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ILO WORKSHOP:

Social and Solidarity Economy for Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia

ASEC Report



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BACKGROUND

The ILO Regional Workshop on Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) was convened for policymakers, representatives of employers' and workers' organizations, international organizations, social and solidarity economy networks, and practitioners to discuss ways to strengthen the contribution of SSE to decent work and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Asia and the Pacific.

There were discussions on the UN resolution on SSE adopted in April 2023, presentation of case studies that feature the SSE contribution towards decent work and the SDGs in Asia and the development of SSE supply chains, the role of SSE in facilitating the transition from informal to formal economy and in advancing workers rights and conditions in the digital labour platforms, the need to advance the generation of statistics on cooperatives and SSE entities, and the formulation of policies that are conducive for the development of decent work and the SSE.

The Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC) participated in these discussions and hosted side meetings to consider the directions of ASEC in fostering SSE and SDGs in Asia with a specific focus on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).



ASEC SUBMISSION AT THE END OF THE WORKSHOP

ASEC members recognized the importance of SDGs and the SSE and the usefulness of promoting these in ASEAN member states where the need for a framework law on SSE is paramount.

ASEC also recognized the UN Resolution on SSE having set the stage for an ASEAN SSE for SDGs policy dialogue (hereinafter referred to as the Policy Dialogue) in conjunction with the ASEAN Summit ASEC noted the collaboration with APPGM-SDGs, Malaysia in 2025 as a good starting point for the ASEAN-SSE for SDGs Roadmap (hereinafter referred to as the Roadmap) as a collective strategy over the next six years (2025-2030) for accelerating the progress towards the SDGs via the SSE.

In light of the above, ASEC in partnership with APPGM-SDGs have put together strategic actions for the implementation of the Roadmap with partners in ASEAN member countries over the six-year period 2025 -2030. These strategic actions include:

- **Establish a Multi-stakeholders ASEAN SSE** for SDGs Task Force (hereinafter referred to as the Task Force) composed of ASEC member organizations in ASEAN member countries and likeminded partners at the Asian continental level such as the International Cooperative Alliance-Asia Pacific (IAC-AP), HomeNet Southeast Asia, World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO)- Asia, and the ASEAN Parliamentarian Forum.
- **Conduct the Policy Dialogue** in conjunction with the ASEAN Summit annually in host countries, starting in 2025 when Malaysia will serve as host and Chair of ASEAN. The Policy Dialogue will be continued in succeeding years when the host and Chairmanship of ASEAN will revolve to other ASEAN member states as follows: 2026-Philippines, 2027-Singapore, 2028-Thailand, 2029-Vietnam and finally 2030-Brunei. Allied organizations from ASEAN supporting countries such as Japan , South Korea, Hong Kong, Australia shall also be invited to participate in the policy dialogue.
- **Organize a series of webinars** to be conducted by MySDG Academy in partnership with ASEC as a means for strengthening the collaboration and working together of the members of the Task Force and in the process of implementing the Roadmap.
- **Organize and conduct an ASEAN SSE for SDGs Training Course** (hereinafter referred to as the Training Course) to be carried out by ASEC in partnership with APPGM-SDGs for the purpose of building up the capabilities and preparedness of ASEC member organizations who will be responsible for implementing the Roadmap in their respective countries and also provide technical assistance to the Task Force in organizing and conducting the Policy Dialogue in their respective countries when it is their turn to host the ASEAN Summit.



The Bayan Family of Foundations (BFF) in collaboration with ASEC-and APPGM-SDGs shall organize an SSE-for-SDGs Forum on 12-13 November 2024 in the Philippines. This event will serve as a pre ASEAN summit 2025 event. ASEC will encourage its member organizations to join the event and participate in the deliberations. BFF will link the Manila event to the ASEAN SSE-for SDGs summit 2025 in Kuala Lumpur.



APPGM-SDG will host the **ASEAN SDG-SSE Summit** in April 2025 during the chairmanship of ASEAN by Malaysia. More details will be circulated soon on this ASEAN level event with ASEC partners from both South Asia and East Asia participating.

PARTICIPANTS FROM ASEC AT THE ILO WORKSHOP

NO.	NAME	ORGANISATION	ROLE
1	Dr Ben Quinones	ASEC Founder Chair, Philippines	Panel Moderator
2	Dr Eri Trinuri Adhi	ASEC Chair & Bina Swadaya, Indonesia	Participant
3	Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria	APPGM-SDG Malaysia	Panel Speaker
4	Ms Poonsap Tulaphan	Homenet Thailand	Panel Speaker
5	Mr Akkanut Wantansombut	Tamsany Community based solidarity eco platform, Thailand	Panel Speaker
6	Mr Kon Onn Sein (online)	OA Organic- YKPM Malaysia	Panel speaker
7	Ms Heira Hardiyanti	MyCool class platform cooperative, Indonesia	Panel speaker
8	Mr Shigeru Tanaka	PARC Japan	Participant
9	Mr Chandra Firmantoko	ASEC Secretariate Head, Indonesia	Participant
10	Mr Carlo Sagun	Bayan Famil Foundation, Philippines	Participant
11	Mr Paniirselvam Jayaraman	APPGM-SDG Malaysia	Participant
12	Ms Marian Jo Jennifer Dacawi	Quezon City (PESO), Philippines	Participant

