

PRIORITY PROGRAMMES/ACTIVITIES OF AICHR 2027

Focus Area 1:

Promote the implementation of ASEAN instruments related to human rights while encouraging the accession to and ratification of, and promoting capacity building for the effective implementation of international human rights instruments, as applicable

(AICHR TOR, Mandates 4.2, and 4.4-4.6; APSC Strategic Plan, Strategic Measures 9.1-9.5)

Activities	Expected Outputs	Lead: AICHR Representative
1. Follow-up Activity on the Right to Mental Health (AHRD 29(1)) in the Digital Age, with a Focus on the Protection of Children's Mental Health	Documentation on best practices in ASEAN in addressing challenges in relation to mental health of children in the digital age	Brunei Darussalam
2. 9 th ASEAN Human Rights Dialogue	An established space for dialogue between ASEAN Member States and AICHR on sharing best practices to promote and protect human rights, and ways to overcome challenges to the enjoyment of human rights	Indonesia
3. ASEAN Forum on Advancing the Right to Information	- Regional forums to share good practices in the implementation of Article 23 of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) - Improved skills and knowledge of practitioners in implementing Article 23 of AHRD	Indonesia
4. AICHR Consultation on Charting the Way Forward for Implementing the Non-Punishment Principle for Victims of Trafficking in Persons in ASEAN	Documentation of progress, challenges and ways forward as shared by the national task forces on combating trafficking in persons (TIP) in the ASEAN region	Indonesia

	As a follow-up programme of the development or enhancement of recommended monitoring tools to effectively track and evaluate the Non-Punishment implementation, building on the existing Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL) Framework under the Bohol TIP Work Plan 2.0	
5. Validation Workshop on Human Rights and Police	- Documentation on good practices and challenges for human rights and policing in ASEAN Member States - Development of the formal guidelines to implement the application of human rights in a wide variety of policing situations, the understanding of human rights, international and regional instruments on human rights, the threats to human rights policing, gender-sensitive approaches to policing and administration of criminal justice, and protecting women from gender-based violence	Indonesia
6. AICHR Workshop on Sharing Best Practices in the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Committee's Concluding Observations and National Plan of Action	To share the best practices in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' Concluding Observations and the national plan of action to implement its recommendations	Lao PDR
7. AICHR Workshop on Sharing Experience and Challenges on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	To share the experiences and challenges of ASEAN Member States on the CRC and CEDAW's Treaty Reporting and AICHR's contribution to the implementation of the CRC	Lao PDR

(CEDAW)'s Treaty Reporting and AICHR's Contribution to the Implementation of the CRC and CEDAW's Concluding Observations	and CEDAW's concluding observation, as well as their national plan of action	
8. AICHR Workshop on Tracking Database/Collecting Inputs for Treaty Reporting and Universal Periodic Review	Improved awareness and capacity to implement the international human rights treaty obligations undertaken by AMS	Lao PDR
9. 5 th ASEAN Consultation on the Human Right to Development to Enhance and Strengthen the ASEAN Community: 2027 ASEAN High-Level Dialogue on the ASEAN Declaration on Promoting the Right to Development and the Right to Peace Towards Realising Inclusive and Sustainable Development	- A high-level ASEAN dialogue on the ASEAN Declaration on Promoting the Right to Development and the Right to Peace Towards Realising Inclusive and Sustainable Development (ADDP) and deliberations on a regional outlook on the ASEAN human rights to development and peace - Common approach and strategies to follow up on the ADDP	Malaysia
10. Promoting Safer Digital Eco-Systems for the Vulnerable		Singapore
11. Regional Consultation on the Proposed Special Procedure to Advance the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN	Development of a draft framework and recommended modalities for ASEAN special procedure mechanism on the rights of persons with disabilities	Thailand
12. AICHR Workshop on Climate Change, Environmental Protection and Human Rights: Strengthening the Implementation of ASEAN and International Human Rights Commitments	Enhanced awareness and capacity of ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders to implement ASEAN and international human rights instruments related to climate change, environmental protection, and sustainable development	Thailand and Timor-Leste

	• Documentation of best practices, challenges, and recommendations on integrating human rights-based approaches into climate change and environmental policies in ASEAN	
13.ASEAN Human Rights Forum on the Rights of Domestic Workers	• Enhanced understanding and capacity of ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders to promote and protect the rights of domestic workers through the implementation of relevant ASEAN and international human rights and labour instruments • Identification and documentation of good practices, existing gaps, and strategic recommendations to strengthen safeguards for domestic workers and ensure greater access to labour rights, social protection mechanisms, and decent employment opportunities within ASEAN	Timor-Leste
14.ASEAN Workshop on Access to Justice with a Particular Focus on Domestic Violence Against Women	• Strengthened knowledge, skills, and institutional capacity of ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders to enhance access to justice and adopt survivor-centred, gender-responsive approaches in preventing and responding to domestic violence against women • Improved identification and documentation of good practices, key challenges, and policy recommendations to reinforce legal protection frameworks, ensure effective remedies, and promote coordinated multi-sectoral responses	Timor-Leste

