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ASEAN SDG-SSE FORUM 2025



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ORGANISED BY

All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Sustainable Development Goals (APPGM-SDG)



The APPGM-SDG is a bipartisan initiative of the Parliament of Malaysia, dedicated to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in all parliamentary constituencies in Malaysia. Between 2020 and 2025, we have undertaken efforts to localise SDG programmes in 143 locations. At APPGM-SDG, we employ a grounded research methodology for mapping local issues and identifying micro SDG solution projects in collaboration with solution providers. We also offer capacity-building programs and youth empowerment through MySDG Academy and engage in policy advocacy via the MySDG Centre for Social Inclusion and environmental & sustainable advocacy and training with MySDG Centre for Environment and Sustainability. Our vision is to raise awareness on SDGs and develop local solutions at the grassroots level, as well as to ensure the effective and sustainable implementation of SDGs, making certain that no one is left behind.

MySDG Academy



MySDG Academy is the training centre of APPGM-SDG and Society for the Promotion of SDG, focused on raising awareness and localising Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Its primary goal is to help individuals build their skills in localising the SDGs. The target groups include district-level civil servants, local-level civil society leaders, community leaders, and youth leaders. The academy is also committed to equipping local champions with the tools they need to flourish and succeed by imparting knowledge of Sustainable Development Goals through conferences, webinars, workshops, and various types of activities.

CO-ORGANISED BY

Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC)



The Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC) is a network of Asian organisations committed to the social solidarity economy, which seeks to achieve a balance between economic, social, and environmental objectives, coupled with a strong commitment to a community approach. ASEC believes that organizations based on the SSE can accelerate the localisation of SDGs. It brings together 18 national and continental networks in 21 countries across Asia.



PART I

ASEAN SDG-SSE FORUM 2025

INTRODUCTION



ASEAN SDG-SSE FORUM 2025



Developing an ASEAN Roadmap (2026-2030)
on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and Social Solidarity Economy (SSE)

**22-23 MAY 2025**

**SWISS GARDEN HOTEL
BUKIT BINTANG, KL**

BACKGROUND

This ASEAN level Forum on SDGs and SSE is organised in the backdrop of the ASEAN Summit of Member States (26 - 27 May 2025) and the ASEAN People’s gathering (24 - 25 May 2025). The Forum provides an opportunity for multi-stakeholder cooperation among government, academia-CSO-NGOs, private sector and international and regional UN agencies.

This forum recognises the rich potential, the emerging challenges and the need to hear different views, analysis of both achievements and challenges and deliberate the next course of action and find solidarity in ensuring no one is left behind in ASEAN.

The targeted participants for the ASEAN SDG-SSE Forum include policymakers, private sector leaders, social entrepreneurs, civil society organisations (CSOs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), academia, and international development agencies. These stakeholders will collaborate to foster multi-sectoral synergies, accelerate SDG localisation, and shape the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap (2026-2030). A total of 125 participants participated in this forum.

Evaluate Progress	Promote SSE as a Tool for SDGs	Draft a Roadmap	Strengthen Solidarity
Take stock of SDG implementation in ASEAN countries, noting achievements, challenges, and ways to accelerate localisation.	Explore UN efforts to position SSE as a vehicle for localising SDGs through community-driven initiatives addressing economic, social, environmental, and governance concerns.	Develop an ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap (2026-2030)	Foster collaboration among ASEAN stakeholders and explore the establishment of an ASEAN Taskforce on SDG-SSE, similar to the UN Taskforce on SSE, to mobilise local communities.

PARTICIPANTS FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES


Malaysia


Indonesia



Philippines



Thailand



Vietnam



Lao PDR


Cambodia


Japan


Hong Kong, China


USA


China

ASEAN PLUS

OPENING & CLOSING SESSION



Welcoming Remarks I by
Zoel Ng (Director of MySDG Academy)



Welcoming Remarks II by
Dr. Eri Trinurini Adhi (Chair of ASEC)



Words of Thanks by
Mrs. Nur Rahmah Othman
(Executive Director of APPGM-SDG)



OPENING REMARKS

YB DATO' HAJJAH HANIFAH HAJAR TAIB

Deputy Minister of Economy

“ I believe integrating SDGs into Social and Solidarity Economy models is an innovative approach that will contribute towards achieving our objectives and enable greater SDG localisation. The ASEAN Roadmap for example, offers ASEAN member states guidelines for fostering sustainable economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability. It also encourages regional cooperation and supports capacity-building to ensure that SSE models effectively contribute to the SDGs while addressing local needs and challenges. ”

