

October 2025

Contents

47th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings (26-28 October 2025)

19th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting, Related Meetings (31 October-1 November 2025)

43rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting, Related Meetings (16-17 October 2025)

47th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry, Related Meetings (1-2

October 2025)

Commentary

Geopolitics and Security

External Relations

Myanmar

Timor Leste

Disaster Management

Environment, Energy

Digital Trade, Cybersecurity

Human Rights

ASEAN Economic Community

47th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings (26-28 October 2025)

ASEAN Summit Statements

Chairman's Statement:

- Chairman's Statement of the 47th ASEAN Summit
 - Timor-Leste (3), (15-17), ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (5, 163-165), ASEAN Community-Building (9-14), Inclusivity and Sustainability (18-21)
 - **ASEAN Political-Security Community** (22-48), Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (22), Nuclear/Chemical Weapons (23-26), Maritime (27-28), ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (29), Sustainable Development (30-31), ASEAN Centrality (32), Transnational Crime (33-40), Defence Ministers (41-42), Law (43-47), Regional Mines (48)
 - **ASEAN Economic Community** (49-94), Trade Tension and Uncertainty (50-51), RCEP (52), ATIGA/Trade (54, 68), AFAS/Services (55, 63), Digital Economy (56-61), Regional Integration (62, 64, 90), Competition (67), Intellectual Property (69), Sustainable Development (70-73, 83), Energy (74-77), Minerals (78-80), Food and Agriculture (83-84), Tourism (85), External Partners (81, 93-94)
 - ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (95-138), Culture and Heritage (96), Education/Youth (98, 100), Climate Change and Environment (99, 128-134), Disaster Management (101-103), Labour (104-110), Social Welfare & Development (111-116), Women and Children (117-119, 121-122), Health (125-127)
 - ASEAN Connectivity (139-140), Initiative for ASEAN Integration (166), Sub-Regional Cooperation (167), ASEAN Smart Cities Network (168-169)
 - **External Relations** (141-162), Applications (143-144, 146), Dialogue/Sectoral/Development Partners (147-154), Regional and International Organisations (155-156), ASEAN Plus Three (157), East Asia Summit (158-160), ASEAN Regional Forum (161-162)
 - **Regional and International Issues** (171), Myanmar (171-172), South China Sea (173-175), Middle-East (176-179), Korean Peninsula (180), Cambodia and Thailand Ceasefire (181-184)

Selected Statements/Declarations:

- <u>ASEAN Leaders' Review and Decision on the Implementation of the Five-Point</u>
 Consensus
- <u>ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on the Vision for Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Towards</u> 2045
- ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Combatting Money Laundering



- ASEAN Economic Community Council Statement on the Substantial Conclusion of the ASEAN DEFA Negotiations
- ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Statement on the Agreement on the First Phase of the Gaza Peace Plan
- Declaration on the Establishment of an ASEAN AI Safety Network (ASEAN AI SAFE)

Summits with Dialogue Partners

Leaders'/ Statements:

- Chairman's Statement of the 20th East Asia Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the Twentieth East Asia Summit on Inclusivity and Sustainability
- Chairman's Statement of the 5th ASEAN-Australia Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the 28th ASEAN-China Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the 28th ASEAN-Japan Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the 26th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the 13th ASEAN-United States Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the 15th ASEAN-United Nations Summit
- Chairman's Statement of the 28th ASEAN Plus Three Summit

Selected documents:

- Joint Leaders' Statement on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
- ASEAN-United States Leaders' Joint Vision Statement to Promote Stronger, Safer, and More Prosperous ASEAN and America
- <u>ASEAN-Australia Joint Leaders' Statement on Conflict Prevention and Crisis Management</u> in the ASEAN-Led Regional Architecture
- ASEAN-New Zealand Leaders' Joint Vision Statement on the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations
- <u>ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' Statement on Strengthening Regional Economic and</u> Financial Cooperation
- <u>Joint Statement of the 28th ASEAN-Japan Summit on Further Promotion and</u> Implementation of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific
- ASEAN-India Joint Leaders' Statement on Sustainable Tourism
- <u>Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-New Zealand Comprehensive Strategic</u>

 <u>Partnership 2026-2030</u>
- Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the United Nations (2026-2030)
- Joint Statement on the Signing of the ASEAN-New Zealand Air Services Agreement and its Protocol 1



News

Trump's Whirlwind ASEAN Visit: Any Substance Behind the Show?

