

2021 CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 9TH MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND 10TH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE ASEAN AGREEMENT ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Adopted on 14 October 2021

1. The 9th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and the 10th Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) were convened as a joint session on 14 October 2021, via virtual conferencing. The Meeting was opened and chaired by H.E. K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law of the Republic of Singapore, and Chair of the AMMDM. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of ASEAN Member States, the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre).
2. The Meeting commended the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) on the successful launch and ongoing implementation of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, as well as the Governing Board of the AHA Centre in providing guidance on the operationalization of the AHA Centre. Accomplishments in both the policy and operational fronts are essential in achieving the aspirations of the ASEAN Declaration on 'One ASEAN, One Response' and the ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management; and in fulfilling the objectives of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025.
3. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the achievements in 2021 across all Priority Programmes of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, which included achievements such as the endorsement and launch of the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook: Preparing for a Future Beyond 2025; the launch of the Web-based Monitoring and Evaluation System of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025; the endorsement and launch of the recommendation report of the ASEAN Mapping Exercise to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN Centres, and Entities Associated with ASEAN on Disaster Management; the endorsement and launch of the ASEAN-UN Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management (JSPADM) IV 2021-2025; the endorsement and launch of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Adaptation to Drought (ARPA-AD) 2021-2025 and its submission to the 38th and 39th ASEAN Summit for notation by the ASEAN Leaders; and the endorsement and launch of the ASEAN Regional Framework on Protection, Gender and Inclusion in Disaster Management 2021-2025.
4. The Meeting noted the ongoing comprehensive review of the Financial Rules of the ADMER Fund and commended the swift work of the Task Force in concluding Phase 1 of the review. The Meeting also noted the activation of the Special Humanitarian Assistance Fund to support ASEAN's Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar and looks forward to the continued delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people of Myanmar in accordance with Point 4 of the Five-Point Consensus and as stipulated in the executive paper endorsed at the 54th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. The Meeting noted the current balance and the proposed reallocation of the distribution of the ADMER Fund.

5. Cognizant of the importance of nurturing a mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship with ASEAN's partners in the field of disaster management, the Meeting welcomed the establishment of the inaugural ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM Plus China) and the ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM Plus Japan). Moreover, the Meeting also looked forward to the establishment of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM Plus ROK) in 2022. The Meeting appreciated the elevation of ASEAN's cooperation with China, Japan and Republic of Korea in the field of disaster management, and the Partners' invigorated commitment and support for the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025.
6. In the same vein, the Meeting welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Management in February 2021, and looks forward to its implementation. The Meeting also urged the ASEAN Secretariat to facilitate the finalization of the Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on the Strengthening of Community Resilience in Southeast Asia.
7. Reiterating the need for a foresighted approach to disaster management, the Meeting welcomed the endorsement and launch of the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook: Preparing for a Future Beyond 2025. The Meeting noted that the publication contributes to the realization of the ASEAN Vision 2025 in Disaster Management and charts the way for ASEAN to be a global leader in disaster management.
8. In the spirit of promoting a whole-of-ASEAN approach to disaster management, the Meeting welcomed the endorsement and launch of the recommendation report of the ASEAN Mapping Exercise to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, ASEAN Centres, and Entities Associated with ASEAN on Disaster Management to strengthen the Joint Task Force to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant ASEAN Bodies on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (JTF on HADR) mechanism. The Meeting noted the recommendation to establish the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Platform and Forum.
9. The Meeting noted the convening of the 15th Meeting of the Governing Board of the AHA Centre and congratulated the Governing Board for the development of the AHA Centre Work Plan 2025 to support the implementation of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025. The Meeting also recognized the important role of the AHA Centre in operationalizing the ASEAN Declaration on "One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region". The Meeting commended the AHA Centre for their support to the ASEAN Member States' COVID-19 response, particularly to Malaysia, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Meeting commended the Governing Board of the AHA Centre for the completion of the construction and handover of the ASEAN Village in Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, in line with the ASEAN SHIELD, which is a deliverable of Brunei Darussalam's ASEAN Chairmanship. The Meeting also commended the good progress made by the Governing Board of the AHA Centre in the implementation of Point 4 of the ASEAN Leaders' Five-Point Consensus for ASEAN's humanitarian assistance to Myanmar to be delivered through the AHA Centre, under the guidance of the ASEAN Secretary-General in his role as the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator (SG-AHAC). The Meeting also congratulated the Governing Board of the AHA Centre for their commemoration of AHA Centre's 10-year anniversary and the Governing Board's successful stewardship of the Centre to become a globally respected organization in disaster management.

10. The Meeting expressed appreciation for the leadership of the Government of Singapore as Chair of the ACDM, the Governing Board of the AHA Centre, the COP to AADMER and the AMMDM in 2021. The Meeting applauded the Government of Singapore for the remarkable achievements and comprehensive list of deliverables under its chairmanship. The Meeting looks forward to the 10th AMMDM and the 11th Meeting of the COP to AADMER under the chairmanship of Thailand in 2022.