CLOSING REMARKS

YB DATUK SRI SAIFUDDIN ABDULLAH

Deputy Chair of APPGM-SDG Committee

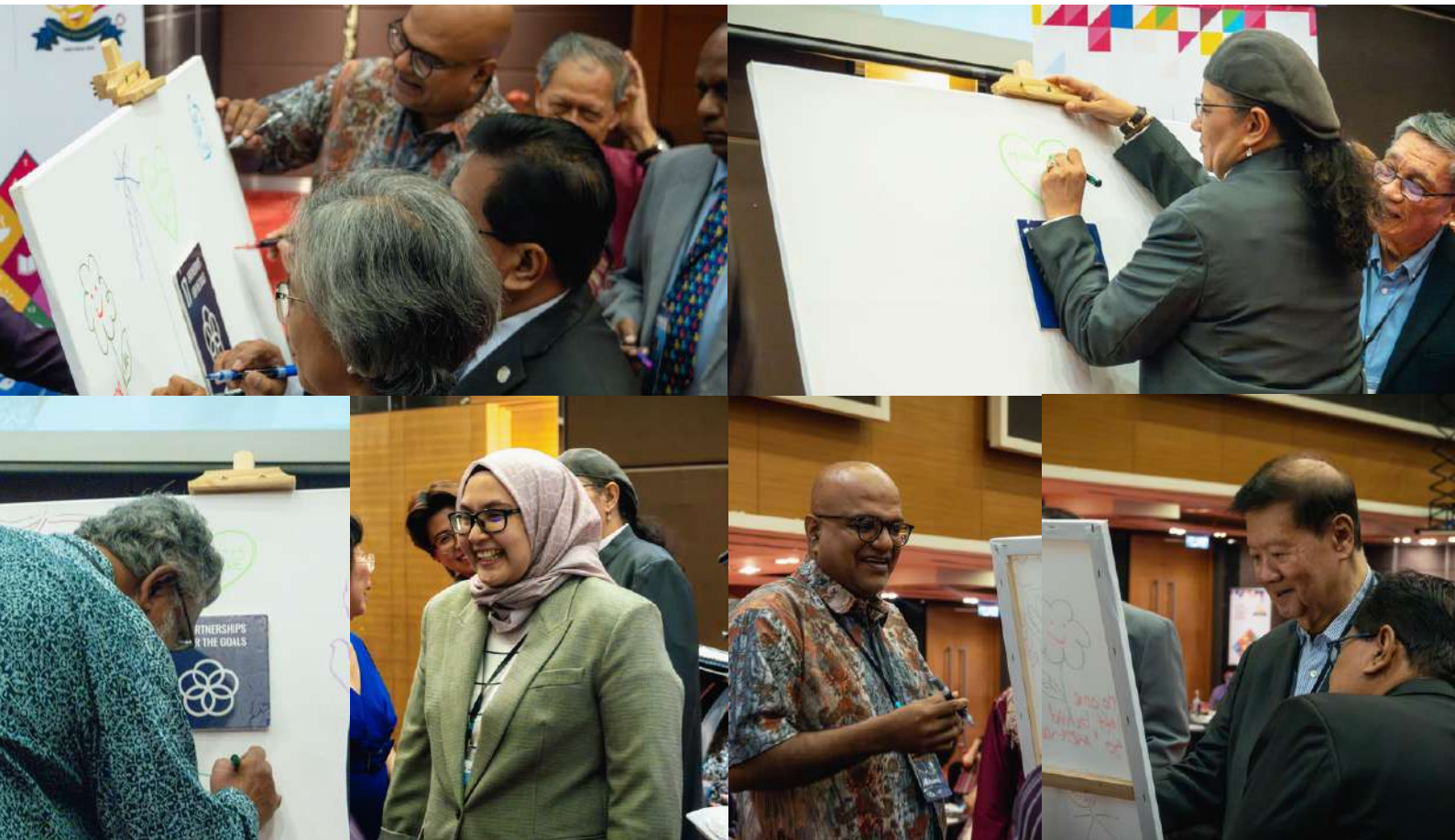
“ ... regardless of the circumstances, SSE must be elevated as a central philosophy or framework and a compass for national development policies. ... SSE should consistently serve as the guiding direction and course for international development. ”



LAUNCHING SESSION



The ASEAN SDG-SSE Forum 2025 was officially launched in a symbolic and meaningful ceremony that underscored the spirit of collaboration at the heart of the initiative. Distinguished guests were invited on stage to mark the occasion by drawing a symbolic sketch or writing a message reflecting their aspirations for the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap. Central to this act was the theme of “SDG17: Partnerships for the Goal”, highlighting the collective commitment to inclusive and sustainable development across the region. The VIPs included YB Dato' Hajjah Hanifah Hajar Taib, Deputy Minister of Economy; YB Datuk Zahari Kechik, Secretary of APPGM-SDG Committee, Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, former Malaysian Minister and Advisor to the Society of the Promotion for SDGs; Dr. Lin Mui Kiang; Tan Sri Michael Yeoh; Jerald Joseph; members of the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap drafting committee; and representatives from APPGM-SDG.








MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) SIGNING ON THE ASEAN SDG SSE ROADMAP (2026-2030)



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by twenty-one (21) organisations in collaboration with the Society for Asian Solidarity Economy (ASSEC) and the MySDG Academy, marking a significant step toward strengthening cooperation among SSE organisations in the ASEAN region. The signatory organisations represent five countries: the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

This collaborative initiative identified **five key areas of partnership**, which were mutually agreed upon as the foundation for joint action:

-  To explore opportunities for collaboration in **promotion** and **delivery** of the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap among ASSEC partners across the ASEAN region;
-  To establish partnerships for the **development** of **SDG-SSE academic courses** at both **undergraduate** and **postgraduate levels** via higher education institutions;
-  To develop and deliver **short-term training** and **capacity-building programmes** on SDG and SSE for **grassroots practitioners, organisational managers** and **staff**. Areas of focus may include project management, impact assessment, policy advocacy, and other relevant topics based on identified needs;
-  To share **organisational** and **network-based resources** and **expertise** in support of developing SDG-SSE consultancy services; and
-  To jointly formulate an **ASEAN-level blueprint** for the implementation and execution of the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap, including associated capacity-building initiatives.

