

Empowering Persons with Disabilities and Addressing Autism: Progress and Ways Forward in ASEAN"

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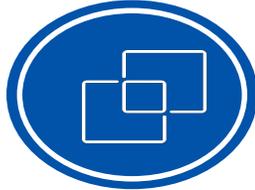
ASCC Blueprint 2025 specifically aims for an ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community that is inclusive, sustainable, resilient, dynamic, and one that engages and benefits the people



Regional commitments on promoting social welfare and development

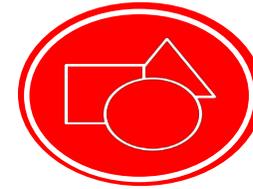
ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection

Adopted by the 23rd ASEAN Summit in October 2013 in Brunei Darussalam



[S]ocial protection is a cross-cutting issue

hence its implementation requires coordinated and holistic approaches with the involvement of governments, private sector, development partners, civil society, service providers, and other stakeholders, where appropriate;



[s]ocial protection shall be adaptive to the different risks

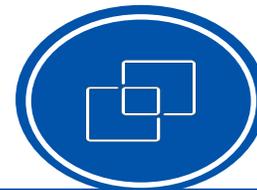
such as lifestyle and individual risks, social risks, and emerging risks and vulnerabilities faced by the region such as, but not limited to, changes in the economy and labour markets and impacts of climate change, disasters and economic crises.”



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social welfare and development*

Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of Role and Participation of the Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Community

Adopted by the 19th ASEAN Summit in November 2011 in Bali



*Reaffirm ASEAN's commitment toward
equal rights and opportunities of persons
with disabilities in all spheres of ASEAN
society*



ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Aims to achieve equality and high quality of life of persons with disabilities, their family members, personal assistants and caregivers, where applicable

Advances with systematic mainstreaming of disability-inclusive perspectives in ASEAN's work by institutionalising a **programmatic approach** aligning key action points under the three ASEAN Community blueprints and leadership of ASEAN Sectoral Bodies



Guided by the **principles**:

- Relevance
- Complementarity
- interrelatedness

Implementation - the AMMSWD as the focal points for inter-pillar cooperation to oversee the implementation.

The ASEAN Secretariat shall report regularly the implementation of ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025 to JCM

Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism

Adopted at the 33rd ASEAN Summit



Key Features

Guided by the underlying principles that for all actions concerning persons with disabilities

interests and needs of PWDs must be taken into consideration

inclusion and mainstreaming should be promoted

provision on building the capacities of persons with disabilities

regular policy dialogue events



Overall Progress of Implementation of the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025

- Purposively ***engaged*** organisations of persons with disabilities
- ***Engaged multi-stakeholders and adopt intersectionality approach***, especially in capacity and knowledge building
- Highlighted the ***urgent need to mainstream*** the rights of persons with disabilities in light of the deepening vulnerabilities brought about by COVID-19 for preparedness and resilience-building in view of future crises/emergencies
- Highlighted the ***implementation of disability-inclusion initiatives*** by ASCC, AEC, APSC and Connectivity, as well as the ASEAN Secretariat



Recommendations

- Ensure ***cross-sectoral and multi-stakeholder engagement*** in developing the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Enabling Masterplan 2025
- Provide substantive inputs to ensure ***integrating human rights values and the principles*** of non-discrimination, participation and disability inclusion in the development of the ***ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework***
- Follow-up on some recommendations in ***the position papers on disability rights*** developed by the AICHR and to ***develop disability-inclusive criteria*** for future ASEAN/AICHR programme formulation and implementation
- Sustain the ***mechanisms that engage people-private sectors*** and ***expand participation of OPDs*** to advance the implementation of the Enabling Masterplan 2025



Recommendations

- Continue efforts to ***promote the Enabling Masterplan 2025 in the AEC*** to familiarise relevant bodies on the ***key measures*** of the Enabling Masterplan 2025, and to encourage the ***integration of disability issues*** in plans and programmes.
- ***Identify key Sectoral Bodies and actively engage*** them in disability-inclusion activities, or to have ASCC representatives present in the relevant AEC bodies' meetings
- Continue to ***explore potential areas of collaboration and leverage the partnership with Connectivity Directorate*** to integrate the issue of disabilities into the areas of sustainable infrastructure, sustainable urbanisation, ASEAN Smart Cities and connectivity-related initiatives



Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region

Objectives

- Map the prevalence of autism in the region
- Take stock of existing policies and programmes, and
- Identify networks to enhance the development and delivery of care services for persons with autism

Jointly implemented by the ASEAN Secretariat and the Asia-Pacific Development Centre for Disability

The Autism Mapping Project in the ASEAN Region was launched on 27 August 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia



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Challenges

- Diagnosis and Intervention for Persons with Autism
- Family, Caregiver and Guardian Life Support
- Education and Vocational Services
- Level of Public Awareness
- Employment for Persons with Autism
- Facilities for Persons with Autism
- Appropriate Data Management
- Empowerment of Resources



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Recommendations

- Provision of Inclusive Education
- Strengthening Public Awareness
- Development of Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programmes
- Strengthening Research and Data Management
- Support Persons with Autism at Workplace
- Enhancement of Health Care Capacity
- Strengthening National Capacities in Caring for Children, Young People and Adults with Autism





Thank you.

