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ASEAN STUDIES (Undergraduate Level)



ASEAN

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

(Part of ASEAN Institutional Framework)



PURPOSES & PRINCIPLES

(ASEAN Charter: Article 41 under Chapter XII)

- 1. ASEAN shall develop friendly relations and mutually beneficial dialogue, cooperation and partnerships with countries and sub-regional, regional and international organisations and institutions;**
- 2. The external relations of ASEAN shall adhere to the purposes and principles set forth in the ASEAN Charter;**
- 3. ASEAN shall be the primary driving force in regional arrangements that it initiates and maintain its centrality in regional cooperation and community building;**
- 4. Member States shall, on the basis of unity and solidarity, coordinate and endeavour to develop common positions and pursue joint actions;**



PURPOSES & PRINCIPLES

(ASEAN Charter: Article 41 under Chapter XII)

- 5. The strategic policy directions of ASEAN's external relations shall be set by the ASEAN Summit upon the recommendation of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting;**
- 6. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting shall ensure consistency and coherence in the conduct of ASEAN's external relations; and**
- 7. ASEAN may conclude agreements with countries or sub-regional, regional and international organisations and institutions; while the procedures for concluding such agreements shall be prescribed by the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACoordC) in consultation with the ASEAN Community Councils (AComC).**



EXTERNAL RELATION FRAMEWORKS

- 1. ASEAN+1 DIALOGUE RELATIONS.**
- 2. ASEAN+3 (CHINA+JAPAN+ROK).**
- 3. EAST ASIA SUMMIT (EAS) –**
 - **ASEAN + 3 +Australia + New Zealand + India + US + Russian Federation (ASEAN+3+5)**
- 4. SECURITY DIALOGUES:**
 - 4.1 ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (ARF).**
 - 4.2 ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS MEETING PLUS (ADMMPPlus)**



TYPES OF COOPERATION

- 1. POLITICAL-SECURITY.**
- 2. ECONOMIC COOPERATION.**
- 3. SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION.**
- 4. FUNCTIONAL COOPERATION**
- 5. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**



Framework 1

ASEAN+1 Dialogue Relations **Dialogue Partners**

- **FULL DIALOGUE PARTNERS:**

1. Australia (1974)
2. Canada (1977)
3. China (1996)
4. European Union (1977)
5. India (1992 SDP; 1995)
6. Japan (1973 informal; 1977)
7. Republic of Korea (ROK) (1991)
8. New Zealand (1975)
9. Russian Federation (1996)
10. USA (1977)

- **SECTORAL DIALOGUE PARTNER: Pakistan (1993).**

- **NON-COUNTRY DP: UNDP (1977)**



Framework 2

ASEAN Plus-Three (APT)

- **10 AMSs + China + Japan + ROK.**
- **Began in 1997.**
- **Cooperation is being pursued in many (20) areas, covering political and security, transnational crime, economic, finance and monetary, agriculture, forestry, energy, minerals, tourism, health, labour, culture and arts, environment & disaster management, S & T, ICT, social welfare, rural development & poverty eradication,, youth, women, and other tracks.**
- **There are 57 bodies (1 Summit, 14 ministerial, 19 Senior Officials, 2 Directors-General, 18 technical level meetings and 2 other tracks meetings) coordinating APT cooperation.**



Framework 3

East Asia Summit (EAS)

- **10 AMSs + China + Japan + ROK + Australia + New Zealand + India (ASEAN+6).**
- **Sometimes referred to as ASEAN+3 plus Australia + New Zealand + India.**
- **In 2011, + US + Russian Federation → ASEAN+8.**
- **Held back-to-back with ASEAN Summit. First EAS was held in Dec 2005 in Kuala Lumpur.**
- **In principle, it is a dialogue forum.**



Security Dialogue 1

ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

- **A ministerial level dialogue.**
- **Established on 25 July 1994 in Bangkok in recognition of security interdependence.**
- **Discusses major regional security issues in the region, incl. relationship amongst major powers, non-proliferation, counter-terrorism, transnational crime, south china sea, the korean peninsular, among others.**



Objectives of ARF

- 1. To foster constructive dialogue and consultation on political and security issues of common interest and concern; and**
- 2. To promote confidence-building, development of preventive diplomacy, and elaboration of approaches to conflicts in the Asia-Pacific region.**



Participation in ARF

- **27 countries :**
 - **10 AMSs**
 - **10 ASEAN Dialogue Partner Countries**
 - **1 ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner , i.e. Pakistan**
 - **1 ASEAN observer , i.e. Papua New Guinea (PNG)**
 - **Democratic People Republic of Korea (DPRK),**
 - **Mongolia**
 - **East Timor**
 - **Bangladesh**
 - **Sri Lanka.**



Security Dialogue 2

ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS MEETING Plus (ADMM Plus)

- Established in 2006.
- Highest defence mechanism within ASEAN.
- Aimed to promote mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as enhancement of transparency and openness.
- Cooperation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, linkages with extra-regional partners and also on engagement with Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).



