUGHT

1. The ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Adaption to Drought (ARPA-AD) was launched during the Commemoration of ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM). The development of the ARPA-AD was led by the ACDM Working Group on Prevention and Mitigation and supported by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
2. The ARPA-AD aims to enhance coordination at both the regional and international level to achieve sustainable management of drought by considering the impact of drought on the livelihood of people, natural resources and ecosystem, agriculture, energy, and sustainable socio-economic development. The plan was developed after several technical discussions and consultative workshops with active participation of all relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN Centres, ASEAN Member States, and other potential stakeholders.
3. The ARPA-AD covers the drought management cycle, partnership, and coordination. It also allows the stakeholders and ASEAN Member States to address emerging issues associated with national and transboundary drought management, strengthen adaptive capacity against drought hazards, as well as highlight the current and future threats posed by extreme weather events due to climate change.

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FACTSHEET ON THE ASEAN REGIONAL FRAMEWORK ON PROTECTION, GENDER, AND INCLUSION IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

1. The ASEAN Regional Framework on Protection, Gender, and Inclusion in Disaster Management (2021-2025) (ARF-PGI) was launched during the Commemoration of ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM). The development of the ARF-PGI was led by the ACDM Working Group on Prevention and Mitigation and supported by United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).
2. ASEAN has a key role to play in addressing issues of protection, gender, and inclusion (PGI) in disaster management. Disasters exacerbate pre-existing inequalities and discrimination. As recognised globally and regionally, women, children, youth, the elderly, the poor, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups are among the most impacted during disasters.
3. The ARF-PGI aims to articulate a common vision for promoting PGI in disaster management in the ASEAN region. Firstly, it consolidates regional commitments across sectors to create a common understanding of target actions for achieving inclusive disaster management. Secondly, it proposes entry points for collaboration between national disaster management organisations and gender machineries. Lastly, the Framework supports ASEAN Member States in setting priorities, indicators, and targets for measuring progress in PGI at the national level, while establishing indicators and a baseline for measuring progress at the regional level.
4. Recognising the diversity of contexts within the ASEAN region, the Framework also offers ASEAN Member States a range of options to design country-specific interventions on PGI in disaster management in line with national and local contexts. The Framework also aims to support the implementation of the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025 and other regional declarations and plans.