

# ASEAN Peer to Peer Learning : Disaster Law and Policy Platform

## ASEAN DISASTER LAW MAPPING CONSULTATION

### CONCEPT NOTE

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Pullman Grande Sukhumvit, Bangkok, Thailand

## Background

In April 2017, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) endorsed the Chairperson's proposal to collaborate with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on the "*ASEAN Peer to Peer Learning: Disaster Law and Policy Platform*". The activity seeks to address issues of disaster risk governance in ASEAN and aims to provide a platform for dialogue, shared learning, training and research on disaster law and policy frameworks, both in terms of development and its implementation, between ASEAN Member states.

As part of the peer learning platform, it was proposed to map **and analyze domestic disaster laws to create an evidence-base for assessing the institutionalization of ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) provisions in domestic legal frameworks, specifically focusing on disaster preparedness and response provisions**. The disaster law mapping forms part of the cross-cutting strategy of institutionalizing the AADMER, considered as one of the six building blocks of the AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020. It also falls under AADMER Priority Programme 3 on Advance, specifically Component 1 on "*strengthening institutional capacity and policy frameworks for effective implementation of DRR and CCA actions.*"

The outputs of the mapping will be a Final Report and an Online Platform. The Final Report will provide a comparative regional overview and some country-level examples of AADMER preparedness and response institutionalization in domestic law and policy. The Online Platform will serve as a user-friendly repository of information of country-level profiles, key laws and policy documents and showcase the findings in the Final Report.

To verify the information and recommendations of the mapping, an "**ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping Consultation**" is proposed to take place in **September 2017**. This consultation seeks to confirm the accuracy of the research and findings before it is presented to the ACDM Ministerial Meeting in October 2017. The Consultation is a key step in the research process as it will ground the research on actual experiences by NDMOs, Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies and other non-government stakeholders in ensuring that AADMER provisions are supported by their domestic legal frameworks.

## Consultation Description and Methodology

The consultation will take place over one day and will invite participation from ASEAN government representatives (National Disaster Management Office), Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies in ASEAN, ASEAN Secretariat and AHA Centre representatives and other stakeholders as appropriate.

The consultation will explore the following **issues**:

- (1) Presentation of the research and mapping – objectives, coverage, summary of results
- (2) Discussion of feedback from key stakeholders on:
  - a. Accuracy and relevance of information used
  - b. Strengths and weaknesses in the framing of guide questions and analysis of findings
  - c. Gaps in the research (e.g. provide examples of implementation of AADMER preparedness and response provisions even if missing in domestic legislation)
- (3) Recommendations for the improvement of the research

### Objectives:

- (1) To provide an opportunity for ASEAN Member States and key stakeholders to modify and /or validate the initial findings of the draft research and Online Platform before these are finalized and presented to the full ACDM Ministerial Meeting in October 2017.
- (2) To strengthen the evidence base and shared learning opportunities on AADMER and other disaster law themes within ASEAN.

### Expected result and measurements for success:

- (1) Participants clearly understand and support the findings of the research
- (2) The accuracy and relevance of the research is validated

## Date and Location

The consultation will be held on the **8<sup>th</sup> of September 2017** at the **Pullman Bangkok Grande Sukhumvit Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.**

## Expected Participants

- NDMO / AADMER focal point of each ASEAN Member States (max 10 participants/ 1 per MS)
- Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies in ASEAN (max 10 participants)
- ASEC and AHA representatives
- IGO in SEA (i.e.: UNDP ROAP, UN OCHA ROAP)

## Costs

All costs associated with this consultation, including travel costs, accommodation and per diem, will be covered by IFRC.