

**ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING (ADMM)
THREE-YEAR WORK PROGRAMME
2017-2019**

1. The ADMM Three-Year Work Programme shall be in line with the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Blueprint, and concept papers of the ADMM and its initiatives.
2. The relevant action lines from the ADMM's previous Three-Year Work Programmes shall be retained with the end goal of sustaining initiatives for dialogue and practical cooperation among ASEAN defence establishments.
3. This Three-Year Work Programme shall focus on action lines of the ADMM's previous Three-Year Work Programmes that have yet to be addressed.
4. It shall also outline possible areas of cooperation that the ADMM may pursue for 2017-2019.
5. This Work Programme shall be regularly assessed upon its adoption.
6. The ADMM Three-Year Work Programme is as follows:

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Component	Programme	Action Line	Desired Outcome
1. Sustain existing practical cooperation on defence and security issues	1.1 Implement existing practical cooperative initiatives	1.1.1 Review implementation of ADMM initiatives and promote synergy among related ADMM initiatives	- capacity building and practical cooperation through effective and efficient utilization of resources
		1.1.2 Support the Joint Task Force to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant Bodies on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) in rationalizing HADR initiatives and the implementation of the ASEAN Joint Disaster Response Plan (AJDRP)	- increased synergy among ADMM HADR initiatives - closer cooperation with the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Working Group on Preparedness and Response and the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Civil-Military Coordination (CIMIC)
		1.1.3 Engage other sectoral bodies to rationalize HADR exercises in the region	- avoid duplication of HADR-related exercises in the region
		1.1.4 Operationalize the ASEAN Militaries Ready Group (AMRG) on HADR	- provide HADR effort to ASEAN countries facing crises through deployment of militaries in a quick, coordinated, and structured manner (Malaysia) - enhance ASEAN militaries capacity, capabilities, and interoperability for a faster and more coordinated facilitation of provisional assets in HADR operations (Malaysia) - ensure HADR efforts to be relevant with standing ASEAN regional arrangements and instruments (Malaysia) - identification of readily-deployable military assets, capacities, and personnel based on the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the AMRG and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on the Utilization of Military Assets for HADR under the Framework of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)

			- closer cooperation with the ASEAN Coordinating Center for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA) Center
		1.1.5 Contribute to possible cooperation in maritime safety and search and rescue (SAR)	- SAR activities involving defence and military establishments - contribution to the implementation of ASEAN Declaration on Cooperation in Search and Rescue of Persons and Vessels in Distress at Sea
		1.1.6 Develop cooperation with civil-society organizations (CSOs) to address non-traditional security issues	- identification of areas for possible collaboration with CSOs other than HADR - list of accredited CSOs from ASEAN Member States that are potential partners of ASEAN defence establishments - crafting of parameters for engaging CSOs
		1.1.7 Institutionalize the ASEAN Center of Military Medicine (ACMM)	- enhanced capability of military medical service providers of ASEAN Member States and Plus countries
		1.1.8 Commence the implementation of medium-term objectives of the ASEAN Peacekeeping Centers Network (APCN)	- development of framework on ASEAN Cooperation for Peacekeeping - exchange of expertise and visits among peacekeeping instructors and trainees - development of common peacekeeping training, operations, and best practices manuals - conduct of joint training among ASEAN peacekeepers
		1.1.9 Review and update the ADMM-Plus regional peacekeeping capacity profile	- identification of possible areas of cooperation among ADMM-Plus troop-contributing countries
		1.1.10 Test validity of ASEAN Logistics Support Framework (ALSF) in areas other than HADR	- a broad ranging logistics framework that can support ADMM multinational training and operations

		1.1.11 Come up with defence industry collaboration projects through the ASEAN Defence Industry Collaboration (ADIC)	- development of ASEAN defence industries and promotion of intra-ASEAN trade of defence products and services
		1.1.12 Operationalize the ASEAN Direct Communication Infrastructure (ADI) in the ADMM Process	- completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 - the inclusion of Plus countries in Phase 1 of ADI by 2018
		1.1.13 Maintain and enhance interaction programs among ASEAN Member States through the ASEAN Defence Interaction Programme (ADIP)	- promotion of ASEAN identity among ASEAN defence establishments
		1.1.14 Promote maritime security cooperation among ADMM Member States and Plus countries and with other related regional maritime fora	- enhanced maritime security capabilities - active participation in ASEAN Maritime Forum (AMF), Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF), among others
		1.1.15 Deepen cooperation on countering terrorism, radicalism, and violent extremism while promoting synergy with related sectoral bodies	- contribution to the implementation of the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism and ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter-Terrorism
	1.2 Implement action lines and work on attaining desired outcomes that have not yet been addressed	1.2.1 Explore and promote agreements on the status of visiting forces between ASEAN Member States	- capacity building and interoperability among ASEAN defence establishments
		1.2.2 Provide relevant inputs towards the development of an early warning system to prevent occurrence/escalation of conflicts	- mechanism for conflict prevention - prevention of accidents and untoward incidents due to miscalculation
		1.2.3 Share information on submissions to the United Nations Arms Register	- promotion of transparency and contribution to global disarmament efforts
		1.2.4 Share best practices in such areas as the establishment of safe havens for	- definition of the role and identification of the contributions of the defence establishments in addressing the matter of

