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Breaking Barriers, Building Futures

ASEAN Regional Dialogue
on Young People's Skills,
Employability and Transition
to Decent Work

17-18 October 2023
*Hybrid Event,
Jakarta - Indonesia, Virtual*

in collaboration with



The ASEAN Secretariat, ILO, and UNICEF in collaboration with UNDP, UNESCO, and UN Women are welcoming you to the Breaking Barriers, Building Futures: ASEAN Regional Dialogue on Young People's Skills, Employability, and Transition to Decent Work. This Regional Dialogue is endorsed and co-funded by the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY) through the ASEAN Youth Programme Fund (AYPF) as an activity under the ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2021-2025 ¹.

Happening in Jakarta, Indonesia on 17 – 18 October 2023, the Regional Dialogue adopts intergenerational dialogue and an integrated lifecycle approach to support adolescents and youth as they transition from education and training to navigate the world of work. It will also highlight the importance of green and digital skills and jobs in both education systems and labour markets, as well as key gender barriers faced by adolescent girls and young women.

The Regional Dialogue focuses on four thematic areas:

1. **Inclusive, future-ready education systems:** Enhancing national education systems to integrate digital and climate literacy, green skills, and transferable, 21st century skills to prepare all young people for jobs today and tomorrow.
2. **Skills development and employability:** Promoting skills development and employability, with a focus on adolescent girls and young women, within digital and green economies.
3. **Youth employment and labour market transitions for a human-centred recovery:** Supporting young workers and youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) to access integrated labour market support for their transition to productive employment and decent work, and to bridge the gender gaps, including through digitalisation.
4. **Entrepreneurship:** Strengthening innovation ecosystems to promote youth-led entrepreneurship.

Three focus areas will be streamlined across all thematic areas: gender equality, green and digital skills and jobs. The meeting will convene representatives of youth, education and labour ministries of ASEAN Member States, employers' and workers' organisations, private sector, UN agencies, development partners, young people, civil society representatives, and other stakeholders to:

1. Enable an intergenerational exchange of lessons, challenges, and good practices relevant to adolescents' and youth's learning and skilling, employability, engagement, and transition to decent work across ASEAN.
2. Promote a shared agenda on youth's learning and skilling, employability, and transition to decent work in ASEAN across governments, employers' and workers' organizations, development partners, private sector, youth, CSOs and UN which will inform meaningful progress on these issues.
3. Enable meaningful contributions by adolescent boys and girls, and youth themselves to the shared agenda for informing policies and shaping solutions to challenges being faced.

Proposed event outcomes include:

1. Identification of next steps for advancing opportunities and salient points, which are supportive to the implementation of objective of the ASEAN HRD Declaration and its Roadmap and the ASEAN Declaration on Promoting Competitiveness, Resilience and Agility of Workers for the Future of Work, by government entities in collaboration with relevant stakeholders including UN organisations, employers' and workers' organizations, young people, private sector, and development partners on young people's skills, employability, and transition to decent work in ASEAN to inform future collaboration at sub-regional and/or country-level. This may include launching or expanding regional programming for adolescent and youth skills, employability, and transition to decent work, as well as dedicated interventions targeting adolescent girls' and young women's skills development and labour market transitions, through joint UN-ASEAN initiatives.
2. Consolidated views on the possible establishment of a regular cross-sector and multistakeholder forum and/or other consultative platforms which will facilitate a greater inter-ministerial, social partners, young people, and business coordination across the region with the aim to share progress, exchange good practices and foster co-creation of solutions to address bottlenecks.
3. Recommendations on promoting young people's skills, employability, and transitions to decent work in ASEAN will be reflected in a joint recommendation document.

Event Date, Modality and Delegations

Following a hybrid delivery model, The Regional Dialogue, scheduled for 17-18 October 2023, at the Nusantara Hall, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia aims to be a platform to bring together national delegations from ASEAN Member States and other stakeholders. Proposed delegations are multi-stakeholder and will include government, employers' and workers' organizations, private sector, young people, and civil society organisations and other stakeholders.

Member States will be represented by a national delegation led by a member of government or administration at policy level (as appropriate) and include social partners with representatives of employers' and workers' organizations, as well as private sector, and young people.

Young Engagement in the ASEAN Regional Dialogue

“Nothing for them, without them”. Young people will play a significant role in the ASEAN Regional Dialogue, as they will be actively represented and engaged throughout the entire event cycle, from preparation to the review of documents and providing valuable feedback. Furthermore, young people will participate in the event as speakers, delegates, rapporteurs, and/or reactors, ensuring that their voices are heard, and their perspectives are included in the conversation and the event's joint recommendation. This involvement not only provides young people with opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge but also cultivates intergenerational dialogue and ensures that the event is more inclusive and representative of the diverse perspectives and experiences within the youthful ASEAN region.

