



**ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision & Reviewing the  
ASEAN Organs:  
*Guidance from the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and Other ASEAN  
Coordinating Bodies***

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## **A. ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision**

- **The 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit, 9 October 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan** adopted the “**Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision**”.
- The ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) is tasked to develop the central elements of the ASEAN Community's post-2015 vision.
- The ACC Working Group (ACC-WG) was established to oversee the process of developing a post 2015 vision by the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of ACCWG was held on 1 April 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw.
- In order to ensure full participation and synchronisation of the three pillars in the development of post-2015, 3 sub-working groups have been established to work in synergy.
  - ❑ **APSC - the APSC SWG**
  - ❑ **AEC - the Working Group under the HLTF-EI (HLTF-EI WG)**
  - ❑ **ASCC - ASCC WG under the Senior Officials' Committee for the ASCC (SOCA)**



## General principles for the development of the post-2015 vision

The ACC-WG agreed on the “**General principles for the development of the post-2015 vision**”, in line with the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration.

*i. The post-2015 vision should be enhancing and consolidating the ASEAN Community since community building is a continual process. This continuity however should be enhanced by a forward-looking vision about ASEAN in the future, taking into account the fast changing realities both within each ASEAN Member State as well as in the regional and international landscape. The post-2015 visioning should also be part of the on-going global discourse in formulating the United Nations' Post-2015 Development Agenda;*

*ii. The post-2015 vision should continue to maintain and enhance peace and stability in the Southeast Asian region and beyond, promoting shared norms and values in inter-state relations based on the governing principle of the rule of law;*



- iii. *The post-2015 vision should continue to promote common prosperity in the region through enhanced economic integration not only among ASEAN Member States but in the wider Asia-Pacific region;*
- iv. *The post-2015 vision should promote a people-oriented and people-centred ASEAN based on the principles of inclusiveness and public consultation;*
- v. *The post-2015 vision should continue ASEAN's outward-looking approach by enhancing ASEAN centrality in the evolving regional architecture, consolidating ASEAN dialogue partnerships and at the same time reaching out to new potential partners;*
- vi. *The post-2015 vision should promote ASEAN's common global platform, in line with the Bali Concord III, through close coordination on key international issues and participation in addressing emerging global challenges;*
- vii. *The post-2015 vision should aim to strengthen ASEAN's institutional framework by enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of ASEAN organs and institutions as well as synergy, consultation, coordination and coherence among them.*



## Post-2015 vision – ASEAN Economic Community

- **The 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Community Council (AECC) Meeting, 10 May 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw**
  - looked forward to the development of draft Elements paper for AEC Post-2015 entitled **“ASEAN Economic Community 2025: Consolidation and Going Beyond.**
- **The 25<sup>th</sup> HLTF-EI, 17-18 February 2014, Yangon agreed to :**
  - *develop a “framework for enhanced ASEAN economic integration for the next ten years (2016-2025) (AEC 2025)”*      *The HLTF-EI Workgroup on Post-2015 was established to work on the draft AEC 2025 framework*
  - *the post-2015 work should build on existing work under the AEC framework, but could incorporate “newer” issues that ASEAN should address moving forward; and*
  - *ASEAN should put greater focus on addressing cross-cutting issues that impact trade across the region in the post-2015 framework.*



- **The 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of HLTF-EI, 10-11 July 2014, Jakarta**

- discussed the HLTF-EI WG's report on the draft Framework Paper for enhanced ASEAN economic integration for the next ten years (2016-2025), "*ASEAN Economic Community 2025: Consolidation and Going Beyond*"
- noted the AEM's decision at its 20<sup>th</sup> Retreat (26-27 February 2014) to adopt a ten-year time period.
- The HLTF-EI recommended that :
  - *all sectoral bodies under the AEC pillar come up with and align their respective work plans within the 2016-2025 timeline.*
  - *the sectoral bodies should improve upon the existing AEC Blueprint. They should also benchmark against global best practices in their respective sectors.*



## Reviewing the ASEAN Organs

- **The 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit, 9 October 2013, Bandar Seri Begawan** agreed to strengthen the ASEAN Secretariat and review the various ASEAN Organs, its processes and institutions in ensuring ASEAN's centrality in the evolving regional architecture.
- The ASEAN Leaders mandated the High-Level Task Force (HLTF) on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs to look into this and submit their recommendations to the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) and subsequently to the 25<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit.
- **The HLTF on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs** reviewed various AEC subsidiary bodies and the number of their annual meetings. The Meeting considered the possibilities for consolidating the various subsidiary bodies across the AEC pillar towards improving the efficiency of their meetings.
- For Food, Agriculture and Forestry Cooperation, the HLTF considered for the SOM AMAF to undertake a review of its subsidiary bodies with a view to streamlining and consolidating the meetings.



**Thank you**

