

2025 JOINT STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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1. We, Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, stand united as One ASEAN on the occasion of the eighth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2025 (GPDRR 2025), in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. We reaffirm our strong commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015-2030, including through the Asia-Pacific Action Plan 2021-2024. In line with the theme of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) 2025 "Every Day Counts: Act for Resilience Today," we are committed to accelerating efforts in building a disaster-resilient ASEAN Community by advancing the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025, which is aligned with the SFDRR. As we are developing the AADMER Work Programme 2026-2030, we remain committed to ensuring its continued alignment with the SFDRR.
3. In line with the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Strategic Plan and Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship theme, "Inclusivity and Sustainability," we underscore the continued importance of implementing key ASEAN strategic frameworks to enhance inclusive and sustainable disaster resilience. These include the Declaration on Institutionalising the Resilience of ASEAN and its Communities and Peoples to Disasters and Climate Change, the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the Strategic and Holistic Initiative to Link ASEAN Responses to Emergencies and Disasters (ASEAN SHIELD), ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Sustainable Resilience, the Ha Long Ministerial Statement on Strengthening ASEAN Anticipatory Actions in Disaster Management, and the ASEAN Ministerial Declaration on Building a Resilient ASEAN through Inclusive and Sustainable Disaster Recovery.
4. We recognise the significance of the year 2025, as it marks the 20 Years of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), signed on 26 July 2005, in Vientiane, Lao PDR. Over the past two decades, ASEAN has achieved key milestones in strengthening disaster management, while also accumulating valuable knowledge, experiences, good practices, and lessons learned. In line with the theme of Cambodia's ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM) and ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Chairmanship, "20 Years of AADMER: ASEAN's Vision for Global Leadership in Disaster Resilience," ASEAN remains committed to fostering closer partnerships and collaboration with the international community to share and exchange our knowledge, experience, good practices and lessons learned, thus contributing to enhancing disaster resilience at the global level.

5. In line with the three cross-cutting themes of the GPDRR 2025, we reaffirm ASEAN's strong commitment for managing current and future risks and uncertainties in a rapidly changing climate and global context; prioritising gender equality, accessibility, and inclusion to leave no one behind; and accelerating action for our collective sustainable future. We underscore that these cross-cutting themes are in line with the Priority Programmes and Guiding Principles of the AADMER Work Programme 2021-2025.
6. We acknowledge the increasing complexity of hazards affecting the region, driven by climate change and other interconnected risks. To better manage current and future risks and uncertainties in a rapidly changing climate and global context, we strengthen the integration of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation through capacity building initiatives and enhanced cooperation with the climate and environment-related sectors and actors in the region. We also enhance risk monitoring and analysis and early warning, including by improving the Disaster Risk Monitoring and Response System (DRMS) of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre). We advance anticipatory action through the implementation of the ASEAN Framework on Anticipatory Action in Disaster Management. In parallel, we continue to strengthen ASEAN's capacity to develop and implement disaster risk financing and insurance through strengthening the ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief (ADMER) Fund and other regional initiatives such as the ASEAN Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (ADRFI) programme, and the Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Insurance Facility (SEADRIF).
7. We continue to prioritise gender equality, accessibility, and inclusion in disaster management to ensure that no one is left behind, by strengthening the implementation of the ASEAN Regional Framework on Protection, Gender, and Inclusion (PGI) in Disaster Management 2021-2025 through cross-sectoral coordination and partnerships with civil society organisations, including through the AADMER Partnership Group. We uphold a whole-of-society approach in disaster management by recognising the vital roles and specific needs of communities, especially those most vulnerable during disasters—such as women, children, youth, the elderly, the poor, persons with disabilities, and other at-risk groups. We also continue to implement the ASEAN Guidelines on Disaster Responsive Social Protection to Increase Resilience, ensuring inclusive and effective social protection to help those disproportionately affected by disasters.
8. We are accelerating action for our collective sustainable future by strengthening multi-stakeholder coordination and collaboration and advancing a whole-of-ASEAN approach to disaster management through the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Platform (ADRP). We also foster dialogue with other inter-governmental regional organisations through the ASEAN Inter-regional Dialogue on Disaster Resilience (AIDDR). We actively engage and collaborate with ASEAN dialogue partners, ASEAN sectoral dialogue partners, ASEAN development partners, AADMER Partnership Group, United Nations Agencies, Red Cross and Red Crescent movement, regional inter-governmental organisations, non-government organisations, multilateral financial institutions, think tanks, academia and the youth, in capacity building programmes and policy development, including the ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management (SPDDM) and the ASEAN Disaster Resilience Forum (ADRF).

9. Simultaneously, we continue to strengthen regional, national, and sub- national capacities by implementing the ASEAN Capacity Building Roadmap 2025-2030 on Disaster Management, which serves as a comprehensive guide for capacity development in ASEAN. We strengthen various capacity building programmes for ASEAN Member States, including the AHA Centre Executive: Leadership in Emergency and Disaster Management Programme (ACE-LEDMP), the ASEAN Senior Executive Programme on Disaster Management (SEPDM), and the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT). We also continue to advance the skills and expertise of disaster management personnel in the region through the ASEAN Standards and Certification for Experts in Disaster Management (ASCEND).
10. Reaffirming our commitment to a more disaster-resilient world, we stand ready to take a leading role in global efforts to strengthen disaster risk reduction. We will continue working hand-in-hand with the international community to enhance collaboration on capacity-building, knowledge-sharing, and best practices, ensuring that ASEAN's experience contributes meaningfully to global resilience-building efforts.