In-Person Registration

To make your access to the ASEAN Secretariat seamless, please answer this in-person registration form **on or before 14 October**

<https://bit.ly/ard-registration>

Dress Code

Smart Casual – Business Attire or comfortable National Attire

Transportation

Transportation from Gran Mahakam to the ASEAN Secretariat will be provided at the following intervals: **7:45, 8:00, and 8:15AM.**

Transportation back from the ASEAN Secretariat to Gran Mahakam will also be provided.

Welcome Reception

All participants are invited to join us at the Gran Mahakam on the 17th of October, 6PM for the Welcome Reception



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DAY 1 – 17 October 2023	
TIME	ACTIVITY
30 mins 8:00 – 8:30	Registration
10 mins 8:30 – 8:40	Introduction and Welcome <u>Facilitator</u> <i>Dr. Roger Chao Jr., Assistant Director/Head of Education, Youth and Sports Division, ASEAN Secretariat</i>
15 mins 8:40 – 8:55	Opening Remarks <u>Speakers</u> <i>Mr. Ekkaphab Phanthavong, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community</i> <i>Dr. Myo Zin-Nyunt, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office</i> <i>Ms. Panudda Boonpala, Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific</i>
60 mins 8:55 – 9:55	Session 0: State of the Region and Voices of Young People <u>Speakers</u> <i>Mr. Michael Nugraha Budiarto, Member, Young People's Action Team – UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, Indonesia</i> <i>Ms. Chi Dinh Thao, National Research and Development Coordinator, 2030 Youth Force, Viet Nam</i> <i>Ms. Desiree Valmoria, President, Kagay-Anon Youth Network Alliance, Philippines</i>
20 mins 9:55 – 10:15	Coffee Break and Photo Session

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60 mins 10:15 – 11:15	Session 1: <i>Youth and adolescent learning and skills development through non-formal education in a lifelong learning perspective</i> <u>Moderator</u> <i>Ms. Margarete Sachs – Israel, Chief – Section for Inclusive Quality Education, UNESCO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Ms. Marillette Almayda, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Alternative Education, Department of Education, Philippines</i> <i>Mr. Lee Ayu Chuepa Founder, Akha Ama Coffee, Thailand</i> <i>Ms. Denni Puspa Purbasari, Executive Director, PMO Prakerja, Indonesia</i> <i>Ms. Glaiza Bueno, Young Advocate, Philippines</i>
75 mins 11:15 – 12:30	Session 2: <i>National Youth Employment Strategies: Investing in Decent Jobs for Youth, Shaping the Future of Work</i> <u>Moderator</u> <i>Mr. Felix Weidenkaff, Youth Employment Specialist, ILO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Ms. Amira Mohamed Nasuhar, Assistant Manager, Singapore National Employers' Federation (SNEF); (Participating in capacity as youth representative representing the ASEAN Confederation of Employers – ACE), Singapore</i> <i>Ms. Carmela I. Torres, Undersecretary, Employment and Human Resource Development Cluster, Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE), Philippines</i> <i>Mr. Dharendra Wardhana, Senior Planner, Directorate of Employment, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Indonesia</i> <i>Mr. Doan Tran Trung, Vice President of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam General Federation of Labour (VGCL), Vietnam</i>
60 mins 12:30 – 1:30	Lunch and Networking

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75 mins 1:30 – 2:45	Session 3: <i>Navigating the future with young people: Enhancing Digital Skills and Embracing AI through a human-centered approach</i> <u>Moderator</u> <i>Ms. Antonia Mandry, Education Specialist, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Ms. Angeles Cortesi, Senior Advisor, UNICEF Learning Innovation Hub</i> <i>Mr. Agung Pamungkas, Government and Public Affairs Lead, Google Indonesia</i> <i>Mr. Hazremi Hamid, Senior Officer, Digital Economy Division, ASEAN Secretariat</i> <i>Ms. Menghorng Kao, Founder – STEMUNITY, Hun Sen Peam Chikang Highschool – Cambodia</i>
60 mins 2:45 – 3:45	Session 4: <i>Unlocking the Potential: Skills Building for Girls in the ASEAN Region</i> <u>Moderator</u> <i>Ms. Nikka Gerona, Member, Young People's Action Team – UNICEF East Asia and Pacific</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Ms. Shreyasi Jha, Gender and Adolescent Advisor, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific</i> <i>Ms. Zetanaia Salim, Adolescent Representative, UNICEF Indonesia</i> <i>Ms. Davida Gondohusodo, Technovation – Indonesia with Ms. Alveria Liu and Ms. Olga Jenny</i>
15 mins 3:45 – 4:00	Coffee Break