		displaced persons and military cooperation in humanitarian crisis management and assistance and post-conflict resolution and rehabilitation	displaced persons, post-conflict resolution, and rehabilitation efforts
		1.2.5 Support the resolution of outstanding issues to ensure the signing of Nuclear Weapons States to the Protocol of the South East Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (SEANFWZ)	- contribution to the effective implementation of the SEANFWZ
		1.2.6 Explore possible ADMM cooperation on other non-traditional security issues, such as marine environmental concerns, trafficking in persons, border security, among others	- definition of the role of the defence sector in addressing these non-traditional security concerns without duplicating the work of other sectoral bodies.
	1.3 Develop other areas of practical cooperation on pressing regional security issues	1.3.1 Consider inputs and recommendations from the Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institution (NADI) and ASEAN-Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) on possible areas of cooperation that add value to the work of the ADMM	- enhanced linkage between ADMM and NADI - new insights and perspectives on defence cooperation
		1.3.2 Explore possible areas of cooperation on traditional security	- identification of ADMM cooperative activities to address traditional security concerns
		1.3.3 Explore and promote agreements regarding exchanges of forces among ASEAN Member States	- common principles for ADMM-wide education and training exchanges
2. Enhance regional defence and	2.1 Promote understanding of national	2.1.1. Share information through voluntary briefings or exchanges of national defence and security policies and developments,	- greater transparency and understanding of the defence policies and security perceptions - active participation in relevant fora

security cooperation	defence and security policies and their developments	including dissemination of such information to defence universities, military academies, staff colleges, think tanks, and similar institutions.	
	2.2 Deepen understanding of the role of defence institutions and capabilities of individual ASEAN Member States	2.2.1 Hold track 1.5 defence forum on the role of defence establishments through close engagement with Track II fora, particularly that of the NADI	- facilitate military-to-military venue to render material as well as moral support while upholding the essence of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) and the ASEAN Charter.
3. Strengthen ADMM and ADMM-Plus as a platform of defence and security cooperation	3.1 Promote ASEAN military interactions that facilitate strengthening of the linkage between ADMM and ACDFIM	3.1.1 Enable the ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (ACDFIM) to take stock of all ASEAN military interactions for reporting to the ADMM and consolidate ASEAN military to military cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - enhanced linkages between ADMM and ASEAN military interactions through the ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces - taking stock of ASEAN military interactions, namely the ASEAN Chiefs of Armies Multilateral Meeting (ACAMM), ASEAN Naval Chiefs Meeting (ANCM), ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference (AACC), ASEAN Chiefs of Military Medicine Conference (ACMMC), among others - promotion of ASEAN military cooperation -inclusion in the ASEAN Charter of ASEAN military interactions recognized by ADMM
	3.2 Enhance the working mechanisms and processes	3.2.1 Craft guidelines on engaging non-Plus countries while maintaining ASEAN centrality and upholding existing ADMM and ADMM-Plus principles	- additional Protocol on the participation of Non-ADMM-Plus Members in ADMM-Plus EWG activities

	of ADMM and ADMM-Plus	3.2.2 Come up with procedures and processes on approving implementing agreements and other matters	- additional protocol on the approval procedures and processes for frameworks, including SOPs, TORs, and other documents as well as other initiatives that resulted from EWG activities
4. Promote Ties with Plus Countries	4.1 Explore the possibility of increasing the frequency of ADMM-Plus Meetings	4.1.1 Review the progress of ADMM-Plus cooperation with the end goal of further enhancing dialogue and practical cooperation since the inaugural ADMM-Plus meeting	- enhanced cooperation in the midst of an increasingly challenging regional security environment - address concerns over the proliferation of ADMM+1 meetings and reduce demands on ASEAN Member States' capacity - equal opportunities for all ASEAN Member States to host the ADMM-Plus
	4.2 Enhance security and stability of the Asia-Pacific through continued cooperation with Plus countries	4.2.1 Sustain dialogue and cooperation through the ADMM-Plus and its support mechanisms as well as the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs)	- continued practical cooperation in priority areas
	4.3 Promote the ADMM-Plus as the main platform of dialogue and practical cooperation with Plus countries	4.3.1 Craft guidelines regarding the conduct of ADMM's informal engagements or meetings with Plus countries	- parameters on how to engage Plus countries - reaffirmation of ASEAN centrality

	4.4 Rationalize existing defence cooperation through the EWGs	4.4.1 Assess whether the tasks of EWGs have been completed and determine whether an EWG should be retained, dissolved, or combined with another.	- streamlined cooperative mechanisms under the ADMM-Plus for efficient and effective utilization of resources
		4.4.2 Review work plans of each EWG and focus on action lines and objectives that have yet to be attained.	- enhanced practical cooperation in specific areas of concern through effective implementation of work plans
5. Shape regional norms	5.1 Support the development and adoption of norms that promote regional peace and security	5.1.1 Contribute to the full implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) and support the adoption of a regional Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC)	- constructive engagement between ASEAN and its security partners on strategic as well as defence and security issues affecting the region
		5.1.2 Develop as appropriate guidelines of maritime interaction needed to ensure safety of navigation, search and rescue, and others	- prevention of accidents and untoward incidents and promote freedom of navigation and overflight as well as airspace security
		5.1.3 Come up with guidelines on air encounters between military aircraft	- implementation of existing aviation laws, conventions, and rules, - promotion of flight safety
6. Promote cross-sectoral and cross-pillar coordination	6.1 Engage relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies and institutions to address security matters	6.1.1 Promote dialogue with other sectoral bodies and institutions to share updates and to avoid duplication of work in addressing non-traditional security issues of common concern.	- synergy among efforts across sectoral bodies within the APSC and across the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) - implementation of the APSC Blueprint