Fulcrum, Stephen Olson, 31 October 2025

Setting the benchmark higher for ASEAN

The Jakarta Post, Wong Chun Wai, 30 October 2025

47th ASEAN Summit: Steadiness Amid Shifting Tides

Fulcrum, Joanne Lin, Melinda Martinus, Kristina Fong Siew Leng, 29 October 2025

Timor's ASEAN accession: What next?

The Interpreter, 29 October 2025

Trump deals and East Timor debut: 5 takeaways from ASEAN Summit

Nikkei Asia Review, 28 October 2025

ASEAN, China Upgrade Free Trade Agreement

The Diplomat, 28 October 2025

ASEAN takes major step toward landmark digital economy pact

World Economic Forum, 28 October 2025

ASEAN Foreign Ministers Voice 'Concern' About Ongoing Myanmar Conflict

The Diplomat, 28 October 2025

US Grants 0% Tariffs to Three ASEAN Nations Under New Trade Pacts

The Nation, 27 October 2025

Malaysia's Anwar says 'real progress' made in ASEAN-India trade deal review

Nikkei Asia Review, 27 October 2025

ASEAN Summit talks spotlight economic integration amid trade worries

Nikkei Asia Review, 27 October 2025

'History Is Made': Timor-Leste Becomes ASEAN's 11th Member

The Diplomat, 27 October 2025

ASEAN at the centre of the struggle for open trade

East Asia Forum, 27 October 2025



ASEAN leads response to the threat of global economic disorder
East Asia Forum. 27 October 2025

19th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting, Related Meetings (31 October-1 November 2025)

- Kuala Lumpur Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting on ASEAN
 Unity for Security and Prosperity
- <u>Joint Statement by the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus in Commemoration of</u> the 15th Anniversary of the Founding of the ADMM-Plus
- <u>Joint Statement by the ASEAN Defence Ministers on the Implementation of the ASEAN Political-Security Community Strategic Plan of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045</u>

43rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting, Related Meetings (16-17 October 2025)

- Joint Media Statement of the Forty-Third ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting
- <u>Joint Media Statement of the Twenty-Second ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting Plus</u>
 Three
- Joint Media Statement of the Nineteenth East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting

News

Energy Ministry proposes ASEAN power and petroleum security agreements ahead of ministerial meeting

The Nation, 8 October 2025

47th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry, Related Meetings (1-2 October 2025)

- <u>Joint Press Statement of the Forty-Seventh Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on</u> Agriculture and Forestry
- Joint Press Statement of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministers of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea
- <u>Joint Press Statement of the Second Meeting of the ASEAN-Japan Ministers of Agriculture</u> and Forestry



Commentary

ASEAN Needs More Than Trade Deals to Deepen Integration

AMRO, Allen Ng, Dong He, 24 October 2025

Doubling Down on Rules-Based Trade

US-Asia Law Institute, Tan Hsien-Li, 17 October 2025

Flawed Asean needs to regain footing

Bangkok Post, Thitinan Pongsudhirak, 10 October 2025.

Asean needs a non-aggression pact before it's too late

The Straits Times, Michael Tene, 6 October 2025

Geopolitics and Security

'Final stage': Asean nears long-awaited extradition treaty to combat cross-border crime, says foreign minister

Malay Mail, 25 October 2025

Securing the ASEAN Economy in an Over-securitised World

Fulcrum, Julia Tijaja, Muhammad Habib Abiyan Zakwan, Rania Teguh, 21 October 2025

The Rise of Minilateralism in China-ASEAN Defence Cooperation

ISEAS Perspective, Bo Ma and Zishu Li, 14 October 2025

Caught in the Sino-US Crossfire: ASEAN Needs to Act as One

Fulcrum, Maria Monica Wihardja and Dennis Trinidad, 14 October 2025

ASEAN must help to fill the global leadership vacuum to protect its regional backyard