During the event in Kuala Lumpur, there was a strong consensus among SDG-SSE organisations to commit resources—including personnel and funding—to strengthen the implementation and practice of the SDGs and SSE across ASEAN countries.

MoU Signing with 21 organisations, witnessed by YB Dato' Sri Saifuddin Abdullah (Deputy Chair of APPGM-SDG)



SETTING THE CONTEXT

PROF. DATUK DR. DENISON JAYASOORIA

Head of Secretariat, All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Sustainable Development Goals (APPGM-SDG) & Drafting Committee Member of the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap 2026-2030

In setting the context of the two-day forum, Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria highlighted that one of the key objectives was to build friendship and solidarity among ASEAN partners. He noted that the dominant development model prioritises the economy over people and the environment. However, the SDGs and the role played by SSE organisations are creating space for alternative economic growth models that provide a more balanced focus on economic, social, and environmental concerns. This shift is made possible through the framework of the SDGs.



SESSION OVERVIEW

Session 1

An Overview of SDG-SSE Implementation Across ASEAN (2015-2025)



Certificates given by Shigeru Tanaka (Pacific Asia Resource Center)

Pre-recorded Messages

**ARMIDA SALSIAH
ALISJAHBANA**

Executive Secretary of the
United Nations Economic
and Social Commission for
Asia and the Pacific [ESCAP]

**KELVIN ALWYN
SERGEANT**

Job Creation and
Enterprise Development
Specialist, International
Labour Organization [ILO]

Speakers

**DR. BENJAMIN R.
QUIÑONES, JR.**

Co-Founder of
ASEC

**DR. RICHARD
MARSHALL**

Senior Economist,
Office of UN Resident
Coordinator for
Malaysia, Singapore
and Brunei)

Moderator

**TAN SRI DATO'
MICHAEL YEOH**

President of the KSI Strategic
Institute for Asia Pacific

This session, moderated by **Tan Sri Dato' Michael Yeoh**, provided a comprehensive assessment of SDG and SSE progress in ASEAN, emphasising regional trends, national responsibilities, and collaborative pathways for sustainable development. **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana** (via video message) highlighted the needs for integrated cross-sectoral strategies that strengthen resilience, promote economic diversification and ensure that ASEAN development trajectories remains both sustainable and inclusive. While **Mr. Kelvin Alwyn Sergeant** (via video message) emphasised the needs for multilateral cooperation to address the global challenges in achieving SDGs and the SSE model can be a model to emulate this. **Dr. Benjamin R. Quiñones, Jr.** highlighted the importance of building strong partnerships to develop the SSE ecosystem in contemporary economy, demonstrating the types of organisations and features of SSE entities. **Dr. Richard Marshall** provided an overview of global, Asia Pacific, and ASEAN SDG performance, emphasising Malaysia's progress and its potential leadership role in advancing inclusive, SSE-driven development through UN-local partnerships. Together, these presentations highlighted the critical intersection between regional SDG performance, national leadership, and local-level SSE partnerships in building a people-centered, inclusive and resilient ASEAN community.

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An Overview of SDG-SSE Implementation Across ASEAN (2015-2025)

**ARMADA SALSIAH ALISJAHBANA**

Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific [ESCAP]

Ms. Armada in her video message highlighted the needs for integrated cross-sectoral strategies that strengthen resilience, promote economic diversification and ensure that ASEAN development trajectories remains both sustainable and inclusive. ESCAP supports ASEAN through various initiatives including the Inclusive Business Plan of Action, the ASEAN Investment Promotion Action Plan and regional connectivity projects as we are advancing clean transport, data governance, care economy and sustainable energy.

**KELVIN ALWYN SERGEANT**

Job Creation and Enterprise Development Specialist, International Labour Organization [ILO]

Mr. Kelvin in her video message emphasised that multilateral cooperation and multilateral-support mechanisms are key in addressing global challenges and achieving the SDGs. SSE entities are based on the principle of cooperation, solidarity and mutual which are instrumental in achieving shared prosperity and inclusive development.

**DR. BENJAMIN R. QUIÑONES, JR.**

Co-Founder, Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC)

Dr. Benjamin presented the importance of partnership in strengthening SSE entities in localising the SDGs through the SSE ecosystem development. He believed SSE is a successful model due to its primacy of people and social purpose over capital in the distribution of profits and assets, providing jobs for the community, autonomy and independence. Besides, the partnership in SSE ecosystem is also crucial to encourage the progress of the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap (2026-2030).

**DR. RICHARD MARSHALL**

Senior Economist, Office of UN Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei)

Dr. Richard noted that only 43% of Malaysia's SDG targets are currently on track and emphasised that as ASEAN Chair this year, Malaysia can use this opportunity to showcase Malaysia's development successes, initiate dialogues on common SDG challenges, direct actions on cross-border issues and to have joint actions on means of implementation challenges.

