

4th Joint Meeting of ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG

14 – 15 December 2021

Video Conference

AGENDA 1: UPDATES FROM THE ASEAN HEALTH SECTOR AND ANIMAL HEALTH SECTOR ON THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2021 – 2025

- The Meeting noted the direction and guidance from the human and animal health sectors, ASEAN Health Cluster 2 strategic directions and its work programme for 2021 – 2025 and the ASWGL agreements on the existing collaboration with ASEAN+3 FETN.

AGENDA 2: SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES, EXPERIENCES, AND LESSONS FROM ASEAN+3 FETN AND AVEG IN RESPONDING TO COVID-19

- The Meeting appreciated the information, experiences, and lessons shared by Thailand, Singapore, and Indonesia on COVID-19 pandemic initiatives.
- The Meeting also noted the roles and share responsibilities of human and animal health in managing public health threats/emergencies, such as COVID-19 pandemic.

AGENDA 3: REVIEW AND UPDATES ON THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT AGREED ACTIVITIES OF ASEAN+3 FETN AND AVEG (2016 – 2020)

- The ASEAN+3 FETN Coordinating Office presented to the Meeting the historical perspective on the animal and human health collaboration on epidemiology.
- The Meeting noted the information shared among others, the mandates of animal and human health cooperation, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of Joint Meeting between ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG including its respective decision points and ways forward.
- The Meeting also noted the completed activities, upcoming activities in 2022, and challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

AGENDA 4: DISCUSSION ON THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION (2021 – 2025) BETWEEN ASEAN+3 FETN AND AVEG

- The ASEAN Secretariat presented the draft strategic framework of cooperation (2021-2025) for ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG which builds on the existing mechanism, directions, and priorities of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 Work Programme (2021-2025) and the ASWGL Work Plan.
- The Meeting noted that this framework will be the guiding document for the implementation of joint activities between ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG as well as any future cooperation and collaboration with existing and potential partners.
- The Meeting exchanged views and considered this Strategic Framework as a living document, that may be reviewed from time-to-time, to contextualise the needs and directions.
- The Meeting agreed for the draft to be circulated for ad-referendum consultation for 1 month, with deadline 2nd week of January 2022.

5.1. Presentation of the agreed Strategic Framework by the ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG

- Co-Chair of ASEAN+3 FETN presented to the Meeting the draft Strategic Framework of Cooperation between ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG.
- The Meeting noted that the draft Strategic Framework of Cooperation between ASEAN+ FETN and AVEG will guide the implementation of joint efforts and activities by the ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG. The Meeting further noted that this draft Strategic Framework is a living document that may be reviewed and adjust accordingly based on the directions and guidance from the ASEAN Health Cluster 2 and ASWGL.

5.2.a. WHO

Ongoing/Existing Cooperation

- Advancing implementation of IHR
- Strengthening regional alert and risk assessment
- COVID-19 pandemic initiatives at regional and national level

Future Potential Cooperation

- Strengthen FETP and epidemiologist and public health workforce e.g. FETP program review, strategic planning, fellowship program, technical & financial support, and technical inputs.
- WHO collaborating centers
- Support epidemiological investigation and studies
- Enhancing information sharing and exchange

5.2.b. Global Affairs Canada

Ongoing/Existing Cooperation

- Mitigation of Biological Threats (MBT) program to strengthen the regional and national capacities in responding to biological threats and any other public health emergencies due.
- Phase 2 MBT programme, which includes the human and animal health cooperation.
- Supported the region in responding and managing COVID-19 through various project initiatives under MBT programme, including ASEAN+3 FETN.

Future Potential Cooperation

- Sustainable biosafety and biosecurity
- Strengthening global mechanism for responding to and investigating deliberate use of diseases
- Support the operationalisation of the ACPHEED
- Implementation of ASEAN Health Cluster 2 Work Programme, 2021-2025, including human-animal health collaboration through ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG
- Welcome new proposal from the ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG, for new project in further strengthening the regional and national epidemiology workforce

5.2.c. US CDC

Ongoing/Existing Cooperation

- Regional office of US CDC in Southeast Asia
- Areas of support: surveillance and response, **workforce development**, laboratory systems, public health emergency management, infection prevention and control, antimicrobial resistance, border and migrant health, pandemic preparedness and vaccine planning, **One Health**
- Technical regional advisors on Workforce development and One HealthCDC – FETN Cooperative Agreement: TEA, Risk Communication training, ToT
- Epidemiology Training Program: FETP One Health Fellows
- With TEPHINET, support strong networks in Indo-Pacific and technical assistance to FETPs
- Assist in the implementation of Global Field Epidemiology Roadmap
- Provide technical cooperation on epidemiology at human-animal-environmental interface through FETP, FETP/V, and National One Health platform

Future Potential Cooperation

- Expand technical assistance to FETPs in Member States
- Consider lessons learned and exchanges from larger FETP networks in other region
- Advocate with national government to strengthen, institutionalise, and sustain FETP to meet epi capacity needs