East Asia Forum, Mari Pangestu and Julia Tijaja, 6 October 2025

External Relations

(see Summit documents above as well)

India's Rising Profile in Southeast Asia and the Test of Strategic Relevance

Fulcrum, Joanne Lin, 8 October 2025



There's something for everyone in ASEAN-led East Asian regionalism East Asia Forum, 6 October 2025

The only way is up: Why EU-ASEAN trade is headed for success

The Jakarta Post, Jens Ruebbert, 6 October 2025

Swiss trade chief eyes deeper ASEAN push after Malaysia deal

Nikkei Asian Review, 6 October 2025

Asean's next big test: Winning from accelerated EU trade deals

Business Times Singapore, Jason Leow, 4 October 2025

The Gender Dimension in ASEAN-Canada Relations: A Beacon of Hope

Fulcrum, Mutiara Indriani et al., 1 October 2025

Myanmar

(see Summit documents above as well)

Supporting Myanmar Beyond the 'ASEAN Way'

The Diplomat, Dustin Barter and Stella Naw, 23 October 2025

Myanmar Invites ASEAN to Send Election Observers to Year-end Polls

The Diplomat, 13 October 2025

Timor Leste

Timor-Leste: A Test Case for the 'ASEAN Way'

The Diplomat, Nuno Canas Mendes, 21 October 2025

Can Timor-Leste Transition from an ASEAN Observer to a Regional Contributor?

The Diplomat, Teh Lip Li, 9 October 2025

Disaster Management

2026-2030 AADMER Work Programme

ASEAN Secretariat, 15 October 2025



Chairman's Statement of the Thirteenth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management and Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response

ASEAN Secretariat, 15 October 2025

Environment, Energy

(see Summit documents above as well)

ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 30th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

26 October 2025

ADB and World Bank Group Launch the ASEAN Power Grid Financing Initiative with the ASEAN Secretariat and the ASEAN Centre for Energy

ASEAN Secretariat News, 15 October 2025

ASEAN's cross-border green 'super grid' drive (Podcast)

Nikkei Asian Review, Jada Nagumo and Brian Chapman, 10 October 2025

<u>Does green innovation play a crucial role for environment sustainability? Evidence from ASEAN</u> countries

Journal of Environmental Management, Fan Fei et al., October 2025

Beyond one-size-fits-all: Paradoxes in environmental fiscal policy and renewable energy impacts on ASEAN CO2 emissions

Journal of Environmental Management, Zhang Xinyuan et al., October 2025

Digital Trade, Cybersecurity

(see Summit documents above as well)

Advancing cybersecurity in ASEAN: current trends, emerging challenges, and opportunities for enhanced resilience

International Journal of Information Security, Auwal Shehu Ali at al., October 2025

Asean is already economically divided. Al will make it worse

The Straits Times, Hariz Baharudin et al., 11 October 2025

The Sovereignty Tax: What the TikTok Deal Means for the Digital Order

The Diplomat, Marina Yue Zhang and Wanning Sun, 11 October 2025

ASEAN digital senior officials call for a digitally connected ASEAN where technology benefits all ASEAN Secretariat News, 9 October 2025

ASEAN to implement digital pact by 2026, senior minister says

The Jakarta Post, 8 October 2025

Human Rights

6th ASEAN-EU Policy Dialogue on Human Rights

ASEAN Secretariat News, 16 October 2025

ASEAN Economic Community

(see Summit documents above as well)

ASEAN+3 Financial Stability Report 2025

AMRO, October 2025

Restoring Multilateralism: Can Regional Cooperation Arrangements Fill the Void?

Fulcrum, Jayant Menon, 30 October 2025

ASEAN Minerals Development Vision

Adopted 25 October 2025

Why sustainable finance is critical for Asean SMEs seeking long-term resilience

South China Morning Post, 10 October 2025

ASEAN augments result tracking for the ASEAN Connectivity Strategic Plan 2035

ASEAN Secretariat News, 9 October 2025

ASEAN Strengthens Regional Cooperation on Fourth Industrial Revolution

ASEAN Secretariat News, 6 October 2025

Joint Media Statement of the Tenth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals

ASEAN Secretariat, 2 October 2025