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Session 2

Taking Stock of ASEAN for SDGs: Challenges and Ways Forward



Speakers



ASST. PROF. PRAPAPORN
TIVAYANONG
MONGKHONVANIT
Thammasat University



DR. BAYU
KRISNAMURTHI
Bina Swadaya



PROF. FRANCISCO
ENRIQUE BERNARDO III
Bayan Family of
Foundations



DR. TEO LEE KEN
APPGM-SDG

Discussant



PHILO ALTO
Asia Value Advisors
(AVA)

Moderator



DR. VICTOR P.
KARUNAN
International Consultant for
United Nations - UNICEF,
UNDP, IOM, UN Country
Team-Malaysia

This session, moderated by **Dr. Victor P. Karunan**, provided an overview and taking stock of the progress and achievements on SDG implementation in the ASEAN countries including to identify key challenges, gaps and ways forward for the remaining 5 years. **Asst. Prof. Prapaporn Tivayanong Mongkhonvanit**, from Thailand's perspective, promoted Bio-Circular-Green Economy (BCG) and Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) model as strategies in enhancing the SDGs. While **Dr. Bayu Krisnamurthi**, from Indonesia's perspective, highlighted the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches in achieving the SDGs. **Prof. Francisco Enrique Bernado III**, from the Philippines's perspective, explored the 2024 Philippine Social Enterprise Roadmap as a strategy to exemplify this multi-sector approach. Last but not least, **Dr. Teo Lee Ken**, from Malaysia and APPGM-SDG's perspective, dived into the work of APPGM-SDG, through issue mapping, in localising SDGs in the parliament constituencies in Malaysia. Together, these presentations underscored different models and strategies, undertaken by different countries in Southeast Asia which then offer lessons to be adapted and emulated in accelerating the SDGs, particularly in the next five years.

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Taking Stock of ASEAN for SDGs: Challenges and Ways Forward

**DR. PRAPAPORN T. MONGKHONVANIT**

Dean, School of Global Studies, Thammasat University, Thailand

Dr. Prapaporn explored SDGs through Thailand's perspective as it achieves in poverty, health, education, and gender, Thailand also faces challenges particularly on informality and inequality. Working with informality can be addressed through Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) while Bio-Circular-Green (BCG) Economy model can serve as a strategy in enhancing the SDGs, showing the SEP & BCG model as Thailand's best practices.

**DR. BAYU KRISNAMURTHI**

Professor, Agribusiness Policy, Bogor University of Agriculture; Executive Chair, Bina Trubus Swadaya Foundation, Indonesia

Dr. Bayu explored SDGs through Indonesia's perspective, as the government committed to achieve the SDGs through the integration of whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. He also believed that multi-stakeholder partnership (MSP) is crucial to achieve the SDGs through four pillars: 1) government and parliaments; 2) philanthropy and private sector; 3) academia/university and experts; and 4) NGOs and media.

**PROF. FRANCISCO ENRIQUE BERNARDO III**

Chairman, Bayan Family of Foundations, Philippines

Prof. Francisco explored SDGs through Philippines's perspective as he first explained the challenges (structural, institutional and financial) and gaps (policy and programmatic and territorial and sectoral gaps) of SDGs implementation in the Philippines. Addressing these challenges and gaps, he suggested several ASEAN collaborations that can be considered such as 2024 Philippine Social Enterprise Roadmap.

**DR. TEO LEE KEN**

Director, Constituency Coordination Department, All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on SDGs (APPGM-SDG)

Dr. Ken explored SDGs through Malaysia, in particular, APPGM-SDG's perspective. APPGM-SDG has covered 143 parliamentary constituencies since 2020 and its methodology focused on grounded research, social analysis, qualitative data and lived realities. Despite existing challenges, he believed initiatives and efforts should be taken at both national and regional level in making sure the SDGs are met.

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Session 3

Taking Stock of How SSE Organisations Accelerate SDGs Implementation in ASEAN States: Sharing by Regional Partners



Speakers



**DR. ERI
TRINURINI ADHI**
Chairperson of ASEC



**DR. PITI
SRISANGNAM**
*Executive Director of
ASEAN Foundation*



**SUNTAREE H.
SAENG-GING**
*HomeNet Coordinator,
Southeast Asia*



**DATUK HJ.
MOHAMAD ALI
HASSAN**
*Global Cooperative Housing
International ICA-AP*



**DATO' SRI
MUSTAPA MOHAMED**
*Former Minister and
Advisor to the Society of
Promotion of SDGs*

Moderator

While Session 2 explored the progress of SDGs from different countries, Session 3, moderated by **Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed**, dived into SSE as one of the implementation strategies to accelerate SDGs from diverse regional partners. The first speaker, **Dr. Eri Trinurini Adhi**, from the Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC), being a lead in practicing SSE, elaborated on the types of SSE organisations and the challenges faced by these entities in getting buy-ins from major stakeholders such as the government. **Dr. Piti Srisangnam**, from the ASEAN Foundation, presented on the importance of SSE and the roles of ASEAN Foundation in enabling the SSE ecosystem through various initiatives. **Ms. Suntaree H. Saeng-Ging**, from the HomeNet Southeast Asia (HNSE), focused on the success stories of HNSE members (home-based workers) in six countries in adapting and adopting the SSE in their members' business models to accelerate the SDGs. **Datuk Hj. Mohamad Ali Hassan**, from the International Cooperative Alliance Asia Pacific (ICA-AP), explored into the cooperative movement in Malaysia and how it aligned with SDGs and SSE. In conclusion, these presentations highlighted the important role of SSE in advancing the SDGs through regional partners' perspectives in building an inclusive and resilient community amid gaps and ongoing challenges.

