

Forum: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Question of: Setting Guidelines for sustainable urbanization

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The Association of Southeast Asian Nations,

Acknowledging the rapid growth of urban population in ASEAN countries and transformation in social and economic areas,

Deeply concerned about the environmental issues urbanization causes,

Bearing in mind that actions must be taken according to the Paris Agreement on climate change,

Observing that ASEAN is one of the largest middle income emerging markets after China and India,

Pointing out that this is a once in a lifetime chance to plan ahead and build a sustainable and prosperous future,

Guided by the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanization Strategy (ASUS) and the ASEAN Master Plan on connectivity (MPAC),

Viewing with appreciation the progress Singapore has made and emphasizing its importance for sustainable urbanization in ASEAN,

Welcoming investments from Russia and the collaboration with European countries,

1. **Encourages** ASEAN Member States to further improve their collaboration and cooperation with developed regions, for example Europe and Russia;
2. **Urges** all Member States to provide a secure and sustainable supply and use of electricity by:
 - a. gradually removing conventional electricity consumers from the market and promoting more sustainable ones,
 - b. subsidizing the use of sustainable electricity and, in particular, tax coal-fired electricity more heavily,
 - c. connecting the national power supplies of Member States similar to the model of power exchange between Germany and Norway;
3. **Calls upon** all ASEAN Member States to invest a significant amount of their GDP into improving infrastructure and education to:
 - a. improve education and supporting gender equality on all levels but especially in the primary level (Cambodia),
 - b. improve current bicycle and foot paths or build new ones;
4. **Suggests** using ISO 37120 along with an improved ASEAN database to measure and evaluate the progress of sustainable urbanization;

5. **Decides** to remain actively seized on the matter.