	for survivors of domestic violence across ASEAN	
15.ASEAN Human Rights Forum on Peace and Human Rights	- Enhanced understanding and capacity of ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders on the interlinkages between peace, human rights, and sustainable development, through the sharing of experiences and best practices - Documentation of key challenges, lessons learned, and recommendations to strengthen regional cooperation in promoting peacebuilding, reconciliation, and the protection of human rights in ASEAN	Malaysia
Focus Area 2: Develop strategies for cooperation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms (AICHR TOR, Mandates 4.1 and 4.11; APSC Strategic Plan, Strategic Measures 9.1-9.5)		
Activities	Expected Outputs	Lead: AICHR Representative
16.Promoting Human Rights-based Shock-Responsive Protection for Vulnerable People	A common platform to respond to, deliberate and agree on common positions and strategies to be established	Cambodia
17.3 rd ASEAN Consultation on Enhancing ASEAN Human Rights Mechanisms for the Effective Promotion and Protection of Human Rights: Strengthening	- Platform to exchange human rights information and recent developments on human rights - Recommendations to enhance the institutional capacity and effectiveness of ASEAN's human rights mechanisms to be more decisive,	Malaysia

Implementation, Modalities, Cooperation and Remedies in ASEAN	responsive and timely as well as future-ready in addressing global and regional challenges, and with effective cross-sectoral and cross-pillar coordination	
18.8 th ASEAN Workshop on the Intersection between Conflict and Human Rights: ADDP and Peace Pathways Framework	• Recommendations on strategies, approaches and guidelines in addressing human rights issues during/after conflict, disaster, and emergency situations • Common ASEAN pathway to, and conceptual framework on, peace, conflict prevention and management • Common approaches and strategies to implement a human rights-based approach in addressing conflict and violence in ASEAN	Malaysia
19.3 rd AICHR Workshop on Best Practices in Promoting Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge in Responding and Adapting to the Impact of Climate Change	• Documentation of climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives of indigenous peoples and local communities	Philippines
20. Regional Initiatives to Strengthen Engagement with Private Sector Actors in Addressing Corporate-Related Human Rights Violations	• Practical recommendations to strengthen corporate human rights due diligence and grievance mechanisms	Thailand
21. Regional Consultations on the Right to a Safe and Equitable Digital Environment	• Shared regional perspectives and recommendations on digital rights issues, including online safety, digital inclusion, data protection, and equitable access to digital technologies	Thailand

Focus Area 3:

Provide advisory services and technical assistance to ASEAN Sectoral Bodies upon request, and information sharing on the promotion and protection of human rights among ASEAN Member States

(AICHR TOR, Mandates 4.7 and 4.10; APSC Strategic Plan, Strategic Measures 9.1-9.5)

Activities	Expected Outputs	Lead: AICHR Representative
22.ASEAN Forums on Human Rights and Achieving SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities): Make Cities and Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable	Strengthened dialogue and exchange of good practices to promote human rights-based, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable urban development across ASEAN	Thailand

Focus Area 4:

Engage with relevant stakeholders and partners

(AICHR TOR, Mandates 4.8 and 4.9; APSC Strategic Plan, Strategic Measures 9.1-9.5)

Activities	Expected Outputs	Lead: AICHR Representative
23.3 rd ASEAN Cross-Sectoral Dialogue between AICHR, ACWC and Relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies on the Effective Implementation of ASEAN Commitments on Human Rights of Women and Children: ASEAN Intersectoral Expert Technical Cooperation Mechanism to Strengthen the Protection Framework for Women, Children and Groups in Vulnerable and Marginalised Situations pursuant to the ADDP	Strategies for knowledge-sharing, constructive engagement, optimising ASEAN Member States' peer learning and reviews, and maximising the dialogue-based process towards strengthening cooperation on ASEAN commitment to the rights of women and children in the ASEAN Community pursuant to the ADDP	Malaysia

24.2 nd ASEAN Training on the Intersection of Drug Policies with Human Rights and Health in Southeast Asia: Interdisciplinary and Multi-Sectoral Human Rights-Based Approach to Protection	• Build capacity and awareness of the intersectionality of drug policies, human rights and health • Sharing and documentation of good practices that centre on human rights, harm reduction, and health	Malaysia
Focus Area 5: Prepare studies on thematic issues of human rights in ASEAN and enhancing public awareness (AICHR TOR, Mandates 4.3 and 4.12; APSC Strategic Plan, Strategic Measures 9.1-9.5)		
Activities	Expected Outputs	Lead: AICHR Representative
25. AICHR Public Outreach on Human Rights in ASEAN	• A series of AICHR outreach activities conducted in collaboration with universities and research institutions • Information and communication materials on AICHR developed and disseminated to academic audiences, including students, lecturers and researchers • Enhanced awareness and understanding of AICHR's mandate, roles, and work among academic communities	Indonesia
26.8 th ASEAN Dialogue on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – General Comment	• Continue to sustain and strengthen capacity-building initiatives aimed at promoting and	Philippines

	protecting child rights through knowledge exchange	
Focus Area 6: Submit reports and perform other tasks assigned by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AICHR TOR, Mandates 4.13 and 4.14; APSC Strategic Plan, Strategic Measures 9.1-9.5)		
Activities	Expected Outputs	Lead: AICHR Representative
27. Preparation of Annual Report of AICHR		AICHR Chair