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Taking Stock of How SSE Organisations Accelerate SDGs Implementation in ASEAN States: Sharing by Regional Partners

**DR. ERI TRINURINI ADHI***Chair, Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC)*

Dr. Eri, through her organisation, ASEC, believed SSE can contribute to the country's GDP and is acknowledged and recognised in various international organisations. However, SSE is still facing challenges as for the governments, the term "SSE" is still unknown. Addressing the challenges, she believes that data strengthening is crucial particularly between public and private sector and more studies are needed in collecting this data.

**DR. PITI SRISANGNAM***Executive Director, ASEAN Foundation*

Dr. Piti, through his organisation, the ASEAN Foundation, highlighted there is a growing relevance in ASEAN where SSE is not an alternative economic model but it is also a values-based approach that puts people, planet, and communities at the heart of economic activities. The ASEAN Foundation supports SSE-aligned efforts through regional programmes focused on youth social entrepreneurship, MSME development, and inclusive innovation.

**SUNTAREE H. SAENG-GING***Coordinator, HomeNet Southeast Asia (HNSEA)*

Ms. Suntaree, through her organisation, HNSEA, showcased the best practices taken by HNSEA members in adopting and practicing SSE in their business models. HNSEA, consists of home-based workers in six countries, have savings for livelihood investment and work condition improvement. A part of their business profits were provided for emergency issues faced by its members, and their welfare during the disasters.

**DATUK HJ. MOHAMAD ALI HASSAN**

*BOD Cooperative Housing International (CHI) ICA Global;
Country Representative Research Committee for ICA-AP; BOD
Malaysian National Cooperative Movement (ANGKASA)*

Datuk Hj. Mohamad, through his organisation, ANGKASA, highlighted that there is a need for more economic partnership activities through various sectors and institutions to promote strong growth in rural environments, social inclusions and environmental sustainability towards social and economic inclusion.

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Session 5

Roving Workshop: SDG-SSE Storytelling time Grassroots Initiatives

The Roving Workshop was designed as an interactive training format where participants moved between different stations to engage directly with various social entrepreneurs and advocates. At each station, a representative from a social enterprise or organisation presented their initiatives aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Social Solidarity Economy (SSE). Each presenter was given a short time frame of 5–7 minutes to showcase their work, followed by 5–8 minutes of questions and discussion with participants. This setup allowed for dynamic, first-hand learning as participants rotated through the stations. The session was conducted in two rounds: the first featuring 10 organisations, and the second round covering the remaining 10.

The list of the presenters were as follow:

No.	Name	Country	Title
1	Anwar Sastro Ma'ruf	Indonesia	The success story of CU Bererod Gratia in Tangerang in the Member-Based Community (KBA) program
2	Sitti Rahma Dani Dewi & Andi Rizky Hardiansyah	Indonesia	Nosarara Nosabatutu in Action: Collaborative and Inclusive Social Entrepreneurship for a Resilient Palu
3	Lourdes A. Gula & Primar Jardeleza	Philippines	Empowering Women Homebased workers thru Village Savings and Loan Association and Purple Market
4	Carmina Marquez	Philippines	Philippine SE Roadmap - Role of Corporate Subsector
5	Maria Theresa A. Guardiano & Jerald Ilag	Philippines	Advancing the Roles of Waste Workers in Quezon City: Toward An SSE-Purpose Driven Business Model
6	Le Van Son	Vietnam	Practical experience in strengthening access to social protection for home-based workers in Viet Nam
7	Dara Sok	Cambodia	Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) and CHWA Alignment: Empowering Home-Based Workers in Cambodia through SSE
8	Lamphan Nanthapanya	Lao PDR	HBWs The best Practices of SSE
9	Ana Budi Rahayu & Agung Prasetyo	Indonesia	Bina Swadaya Konsultan (BSK, Business for improvement and good)
10	Ryan Martinez	Philippines	A People-led Alternative Regional Integration through the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia

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No.	Name	Country	Title
11	Prof. Carlo Sagun	Philippines	MLQA Courses of the Future for SSE Organizations
12	Yuhan Yu	China	Carbon Calculator: Empowering Southeast Asian Enterprises to Measure, Manage and Report Carbon Footprint with Confidence
13	Fatimah Mohd Yassin	APPGM-SDG Sabah	Harvesting Hope: Indigenous Wisdom and the Rise of the Heirloom Rice Movement in Sabah
	Nor Amirul Pukin		Beyond Water: How Kg Tagibang Carved Resilience through Art and Action
14	Raine Melissa Riman & Dr. Eva Kristin Larry Sait	APPGM-SDG Sarawak	Rooted Futures: Weaving Sustainability in Indigenous Sarawak
15	Paniirselvam Jayaraman	APPGM-SDG Policy Solutions	From Kampung to Parliament: Grassroots participation at the district / local level via multi-stakeholders policy intervention. A participatory decision making in strengthening national policy making
16	Dr. Teo Sue Ann	APPGM-SDG Policy Advocacy	APPGM-SDG's Policy Advocacy Initiative
17	Dr. Siti Nur Ain Zakinuddin	APPGM-SDG East Coast Zone	The Soul of the East Coast: Exploring Kelantan's Cultural Magic
18	Dr. Wan Suzita Wan Ibrahim	APPGM-SDG South Zone	Indigenous People: Social life challenges of Ethnic Temuan -Kg Orang Asli Cergun, Kuala Pilah, Negeri Sembilan
19	Dr. Thanaraj Murudi	APPGM-SDG North Zone	Gunung Kanthan Monastery: A Battleground of Environmental Struggles and Spiritual Resilience)
	Rose Helen Ambrose		The Groundbreaker: APPGM-SDG's First Model Farm for Community Empowerment
20	Dr. Teo Lee Ken	APPGM-SDG Central Zone	Reading the Word and the World The Kompang and the Sungai: Making Lives Meaningful through Grassroots Initiatives



