ASEAN Peer to Peer Learning: Disaster Law and Policy Platform

Disaster Law Mapping Consultation – Concept Note

Bangkok, Thailand: September 8, 2017

**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 buildings 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 on 8 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 8th of September 2017 at the Pullman Hotel in 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/INGO/CSO networks in SEA (max 5 participants)
  - i.e.: UNDP ROAP, UN OCHA ROAP, Lao PDR DRR NGOs consortium, Philippines DRR Network, Indonesia PLANAS

Costs

All costs associated with this consultation, including travel costs, accommodation and per diem, will be covered by IFRC.
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## ASEAN Disaster Law Mapping Consultation

### Provisional Agenda
08 September 2017, Bangkok

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• One facilitator and documenter will be assigned to each group.
• Each working group will be given 1 hour and 30 minutes to discuss the following points:
  o Is the information reflected for your country correct? If not, what modifications needs to be made?
  o Is there any missing information or recommendation that you think should be reflected in the final report?
  o What is your proposed way forward to implement the recommendations?

1230 Lunch

1330 Delegation Working Groups (continuation/wrap-up)

1400 Presentations to Plenary

Each working group will then be given 15 minutes to present outcomes and feedback

1500 Summary of Recommendations and Way Forward (Timeline)

IFRC Disaster Law Programme - Ms. Gabrielle Emery and Ms. Pauline Caspellan - Arce

[Intermission: RRI videos / film showing ]

1600 Closing Remarks

  o Government of Lao PDR, Chairperson for ACDM – Mr. Prasong Vongkhamchanh, Director General, Lao PDR Ministry for Labor and Social Welfare

  o ASEAN Secretariat (speaker TBC)

  o International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (speaker TBC)

1630 Tea and Photos

1700 End of Day