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ASEAN and ASEAN+ Marine Environment Protection : Institutional Background

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The Institutional Framework for Marine Environmental Protection (Pradeep Singh, 2018)

(1) The UNCLOS Regime

- The International Seabed Authority (ISA), Article 156
- The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS), Annex VI
- The Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), Annex II

(2) The United Nations "Family"

- The International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- The UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
- The UN General Assembly
- Etc.

(3) Beyond UNCLOS and the UN System

- The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- The World Trade Organization (WTO)
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)
- The International Council for the Exploration of Seas (ICES)
- Etc.

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ASEAN Institutional Framework : Key Institutional Actors

Policy Level

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment (AMME), ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN), ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST)

Operational Level

ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME), ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB), Regional Network

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

AMME : promote environmental cooperation and ensure enforcement of environmental decisions made by each head of government

ASOEN : prepare for the high-level AMME

AWGCME' s Functions

- **Ensure that ASEAN's coastal and marine environment are sustainably managed, representative ecosystems, pristine areas and species are protected**
- Enhance inter-agency and inter-sectoral coordination at the region and international levels
- **Build capacities to develop national marine water quality standards**
- Establish a representative network of protected areas

Institutional Interaction

Annual Meeting

- 15th ASEAN +3 Environment Ministers Meeting, September 2017
- 15th AMME, 2018
- 27th ASEON, 2016

Coordination and Cooperation



- **Guideline** : ASEAN Strategic Plan on Environment (ASPEN) 2016-2025



- **Workshop/Forum** : The East Asian Sea Congress, ASEAN Maritime Forum, 1st Blue Economy Forum



- **Networks** : Marine Protected Area Networks, the ASEAN Network on Environmentally Sound Technologies



- **Action Plans/Projects** : ASEAN Oil Spill Response Plan, ASEAN China Environmental Cooperation Action Plan

Initiatives



- **ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025**



- **ASEAN Marine Water Quality Criteria**



- **ASEAN Criteria for Marine Heritage Areas**



- **ASEAN Criteria for National Marine Protected Areas**

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Issues related to institutional arrangements



- How to achieve coordination, cooperation and collaboration between agencies, how to overcome the fragmentation
- How to create and maintain information sharing and communication networks within and between groups and organization (government, private sector, NGOs, the community)
- How to achieve and sustain leadership in governance
- How to integrate top down and bottom up approach
- How to clarify confusion regarding the roles of various organizations
- How to share power between government and civil sector



The Institutional Challenges

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Work collectively
and to
collaborate

2

Set policy and
make decision for
the long term

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Effective
Monitoring
system

4

Be flexible and
adaptive in
policy making

5

Interactive
thinking



What else is **needed?**

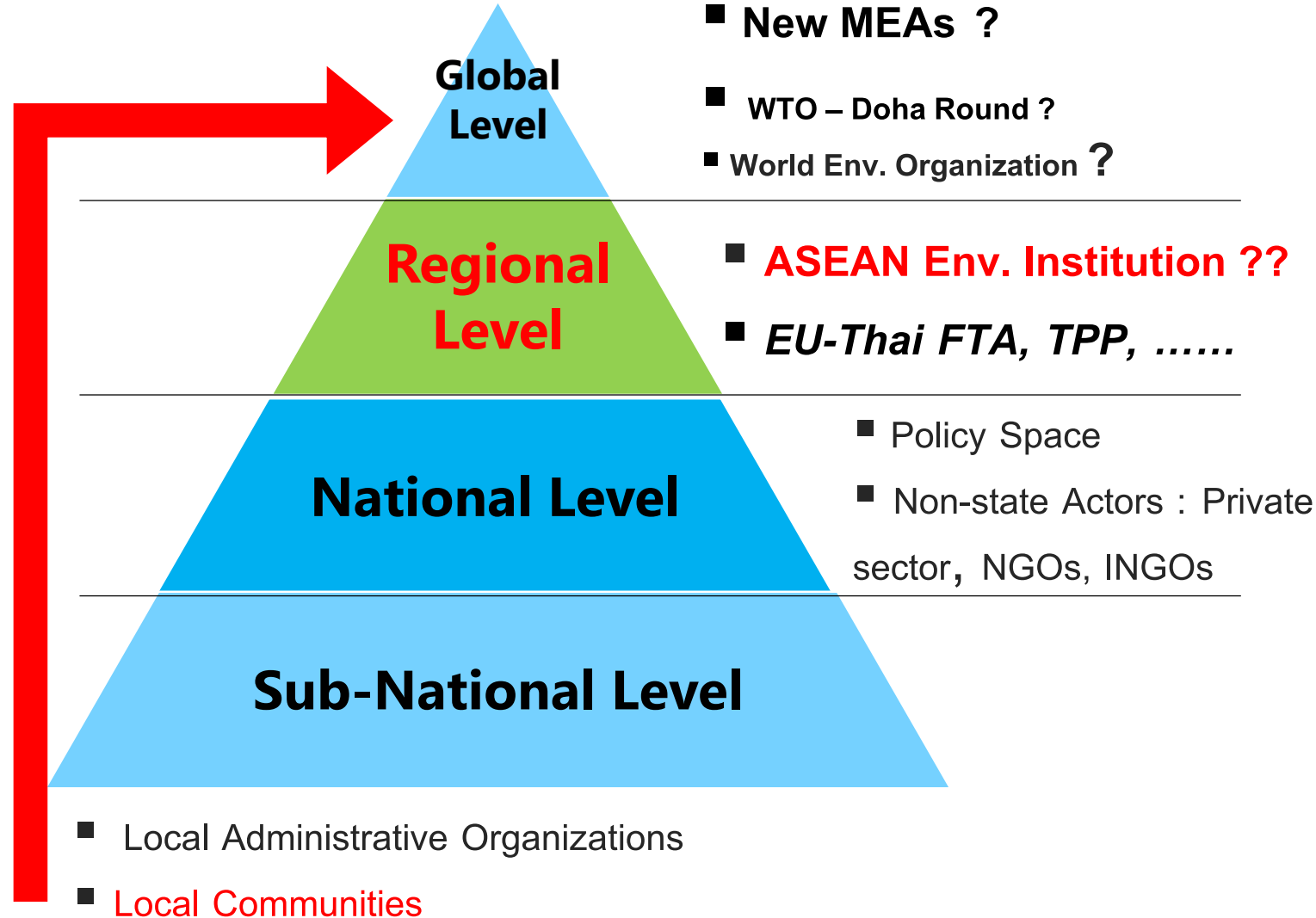
- Top level support from the government's chief executive and the chief executives of the institutions
- Proactive leadership
- Strong core group and secretariat : e.g. regional marine scientists
- Incentives for action : Sustainable Financial Innovation
- Highlight common priorities between the ASEAN Regional Vision 2025 and the Global 2030 Agenda and its results framework, the SDG 14



Final remarks

- Change paradigm
- Better ocean governance
- Rely on NGOs and private sector for technical support in the protection of marine environment

ASEAN & Multi-level Governance



Ref : *Multi-level Governance*. Gary Marks, 1992