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Session 6

Working Group Discussion 1 on the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap (2026-2030)



GROUP 1: PEOPLE (SOCIAL PROTECTION & GENDER EQUALITY)

Moderator/Resource Person: Van Thi Thu Ha (Vietnam); **Rapporteur:** Nuha Mysara & Anugraha Gaikwad



GROUP 2: PROSPERITY (MIGRANT WORKER & JOB CREATION)

Moderator/Resource Person: Prof. Dato' Dr. Rashila Ramli (Malaysia); **Rapporteur:** Dana Dumpangol



GROUP 3: PLANET (CLIMATE CHANGE, MITIGATION & ADAPTATION)

Moderator/Resource Person: Akkanut Wantanasombut (Thailand); **Rapporteur:** Nur Syadhira



GROUP 4: PEACE (NON-DISCRIMINATION)

Moderator/Resource Person: Dr. Khairil Ahmad (Malaysia); **Rapporteur:** Raine Melissa Riman



GROUP 5: PARTNERSHIP (SYNERGY AMONG ACTORS)

Moderator/Resource Person: Dr. Victor P. Karunan (India); **Rapporteur:** Nurul Syaza Mazelan

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Session 7

Working Group Discussion 2 on the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap (2026-2030)



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Presentation of Working Group Discussions



VAN THI
THU HA

Moderator/
Resource
Person



PROF.
DATO' DR.
RASHILA
RAMLI



AKKANUT
WANTANASOMBUT



DR. KHAIRIL
AHMAD



DR. VICTOR
KARUNAN

This session featured the first Working Group Discussion on the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap (2026–2030), bringing together participants to collaboratively explore achievements, challenges, enabler, and strategies across the five key **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** pillars. Under the **People** pillar, Van Thi Thu Ha (Vietnam) facilitated discussions on advancing social protection and promoting gender equality, emphasising the need for evidence-based advocacy, collaboration between government and people, and multi-stakeholders engagement. For **Prosperity**, Prof. Dato' Dr. Rashila Ramli (Malaysia) (presented by Maria Theresa A. Guardiano [Philippines]) led conversations around the rights and welfare of migrant workers and job creation, emphasising on the importance of social solidarity economy and the need of capacity building to give awareness on SSE. Akkanut Wantanasombut (Thailand) moderated the **Planet** group, focusing on strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation, emphasising on waste management, responsible production and consumption, and renewal energy. Dr. Khairil Ahmad (Malaysia) guided the **Peace** discussion, centering on non-discrimination, particularly identifying the marginalised communities and the need to mobilise SSE at the local level. Finally, the **Partnerships** group, led by Dr. Victor P. Karunan (India), highlighted the need for stronger regional network and the importance of data and evidence to give impact particularly in social sector. These focused discussions laid the groundwork for shaping a people-centred and inclusive ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap for the next five years.

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Session 8

Presentation of Working Group Discussions



Policy and
Legislation



**DR. BAYU
KRISNAMURTHI**



Financing for SSE



KON ONN SEIN



Impact
Assessment and
Data on SSE



DR. TEO SUE ANN



Capacity Building



**DR. RENE
OFRENEO**



Institutional
Arrangement &
Management



**LOPE B.
SANTOS III**

While Session 6 focused on the SDGs' pillar, Session 7 focused on the **Social Solidarity Economy (SSE)** through five key thematic areas. In the **People and Legislation** group, Dr. Bayu Krisnamurthi (Indonesia) led discussions on the need to have SSE as a political asset, better engagement between NGOs and the parliament, and raising awareness to public on policy and legislation. **Financing for SSE**, moderated by Kon Onn Sein (Malaysia), focused on advocating for national funding and the responsibility that comes from it, and to recognise resources through different aspects. Dr. Teo Sue Ann (Malaysia) guided the session on **Impact Assessment and Data on SSE**, emphasising the importance of reliable data systems, and a guideline to utilise these data effectively through collaborations. For **Capacity Building**, Dr. Rene Ofreneo (Philippines) facilitated exchanges on localising and formalising training and institutionalising capacity building. Lastly, **Institutional Arrangement & Management**, led by Lope S. Santos III (Philippines) (presented by Dr. Eva Kristin Larry Sait [Malaysia]), explored the need to institutionalise and formalise informal sector while suggesting to form an SSE council on the ASEAN level. These discussions formed a critical step in designing a practical and collaborative roadmap to elevate SSE as a transformative force for inclusive and sustainable development in the region.

