

CONCEPT NOTE
ASEAN Health Ministerial Meeting (AHMM) Working Luncheon of
The 5th Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA)
Ministerial Meeting
“Advancing Global Partnerships”
7 November 2018, Bali, Indonesia

Background

Global health security has become a prominent issue and attracts international concern in the last decade. With the upcoming challenges following the establishment of the ASEAN Community, ASEAN has a strong commitment to secure ASEAN from the threats of emerging infectious diseases, pandemics and other public health emergencies, and in promoting regional health security as articulated and supported by the ASEAN Health Ministers and by the Chair of the ASEAN Summit through its ASEAN Post 2015 Health Development Agenda and Chairman’s Statement of ASEAN.

ASEAN Health Cooperation in Responding to All Hazards and Emerging Threats

Several meetings, workshops, and conferences resulting in declarations and joint statements to address the issue have been conducted under the platform of ASEAN Health Sector Cooperation among the ASEAN Health Ministers or with the Plus Three Health Ministers or other platforms such as the East Asia Summit. For instance, a *Special ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers’ Meeting on Ebola Preparedness and Response* was conducted in Bangkok, Thailand on December 2014. This is in response to the threat of Ebola in ASEAN following the spread of the virus in other regions. In July 2015, a *Special Video Conference Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers’ Meeting on the Threat of MERS CoV* was conducted to discuss the ways forward in enhancing preparedness and responses to MERS CoV in the region. In Nov 2015, the *10th East Asia Summit Statement on Enhancing Regional Health Security relating to Infectious Diseases with Epidemic and Pandemic Potential* was conducted to address various infectious disease outbreaks in the region such as SARS, H5N1, H1N1, Ebola Virus, and MERS. In response to the outbreaks of Zika Virus, a *Special Video Conference on the Threat of Zika Virus in the Region* was conducted among ASEAN Health Ministers on

September 2016. However, since then, ASEAN has not conducted a meeting explicitly addressing global health security issue.

Further, ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting endorsed in 2014 the ASEAN Post 2015 Health Development Agenda (2016-2020) that establishes the ASEAN Health Cluster 2 on *Responding to All Hazards and Emerging Threats*, aims to promote resilient health system in response to communicable diseases, emerging infectious diseases and neglected tropical diseases as well as environmental health threats, hazards and disaster, and to ensure adequate preparedness for disaster health management in the region. In addition, the endorsed Work Programme of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 includes a number of activities that have been planned to be implemented within the period of 2016-2020. These activities consist of prevention and control of communicable, emerging infectious diseases and neglected tropical diseases, strengthening laboratory capacity, combating antimicrobial resistance, environmental health and health impact assessment, and disaster health management.

Despite the progress made, the world continues to face health security threats posed by the new, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases that have been compounded by today's highly mobile, interdependent and interconnected world, including the vision of outward-looking ASEAN Community within a global community of nations. Thus, the national core capacities of the implementation of the International Health Regulation (IHR 2005) needs to be strengthened, and the development of ASEAN resilience in responding global health security should be accelerated by advancing global partnership.

Toward addressing Global Health Security

Launched in February 2014, the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) is a growing partnership of over 64 nations, international organizations, and non-governmental stakeholders to help build countries' capacity in advancing a world safer and more secure from infectious disease threats and elevating global health security as a national and global priority. GHSA is facilitating collaborative capacity-building efforts to accelerate achievement of the core capacities required by the World Health Organization's (WHO's) International Health Regulations (IHR), the World Organization of Animal Health's (OIE) Performance of Veterinary Services Pathway, the WHO-FAO Codex Alimentarius International Food Standards, and other relevant global health security frameworks.

Given the ASEAN significant role at the regional level, the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) Steering Committee in 2016 extended to the ASEAN an invitation to join the GHSA Steering Group as an institutional advisor. It is expected that alongside other multilateral and regional institutions, ASEAN would be able to provide input to the GHSA process as desired and stay abreast of global development to prevent, detect, and respond to global health security threats. Further, in the 12th Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development held on April 2017 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, the Meeting agreed that the SOMHD Chair or the representative nominated by the SOMHD Chair shall represent ASEAN in the GHSA Steering Committee. It has also been noted that the country commitments to the GHSA in implementing the 11 Action Packages of Prevent, Detect and Respond includes ASEAN Member States either as leading countries or contributing countries.

Building upon the success of the previous GHSA Ministerial Meetings in the efforts to spur the progress and maintain global health security as a top political agenda, the Government of Indonesia is honored to host the 5th GHSA Ministerial Meeting in Bali on 6 - 8 November 2018. The meeting aims at taking stock of GHSA achievements and challenges encountered, including unprecedented ones, and to chart the way forward. Under the theme “Advancing Global Partnerships”, the meeting will further elaborate on the existing and possible partnerships at the global and regional levels, as well as a more substantial engagement of the GHSA Consortium in the whole process of our work. The meeting will be a significant milestone for our future collaboration within the GHSA post-2018, whose framework is expected to be endorsed during the meeting.

With the Indonesian membership in the GHSA Steering Committee and as the host country, the 5th GHSA Ministerial Meeting will serve as an excellent platform to conduct an AHMM side meeting to deliver ASEAN Health Ministers’ points of intervention in addressing common interests in order to set up an ASEAN Platform toward advanced ASEAN partnerships on global health security. To achieve that goal, the Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia is pleased to invite ASEAN Health Ministers to participate in **the AHMM Working Luncheon on 7 November 2018**, in addition to the AHMM at the 5th GHSA Ministerial Meeting.

Objectives

To advance ASEAN partnerships in global health security, while maintaining ASEAN centrality and resilience.

Meeting Format and Topics of Discussion

The Working Luncheon will be conducted following the custom or mechanism of the Retreat of the ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting and covers the topics of discussion listed below. Brief interventions will be given by the respective ASEAN Health Ministers and ASEAN Secretary General based on these topics.

1. Common challenges and best practices in building national IHR core capacities, including biosafety and biosecurity
2. Observation and review the result of the Joint External Evaluation (JEE) and other tools to assess national IHR core capacities
3. The benefits from AMS participation in GHSA
4. Possible cross-border collaboration in global health security among ASEAN Member States
5. Way forward to advanced existing or relevant ASEAN platforms, especially ASEAN Health Cluster 2: *'Responding to all hazards and emerging threats'* toward advancing and operationalising the partnerships on health security under the direct guidance of the Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development.

Deliverables

The expected deliverables of the meeting are ASEAN Health Ministers' points of intervention in addressing common interests in setting up ASEAN Platform toward advanced ASEAN partnerships on global health security.

Venue and Date

At Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, 7 November 2018, during lunch program.

Participants

- ASEAN Member States : Health Ministers plus one Senior Official
- The ASEAN Secretariat : Secretary-General plus one Health Division Representative