

21st Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leaders Meeting

5-6 September 2024

Session 8 Overview


Session Title Engagement of SEA NS with IFRC Governing board and RCRC Statutory Meetings	
Presenter(s) and National Society(s)	Chair(s) and National Society(s)
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Key Objectives of the Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on major international priorities of the IFRC Governing board and key discussions expected during the International Statutory Meetings.• Discussion among the leaders on the upcoming Statutory Meetings, candidates for committees and commissions and on joint statements for the General Assembly (GA), Council of Delegates (CoD) and International Conference (IC),

Background and Current Issues

Since 2022, the engagement of Southeast Asia National Societies with the IFRC Governing Board has been a standing agenda item at the SEA leaders' meetings. This session provides SEA National Society leaders with a direct opportunity to convey their interests and concerns, ensuring that their perspectives are considered in shaping the priorities of the IFRC Governing Board. It also gives the opportunity to hear updates on the discussions happening at the international governance level.

During the SEA NS leaders meeting, a dedicated session on the statutory meetings will explore how National Societies can effectively engage with states and related stakeholders to maximize these opportunities. This session will focus on positioning National Societies to gain recognition for their unique roles and contributions, particularly through discussions on their stance regarding the 5 International Conference resolutions and CoD resolutions.



In previous Statutory meetings, Southeast Asian societies collaborated on joint statements on key issues relevant to SEA, including a statement on the collaboration with ASEAN during the 'voices of the conference'. This session will also provide opportunity to discuss and agree on collective SEA statements during the General Assembly, CoD and International Conference. This year is also the election of 5 members of the Standing Commission, and the session will provide opportunity to discuss candidates.