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Session 9

Presentation of Initial Findings for the Roadmap



PROF. DATUK DR. DENISON JAYASOORIA
Head of Secretariat of
APPGM-SDG



DR. BENJAMIN R. QUIÑONES, JR.
Co-Founder of
ASEC



DR. ERI TRINURINI ADHI
Chairperson of
ASEC



DR. VICTOR P. KARUNAN
International Consultant for
United Nations - UNICEF, UNDP,
IOM, UN Country Team-Malaysia



PROF. DATO' DR. RASHILA RAMLI
PSSM/UPTM



SHIGERU TANAKA
Pacific Asia
Resource Centre
(PARC)

In this session, one of the key outcomes of the 2025 ASEAN SDG-SSE Forum was the initiation of a regional roadmap aimed at guiding the integration of SSE practices into ASEAN's sustainable development agenda. Several sessions and speakers provided critical inputs and recommendations on the essential elements to be incorporated into this roadmap.

There was broad consensus on the following points:



The roadmap will serve as a **five-year action plan** covering the period from 2026 to 2030.



It will be structured into **five parts** namely Part 1 (Foundation); Part 2 (Dimensions – covering People, Prosperity, Planet, Peace, and Partnership); Part 3: Strategic Features; Part 4: Target Groups; and Part 5: Goals and Targets.



Under **Part 3: Strategic Features**, the roadmap will emphasise **five priority areas**: namely Policy and legislation; Financing for SSE; Impact assessment and data for SSE; Capacity building; and Institutional arrangements.



Each section will examine current **achievements**, existing **challenges**, key **enablers**, and proposed **strategies**.

The drafting committee will be comprised of:

- Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria (Malaysia),
- Dr. Eri Trinurini Adhi (Indonesia),
- Dr. Benjamin R. Quiñones Jr. (Philippines), and
- Prof. Dato' Dr. Rashila Ramli (Malaysia).

They will be supported by three rapporteurs:

- Dr. Khairil Ahmad
- Dr. Teo Sue Ann
- Dr. Teo Lee Ken

It was further agreed that a series of online consultations will be held to refine the roadmap, with the final version scheduled for launch by early December 2025.

SPECIAL SHARING SESSION BY THAILAND STUDENTS



A group of six students from the Social Solidarity Economy Studies Center at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, led by Mr. Akkanut Wantanasombut, was invited to share their initiatives and projects related to the mapping of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) in Thailand. Their presentations highlighted youth-led efforts in advancing community-based solutions and practices, and sustainable development initiatives rooted in SSE principles. They did not only showcased the innovative work emerging from the academic space but also emphasised the importance of engaging young people in shaping inclusive and resilient economic models across the region.



PART II

SIDE EVENTS

“EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF HARMONY” PHOTO EXHIBITION

A photo exhibition on “Embark on a Journey of Harmony” and a private dinner were hosted by the Institute of International Harmony and Sustainable Development, Hong Kong, led by Bishop Prof. Dr. Dennis Wong. Two photography awards were featured:

1. **World Harmony Photography Awards** – an international platform founded by Bishop Prof. Dr. Dennis Ng (Victory Ministries Foundation Ltd., Hong Kong), under the International Journal of Harmony and Humanity initiative.
2. **Malaysian Harmony Photography Competition** – a national-level showcase featuring local talents portraying peace and unity within Malaysia’s diverse communities and cultural contexts.

Each category highlighted 10 outstanding photographs, offering visual interpretations that reflect the values of peace, unity, and social cohesion from diverse perspectives.



Bishop Prof. Dr. Dennis T.W. Ng delivered a speech on the World Harmony Photo Project.



Bishop Prof. Dr. Dennis Wong and Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria presented an award to one of the winners.



The participants completed a survey on the World Harmony Photo Project, focusing on sustainability awareness through pictures of nature.



Some of the winning photos.



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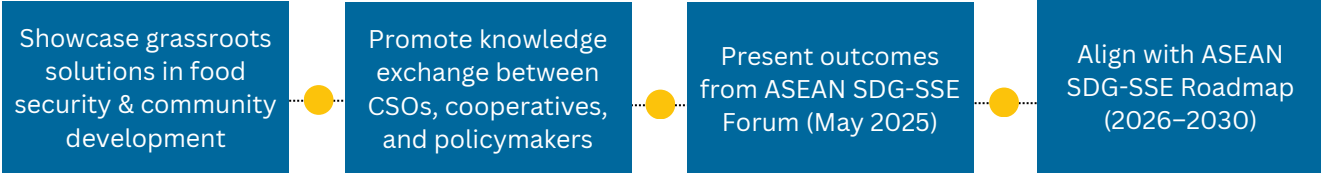
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BACKGROUND

ASEAN member states have committed to inclusive and sustainable economic development as part of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The UN Resolution on Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) (2024) strengthens this commitment by recognizing SSE as a key driver for inclusive growth, poverty reduction, and social equity. At the grassroots level, local communities, cooperatives, and social enterprises are already implementing innovative economic models that align with the ASEAN SDG-SSE Roadmap (2026-2030). However, challenges such as limited policy support, access to financing, and sustainable scaling mechanisms remain barriers to widespread adoption. This thematic session at the ASEANPeoples aims to showcase successful grassroots solutions & discuss policy recommendations for strengthening inclusive and sustainable economies in ASEAN.

