



(DRAFT) Terms of Reference

1: INTRODUCTION

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) has the primary goal of contributing to realizing an ASEAN Community that is people-centred and socially responsible, with a view to achieving solidarity and unity among the nations and peoples of ASEAN by forging a common identity and building a caring and sharing society which is inclusive and harmonious where the well-being, livelihood, and welfare of the peoples are enhanced.¹

In order to achieve the purposes of sustainable development and the well-being of ASEAN people, as set out in Article 1 of the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN needs HIA as an appropriate and effective mechanism to enhance awareness of the impact of public policy and economic integration on health. HIA will also help develop strategies to mitigate the negative impacts of development as mentioned in ASCC Blueprint sub-section B.4 Action V.²

A number of ASEAN Member States have been conducting regular HIA capacity building workshops and conferences at national and regional levels since 2001. As a result of learning processes and experience sharing among ASEAN Member States HIA guideline have been developed and have now begun influencing policy and programme formulation.

The 1st HIA Workshop for ASEAN on “Understanding Health Impact Assessment (HIA): A Foundation for the Well-being of the ASEAN Community”, was successfully held between February 13-14 2012. There were 59 representatives from all member states. The meeting achieved in the TOR of ASEAN Focal Points on HIA (AFPHIA), HIA framework and draft proposal of HIA on disaster management in ASEAN.

The 2nd Workshop will be held between 10-12 September 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand for sharing how HIA conjoin with ASEAN Blueprint, finalize work plan for AFPHIA, and finding roles of HIA in disaster management.

2: OBJECTIVES

1. To update how HIA works in ASEAN countries
2. To sharing how HIA conjoin with ASEAN Blueprint
3. To finalize work plan for AFPHIA
4. To find the roles of HIA in disaster management in ASEAN

¹ Roadmap for an ASEAN Community: 2009-2015, ASEAN Secretariat, April 2009. p67

² “B.4.; Access to Healthcare and Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles, Action ; Enhance awareness on the impact of regional/global trade policies and economic integration on health and develop possible strategies to mitigate their negative impacts through regional workshops and seminars, advocacy, sharing of studies and technical document.” Roadmap for an ASEAN Community: 2009-2015, ASEAN Secretariat, April 2009. P74.



3: MEETING VENUE AND DATES

The meeting will be held on September 10-12, 2012 at the Sukosol (formerly Siam City Hotel), Bangkok, Thailand.

4: EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Proposal on Harmonization HIA into ASEAN Blueprint.
- Work plan for AFPHIA.
- Roles of HIA in disaster management in ASEAN.

5: PARTICIPANTS

The Meeting will be attended by the following:

- Ten (10) Academics, and Five (5) HIA Commission, Thailand – who are dealing with HIA initiatives;
- Two representative from ASEAN Focal Points on HIA from each Member State - 20 ASEAN Member States;
- One representative from ASEAN network on flood management and HIA from each Member State - 10 ASEAN Member States;
- Two (3) participants from the ASEAN Secretariat;
- One (1) participant each from the WHO, UNDP, and potential partners.

Approximate participants: 60

6: INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE PERSONS

- Mr.Larry Maramis, Director, Cross - Sectoral Directorate ASEAN Secretariat
- Representative from the Health and Communicable Diseases, ASEAN Secretariat
- ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Response Network
- Sanny Ramos Jegillos, Practice Coordinator a.i. and Regional Programme Coordinator, Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, UNDP
- Representative from WHO WPRO/SEARO