5.2.d. FAO

Ongoing/Existing Cooperation

- Strengthen the capacity of animal health sector and reduce the risk and impact of animal health sector from zoonotic diseases, transboundary animal diseases, amr, and animal-human-environmental health sector
- Strengthen and functional ASEAN coordination mechanism to prepare and respond to EID with pandemic potential, and to strengthen cross-sectoral collaboration of ASEAN e.g. human health (Health clusters, ACPHEED, Epi, Lab), Environment (ACB)

Future Potential Cooperation

- SMART ASEAN: Strengthening Mechanism in Animal Health for a Resilient ASEAN → extend the invitation to ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG
- Continue support for various trainings e.g. FETPV, training for future SET evaluators
- Continue support of AVEG activities
- Support the linkages between ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG for joint activities
- Support countries to conduct Veterinary Epidemiology Mapping Tool
- Support the development of transition plan for the AVEG to ACCAHZ
- Virtual learning centre activities related to epidemiology

5.2.e. OIE

Ongoing/Existing Cooperation

- Renewal of ASEAN – OIE MOU signed in May 2021 as the foundation of OIE-ASEAN cooperation
- New World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) platform
- Build and strengthen the capacity on value chain analysis through webinar series
- TOT on outbreak investigation and response management
- Strengthen the capacity of veterinary in conducting various types of epidemiological surveys

Future Potential Cooperation

- Explore possibilities of establishing a One Health Surveillance network
- Strengthen surveillance to detect early possible spill-over from wildlife to domestic animals and human population
- Mapping of surveillance capacities, both public and animal health
- Identify priority topics and initiate capacity building activities
- Share list of epidemiology experts/resource persons to provide expertise for the trainings
- Support field research projects/activities for the FETPV participants
- Together with Tripartite, expand the implementation of Joint Risk Assessment (JRA) and Surveillance and Information Sharing Operational Tool (SISOT)

5.2.f. SEA OHUN

Ongoing/Existing Cooperation

- Network of Universities across AMS on One Health Capacity Building
- Strengthen regional resilient and competent One Health workforce

Future Potential Cooperation

- Leverage One Health workforce academy platform (training, certification)
- Share knowledge, best practices, and resources
- Mentor/host youth health professionals (fellowship)
- Develop innovative operations research, policy development, and implementation, to advance One Health agendas
- Linkage between government agencies and universities for public health surge capacity

5.2.g. ASEAN Plus FETN Foundation

Ongoing/Existing Cooperation

- The support on the operationalisation of ASEAN+3 FETN work plan, including the Joint Activities of ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG
- Mobilise resources for the implementation of regional activities with the support from various ASEAN's Dialogue and Development partners
- Various regional activities e.g. annual joint consultative ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG, joint tabletop exercise and guideline development, joint workshop on policy communication, joint ToT including veterinary epidemiologist

Future Potential Cooperation

- Regional mentorship program
- Strengthen field epidemiology capacities
- Risk assessment workshop

AGENDA 6: IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL COOPERATION WITH PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 5-YEARS STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN ASEAN+3 FETN AND AVEG

- The Meeting noted and appreciated the support to various ongoing and future potential collaboration with all Partners in strengthening Epidemiology workforce in region both for human and animal health sectors.
- Noted that all current and potential future project activities will be aligned with the draft Strategic Framework of Joint Cooperation between ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG, ASEAN Health Cluster 2 Work Programme 2021-2025, and ASWGL work plan. Further mapping exercise will be done, to ensure synergies of all efforts and maximise the available resources for greater outputs, and to avoid duplication.
- Noted the opportunity to submit new project activities/proposal to relevant Partners for the implementation of Joint Activities of ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG.
- Noted the activities and initiatives of joint activities of ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG are working towards to complement the operation of ACPHEED and ACCAHZ, in partnership with all Development and Dialogue Partners of ASEAN.

AGENDA 7: PRESENTATION AND REVIEW SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS AND WAYS FORWARD

- **AMS and Partners to review and provide feedback to the draft Strategic Framework of Cooperation of Joint Cooperation between ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG.** The Meeting agreed 1 month as the timeline for inputs/feedbacks/concurrence (Deadline 2nd week of January 2022).
- **Mapping exercise on the ongoing and potential support from Partners** to ensure synergies and complement the future implementation of Strategic Framework of Cooperation and its respective sectoral work plans.
- To **identify specific new project activities and lead Country and submit new proposal for Partner's consideration.**
- To **report the progress and updates transpired from the 4th Joint Meeting of ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG to ASEAN Health Cluster 2 and ASWGL for guidance.**
- To **follow-up and implement pending activities, due to COVID-19 pandemic, in 2022.**
- To **regularly review (in annual Meeting) the implementation and adjust, if needed,** the Strategic Framework of Cooperation between ASEAN+3 and AVEG.
- To consider **creation an ad-hoc Core-Group comprised of representatives from ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG to monitor and initiatives of joint project activities between ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG.** The possible member of the core-group are Chair and Vice Chair of ASEAN+3 FETN and AVEG, ASEC, and ASEAN+3 FETN Coordinating Office.
- To **utilise the ASEAN PHE Portal for exchanges of information and technical discussion through Discussion Forum of the Portal.** The Meeting agreed to explore the inclusion of AVEG members to also be part of the Member Access of the PHE Portal and possibility to extend it for Partners for technical exchanges and discussion.