OBJECTIVES



PARTICIPANTS FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES


Malaysia


Indonesia


Philippines


Thailand


Vietnam


Lao PDR


Cambodia


Japan
ASEAN PLUS

SESSION SUMMARY

Panel Discussion 1

Advancing Social & Solidarity Economy : Strengthening Inclusive & Sustainable Development in ASEAN



Speakers

Moderator



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**DR. BENJAMIN R.
QUIÑONES, JR.**
Asian Solidarity Economic
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This panel discussion, moderated by **Dr. Benjamin R. Quiñones, Jr.**, brought together regional experts to explore how Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) models can drive inclusive and sustainable development across ASEAN. Mr. **Akkanut Wantanasombut** (Thailand) opened the session with a presentation titled "Reclaiming the Economy: The Social Solidarity Economy Model in ASEAN," highlighting the importance of SSE in sustainable development as it is not an alternative but rather a future. **Dr. Rosalinda Ofreneo** (Philippines) emphasised grassroots-led approaches in community-based development, showcasing the success story of "Eco Warrior Soap", an initiative by a group of mothers of children with disabilities in the Quezon City, Philippines. **Mr. Shigeru Tanaka** (Japan) shared a case study from Kitashiba, Osaka where youth are allowed to fail and stand up again by trying different careers in life. **Dr. Khairil Ahmad** (Malaysia) focused on policy innovation, stressing the importance of integrating SSE into national and regional economic frameworks by leveraging the people for policy innovation. The session underscored the potential of SSE as a people-centred pathway for advancing equitable growth, strengthening community resilience, and fostering deeper regional cooperation across ASEAN.

SESSION SUMMARY

Panel Discussion 2

Grassroots Solutions in Action: Food Security & Community-Based Development



Certificates given by Nur Rahmah Othman (APPGM-SDG)

Speakers

Moderator

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HomeNet Thailand

**JONAS GREGORY
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**NUR FARAH EZZATY
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The second panel discussion, moderated by **Nur Farah Ezzaty Abd Aziz**, showcased grassroots-driven strategies addressing food security, gender equality, and inclusive development across the region. **Mr. Kon Onn Sein** (Malaysia) shared innovative, community-based food security models that empower local farmers (*Orang Asli* or indigenous people) to enable *Orang Asli* to protect nature, grow economy and build a sense of belonging and respect. **Ms. Poonsap Suanmuang Tulaphan** (Thailand) highlighted the role of women in driving community enterprise development, focusing on the success stories of Som Jan: Banana Processing Group and Panmai: Traditional Cloth Women Weavers Group. **Mr. Jonas Gregory Perez** (UN Women) presented the Philippines experience of cooperatives and social enterprises through the UN Women initiatives. **Ms. Rahma Dani Dewi and Mr. Rizky Hardiansyah** (Indonesia) shared inclusive economic initiatives from Palu, demonstrating how grassroots social innovation when combined with cross-sector collaboration can lead to meaningful change and this was shown through an initiative called “Nosarara Nosabatutu”. Together, the panel highlighted the transformative power of local action in advancing sustainable development and social justice across ASEAN.

SESSION SUMMARY

Panel Discussion 3

Insights & Reflection Summary of Key Findings from the AASEAN SDG-SSE Forum 2025



Certificates given by Nur Farah Ezzaty Abd Aziz (APPGM-SDG)

Speakers

Moderator

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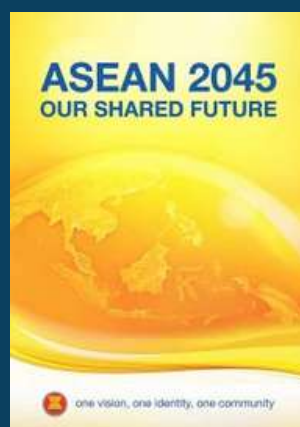
This session, moderated by **Prof. Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria**, focused on key reflections and takeaways from the ASEAN SDG-SSE Forum 2025, held on 22–23 May 2025. It centred on three guiding questions: the purpose of the roadmap, the key insights shared by speakers and participants, and how to ensure the roadmap becomes a practical tool rather than a symbolic document. Panellists included members of the drafting committee, the forum coordinator, and a representative from the EU. **Ms. Hirzawati Atikah Mohd Tahir** (Malaysia) shared three key ideas from the forum: [P]artnership, [A]dvocacy, and [Y]outh, which she recommended be taken into careful consideration in the development of the roadmap. **Dr. Eri Trinurini Adhi** (Indonesia) stressed the importance of Pentahelix Model in getting the buy-ins, particularly from the private sector as it is now lacking from the SSE ecosystem. **Dr. Benjamin R. Quiñones, Jr.** (Philippines) emphasised the importance of the content of the roadmap and the SSE ecosystem. **Dr. Rona Chandran** (Malaysia), believed that partnership and communication are important in drafting and implementing the roadmap. Last but not least, **Dr. Victor P. Karunan**, highlighted the importance of solidarity—both vertically and horizontally—while ensuring a people-centred approach. Together, these reflections reinforced the urgency of transforming the roadmap into a dynamic, actionable framework grounded in inclusive participation, strong partnerships, and a shared commitment to advancing the SSE across ASEAN.



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