



ASEAN STATEMENT

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transformative action to achieve the SDGs by 2030”**
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Mr. President,

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).
2. ASEAN remains steadfast in its commitment to the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The theme of this year's High-level Political Forum comes at a critical juncture as we approach the 2030 deadline, and reflects our shared responsibility to translate commitments into tangible action and accelerate implementation that empowers youth, women, persons with disabilities, older persons, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and migrant workers and leave no one behind.
3. ASEAN reaffirms the importance of strengthening synergies between relevant commitments on sustainable development, including **ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future**, the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, the **Pact for the Future** and its annexes, the **Global Digital Compact** and the **Declaration on Future Generations**, as well as the **Compromiso de Sevilla**. Together, these frameworks provide a practical roadmap for building a resilient, inclusive, innovative, and future-ready ASEAN while accelerating progress towards the

Sustainable Development Goals.¹ In this regard, ASEAN continues to promote synergies between the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as outlined in the Complementarities Initiative 2.0, to advance SDG implementation and support the realization of a green ASEAN.

4. ASEAN recognizes that access to clean water and sanitation is fundamental to human dignity, public health, food security and nutrition, climate resilience, and sustainable economic growth. We remain committed to strengthening integrated water resources management, improving water governance, expanding access to safe drinking water and sanitation, and enhancing regional cooperation to strengthen water security and resilience.²
5. ASEAN remains committed to advancing just, orderly and inclusive energy transitions that uphold energy security, affordability, reliability, sustainability and resilience. We will continue expanding renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, strengthening regional power connectivity, and mobilizing sustainable investments.³
6. ASEAN is fostering a competitive and resilient regional economy by investing in quality infrastructure, digital transformation, science, technology, and innovation. We are strengthening digital connectivity, resilient supply chains, sustainable industrialization, and support for micro, small and medium enterprises.
7. As one of the world's fastest urbanizing regions, ASEAN continues to strengthen sustainable urban planning, climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction, resilient infrastructure, and nature-based solutions. We recognize that cities must remain engines of economic growth and innovation while ensuring equitable access to housing, transport, public services, and green spaces.⁴
8. ASEAN recognizes that digital transformation must be inclusive, secure and human-centred. We will continue to bridge digital divides, strengthen digital literacy and skills, promote trusted digital ecosystems, and foster the responsible development and governance of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence.⁵

¹ [ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future](#) and 2025 HLPF ASEAN statement

² [ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future](#)

³ [ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future](#) and [ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation \(APAEC\) 2026-2030](#)

⁴ [ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future](#), [ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy](#), and [ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response \(AADMER\)](#)

⁵ [ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future](#), [ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025](#), and [58th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Joint Communiqué](#)

9. ASEAN reaffirms the importance of revitalizing Global Partnership for Sustainable Development by strengthening cooperation among governments, regional and international organizations, international financial institutions, the private sector, academia, civil society, and other stakeholders. We underscore the need to mobilize adequate, predictable and accessible financing, enhance capacity-building, facilitate technology transfer, and promote South-South and triangular cooperation to accelerate SDG implementation.
10. ASEAN reaffirms its commitment to an open, inclusive, transparent, rules-based, and effective multilateral system, with the United Nations at its core, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. We recognize the mutually reinforcing relationship between regionalism and multilateralism and remain committed to working with all partners to implement internationally agreed commitments and address today's interconnected global challenges.⁶
11. Guided by the Philippine Chairmanship's vision of "Navigating Our Future, Together," ASEAN stands ready to work with the United Nations and all partners to accelerate urgent and transformative action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 and shape the future global development agenda beyond.

Thank you.

⁶ [ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future](#), [58th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Joint Communiqué](#), and 2025 HLPF ASEAN statement