



ASEAN SAFE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (ASSI)

3rd ASEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCHOOL SAFETY

Bangkok, 2 – 4 April 2019

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

Southeast Asia is one of the most disaster-prone regions in the world. More than 50 percent of the global disaster mortalities took place in ASEAN from 2004 to 2014 with about 354,000 fatalities. During the same period, about 191 million people were temporarily displaced, and another 193 million people were affected or experienced different types of losses due to disasters.¹

The education sector is highly affected by disasters and other risks owing to a large amount of time the children and teachers spend in schools. There have been many instances when children or teaching staff lost their lives or got injured in schools during disasters. Recent disasters in the ASEAN region damaged school facilities, especially those with poor building design, non-engineered construction, or site selection, which prevented students from accessing schools. Children's education is also disrupted when schools are used as temporary shelters or evacuation areas for those affected by disasters. Major setbacks on development investments in the education sector are also experienced during disasters especially when risk reduction policies are not adequately prioritised.

Recognising the impacts of disasters on children and education sector, ASEAN has established the ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative (ASSI) which promotes a comprehensive integration of risk reduction in the Education Sector. This initiative is a priority of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme 2016-2020 (Priority Programme #2: Building Safe ASEAN Infrastructures and Essential Service) and the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020 (Priority Area 5.2: Promoting inclusion of disaster risk reduction in national curriculum through support to relevant sectors' initiatives).

To support the ASSI goals and Programme Strategy, ASSI, with the leadership of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and Seniors Official Meeting on Education (SOM-ED), conducts a biennial regional conference as a venue for advocacy, discussion, and learning exchange among stakeholders on DRR in Education and School Safety in ASEAN. The first ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety, held in December 2015 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia saw the formal launch of the ASEAN Common Framework

¹ ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management (2016). Retrieved from https://www.asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/fa-220416_DM2025_email.pdf.



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for Comprehensive School Safety² and other regional tools supporting the implementation of school disaster management in the region. The second ASEAN Regional Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand in February 2017, gathered the re-affirmation of ASEAN countries and other partners and stakeholders' to continue their school safety efforts in alignment with the country commitments to contribute in accomplishing the newly adopted AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020 and the ASEAN Regional Work Plan on Education 2016-2020 as well as the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015-2030 targets and the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

This year, as we are heading towards the end of the ASEAN Programme Strategy 2017-2020, the 3rd ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety will be focusing on the assessment of the region's progress in school safety work and in shaping the discussions toward outlining the ASEAN regional perspectives, approaches, and strategies on school safety post- AADMER Work Programme 2016-2020 and ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

The 3rd ASEAN Regional Conference on School Safety will be held on 2-4 April 2019, in Bangkok, Thailand. This regional conference aims to gather representatives from the Ministries of Education (MOEs) and the National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) in ASEAN as well as from key partners and stakeholders to discuss and assess ASEAN's progress in its school safety efforts in the last five years. The conference also intends to be a venue for stakeholders' learning exchanges and to start the dialogue in determining the direction and strategies of ASSI post-2020.

Specifically, the Conference aims to:

1. Provide a platform for the ASEAN Member States to share their national and local strategies and priorities in DRR in Education,
2. Discuss school safety-related researches and actions on emerging risks and other school safety concerns or priorities in South East Asia (i.e. climate change impacts, urban risks, community resilience, gender, disability, school safety in conflicts areas, violence in schools, etc.),
3. Promote innovative tools and methodologies relevant for school safety through thematic forums, market place, and ignite presentations,
4. Introduce and discuss the *ASEAN Guidelines for Comprehensive School Safety Progress Reporting*,
5. Recognize school safety champions who have demonstrated commitments on school safety and made significant impacts on their communities, and
6. Discuss and recommend ways forward for ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative (ASSI) post-AADMER WP and ASEAN Work Plan on Education, including identifying resource mobilization and sustainability strategies and engagement of wider stakeholder groups.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of the 3rd ASEAN Regional School Safety Conference, the following are expected to be achieved:

² The ASEAN Common Framework for Comprehensive School Safety (2015) is a regional guidance document for the operationalization of the Comprehensive School Safety (CSS) Framework for the Southeast Asia context. While the document presents a common framework for ASEAN to develop school safety interventions based on country-specific needs and context, it also guides the Member States to effectively translate the school safety concepts into concrete actions with substantive impacts.

- National and local priorities, strategies, sound practices, lessons learnt, and researches related to school safety are shared and discussed among the participants,
- Innovative approaches, tools, publications, case studies, and resources supporting school safety implementation are showcased through the marketplace, thematic sessions and ignite presentations,
- The Guidelines to support the ASEAN Monitoring and Reporting on Comprehensive School Safety were introduced and discussed with the regional stakeholders,
- School Safety Champions in ASEAN are recognized and awarded,
Ways forward for ASSI post- AADMER WP and ASEAN Work Plan on Education were discussed and recommendations for resource mobilisation and sustainability were gathered.

FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be featuring the following events:

- Plenary sessions
- Thematic sessions
- ASEAN School Safety Champion Awarding
- Market place
- Ignite presentations

Details of the sessions and events are annexed to this document.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The 3rd ASEAN Regional School Safety Conference is expected to host about 100 participants from all over the ASEAN and from neighbouring regions. Among the target participants are the following:

- Top/senior officials from the National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO) in ASEAN;
- Top/senior officials from the Ministries of Education (MOE) in ASEAN;
- Senior government officials from other relevant line agencies involved in school safety work (i.e. Public Works, Finance, Development Planning, etc.);
- Local school authorities in ASEAN, teachers, and students;
- ASEAN Secretariat;
- ASSI Consortium Partners (Plan International, World Vision, Save the Children, Mercy Malaysia); and members of the Asia Pacific Coalition on School Safety (APCSS);
- Other regional partners and stakeholders (i.e. private sectors, academe, youth groups, etc.).



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GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 0: 2 April 2019		
Time	Activity	Proposed Speaker
Pre-conference - ASSI Partners Meetings		
Conference Day 1: 3 April 2019		
8. ⁰⁰ – 09. ⁰⁰	Registration	
Conference Opening Ceremony Venue: TBC		
09. ⁰⁰ – 09. ³⁰	Welcome Remarks	Co-Chair to the ACDM WG on Prevention and Mitigation, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Ministry of Interior, Thailand <i>and</i> Chair of Senior Officials' Meeting on Education (SOM-ED), Ministry of Education, Myanmar
09. ³⁰ – 10. ³⁰	Awarding of the ASEAN School Safety Champions Opening of the Market Place	Co-Chairs of ACDM Prevention and Mitigation Working Group Chair of SOM-ED ASEAN Secretariat



10: ³⁰ – 10: ⁴⁵	<i>Picture - Coffee & Tea Break</i>	
10: ⁴⁵ – 12: ¹⁵	<p>PLENARY 1: Strengthening regional and national strategies for a cross-sectoral coordination in ASEAN school safety.</p> <p>Venue: TBD</p>	<p>Moderator: Head of Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance, ASEC</p> <p>Speakers (TBD)</p>
12: ¹⁵ – 13: ³⁰	Lunch	
13: ³⁰ – 14: ³⁰	<p><u>Ignite Presentations:</u></p> <p>Live showcases of school safety initiatives in ASEAN, good practices, or innovative tools and approaches</p>	<p>Speakers (TBD)</p> <p>(10 minutes/each speaker in the marketplace area and 10 minutes for Questions and Answers from the Audience).</p>
14: ³⁰ – 16: ⁰⁰	<p><i>Thematic session (schedule is TBD):</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Science, innovation, technology in implementing school safety programme</i> 2. <i>Multi-stakeholders' engagement in promoting school safety</i> 3. <i>Emerging risks in school safety</i> 4. <i>National and local strategies and priority in DRR in Education</i> 5. <i>Cross-cutting concerns/issues in SS (gender, disability inclusion, inclusive practices of SS)</i> 	
16: ⁰⁰ – 17: ³⁰	<p><i>Thematic Session</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Science, innovation, technology in implementing school safety programme</i> 2. <i>Multi-stakeholders' engagement in promoting school safety</i> 3. <i>Emerging risks in school safety</i> 4. <i>National and local strategies and priority in DRR in Education</i> 5. <i>Cross-cutting concerns/issues in SS (gender, disability inclusion, inclusive practices of SS)</i> 	

Conference Day 2, 4 April 2019		
08: ⁰⁰ – 09: ⁰⁰	Registration	
09: ⁰⁰ – 10: ³⁰	<p><i>Thematic Session</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Science, innovation, technology in implementing school safety programme</i> 2. <i>Multi-stakeholders' engagement in promoting school safety</i> 3. <i>Emerging risks in school safety</i> 4. <i>National and local strategies and priority in DRR in Education</i> 5. <i>Cross-cutting concerns/issues in SS (gender, disability inclusion, inclusive practices of SS)</i> 	

10: ³⁰ – 10: ⁴⁵	Coffee & Tea Break	
10: ⁴⁵ – 11: ⁴⁵	<u>Ignite Presentations:</u> <u>Venue: TBD</u> Live showcases of school safety initiatives in ASEAN, good practices, or innovative tools and approaches	TBD (10 minutes/each speaker in the marketplace area and 10 minutes for Questions and Answers from the Audience).
11: ⁴⁵ – 13: ⁰⁰	Lunch	
13: ⁰⁰ – 15: ⁰⁰	PLENARY 2: Sustaining School safety in ASEAN Post-AADMER Work Programme and ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020	TBD
15: ⁰⁰ – 15: ¹⁵	Afternoon Coffee & Tea Break	
Conference Closing Ceremony Venue: TBD		
15: ¹⁵ – 16: ⁴⁵	Statements from the ASEAN Member States and Partners	AMSs/Partners
16: ⁴⁵ – 17: ⁰⁰	Closing messages	Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Lao PDR as Co-Chair to ACDM WG on Prevention and Mitigation