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75 mins 4:00 – 5:15	Session 5: <i>Empowering young people to drive the just transition through a green TVET sector</i> <u>Moderator</u> <i>Mr. Jordi Prat Tuca, Regional Technical and Programme Coordinator, Skills for Prosperity in South-East Asia Programme, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Ms. Ho Ha My, Youth Advocate, Viet Nam</i> <i>Ms. Kodsiah Binti Mohd Juzad, Assistant Secretary, Policy Division, Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR), Malaysia</i> <i>Ms. Mega Irena, Assistant Director/Head of Labour and Civil Service Division, ASEAN Secretariat</i> <i>Mr. Noel J. Cuevas, Chief, Learning Development Division, National Institute of Technical Education and Skills Development (NITESD), Philippines</i> <i>Ms. Punleu Luon, Faculty member and green TVET Coordinator, École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme Paul Dubrulle, Cambodia</i>
15 mins 5:15 – 5:30	Wrap Up
90 mins 6:00 – 7:30	Welcome Reception – Gran Mahakam

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DAY 2 – 18 October 2023	
TIME	ACTIVITY
45 mins 8:00 – 8:45	Registration
10 mins 8:45 – 8:55	Speech from UN Women and UNESCO <i>Pre-recorded message</i>
75 mins 8:55 – 10:10	Session 6: Effective employment services for youth, leveraging technology <u>Moderator</u> <i>Mr. Diego Rei, Employment Specialist, ILO Country Office for Indonesia and Timor-Leste</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Ms. Gayathri Vadivel, Head of Employment Services Department, SOCSO/Perkeso, Malaysia</i> <i>Ms. Zhao E, Deputy Director, Information Centre, MOHRSS, China</i> <i>Mr. Mohd Azid Bin Hf Sambas, Youth Representative, National Chamber of Commerce and Industry Brunei Darussalam (NCCIBD), Brunei Darussalam</i> <i>TBC, Representative, Federation of Free Workers (FFW), Philippines</i>
15 mins 10:10 – 10:25	Coffee Break
75 mins 10:25 – 11:40	Session 7: Inclusive Entrepreneurship: Fostering youth- and women-led entrepreneurship ecosystems in the ASEAN Region <u>Moderator</u> <i>Amy Baum, International Consultant on Women's Economic Empowerment, UN Women Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Mr. Pichmony Thay, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, Impact Hub Phnom Penh</i> <i>Ms. Melati Wijzen, Founder, YOUTHTOPIA and Bye Bye Plastics</i> <i>Mr. Thathsaphone Leththavone, Director of International Relations, Cooperation Division, Lao Youth Union</i> <i>Ms. Gusti Ayu Meisa Silakarma, Senior Officer, ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Post-2025 Unit, ASEAN Secretariat</i>



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60 mins 11:40 – 12:40	Session 8: Amplifying Voices of Young People <u>Moderator</u> <i>Ms. Larasati Indrawagita, Senior Officer, Education, Youth and Sports Division, ASEAN Secretariat</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Alwani Shaidun, Brunei Darussalam</i> <i>Noppon Chhim, Cambodia</i> <i>Zagy Berian, Indonesia</i> <i>Thitphathai Vorarath, Lao PDR</i> <i>Aliaa Sakinah binti Ramzani, Malaysia</i> <i>May Thu Khin, Myanmar</i> <i>Aijohn Santos, Philippines</i> <i>Huh Dam, Singapore</i> <i>Krit Pachsuwan, Thailand</i> <i>Le Nguyen Phuong, Viet Nam</i> <i>Januario Goncalves, Timor – Leste</i>



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60 mins 12:40 – 1:40	Lunch and Networking
75 mins 1:40 – 2:55	Session 9: <i>Building Tomorrow, Today: Cultivating public-private-youth partnerships for young people's skills, employability, and transition to decent work</i> <u>Moderator</u> <i>Ms. Urmila Sarkar, Deputy Director, Generation Unlimited</i> <u>Speakers</u> <i>Mr. Saje Molato, Founder, Siklab Pilipinas, Philippines</i> <i>Mr. Ilan Asqolani, Project Manager, ASEAN Foundation</i> <i>Ms. Sharon Son, Deputy Director – Partnerships Lab, National Youth Council, Singapore</i> <i>Ms. Nia Sarinsatiti, Accenture Development Partners Lead, Accenture Indonesia</i> <i>Mr. Eugene Ho, Global CSR Director, SAP</i>
30 mins 2:55 – 3:25	Coffee Break
75 mins 3:25 – 4:40	Session 10: Synthesis Session
30 mins 4:40 – 5:10	Closing Remarks <u>Speaker</u> <i>Ms. Rodora T. Babaran, Director, Human Development Directorate, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat</i>



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