FUNDS FOR ASEAN EXTERNAL RELATIONS COOPERATION

- **TRUST FUNDS from DIALOGUE and DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS.**
- **Esp. FOR ASEAN+1 and ASEAN+3 FRAMEWORKS.**

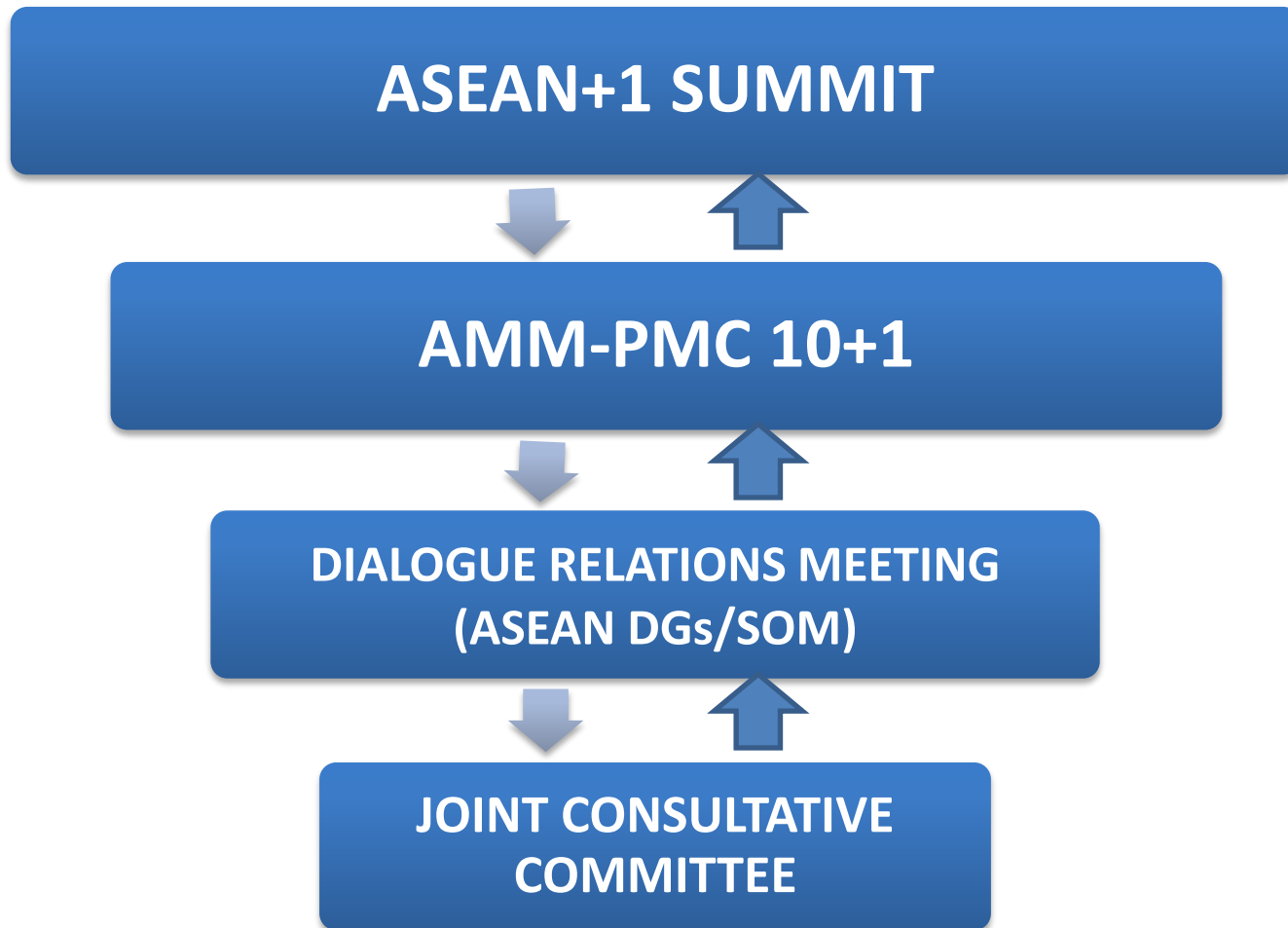


COOPERATION MECHANISM/MACHINERY

➤ **For planning, implementation and monitoring of external relation cooperation projects and activities**



e.g. MECHANISM FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTOR





DP Ambassadors to ASEAN

- **As stipulated in Article 46 of the ASEAN Charter, non-ASEAN Member States and relevant inter-governmental organisations may appoint and accredit Ambassadors to ASEAN.**



RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. **Andean Group**
2. **ASEAN - United Nations**
3. **ASEAN – ESCAP**
4. **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)**
5. **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
6. **Asian African Sub-Regional Organizations Conference (AASROC)**
7. **Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)**
8. **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**
9. **MERCOSUR**
10. **Southern African Development Community (SADC)**
11. **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)**
12. **United Nations (UN)**
13. **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**



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