Strengthening ASEAN-MRC Cooperation

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Sub-regional Cooperation
Goals:

• to promote, through concerted efforts, effective cooperation and mutual assistance to narrow the development gap among ASEAN Member States (AMS) and between ASEAN and the rest of the world.

• In operational terms, NDG efforts shall assist the CLMV countries to meet ASEAN-wide targets and commitments towards realizing the ASEAN Community
Bridging the Development Gap

- Economic Growth and Macroeconomic Stability
- Enterprise Development
- Business Regulation and Facilitation
- Access to Finance
- Education
- Health
- Nutrition
- Water, Sanitation, and Electricity

ASEAN Equitable Development Monitor 2014
ASEAN COMMUNITY

Sub-regional programs

Regional initiatives

National policies & regulation

Bilateral activities
Recommendations

1. To enhance coordination and cooperation among stakeholders
   - Map out common objectives
   - Find appropriate mechanism to harmonize efforts

2. To encourage an organization/country to coordinate activities in a specific field
   - Take stock of various regional, sub-regional and bilateral activities
   - Aim to maximize utilization of resources, maximize impact and minimize duplication

3. To explore opportunities for consultation with related ASEAN sectoral bodies
Recommendations

4. To encourage member countries to play an active role in bridging the gap between regional and sub-regional efforts
   - Assume responsibility as country coordinator for specific field
   - Enhance in-country coordination to achieve concrete results and maximize benefits
Conclusion

- AFTA (2010)
- ASEAN Community (2015)
- Post-2015 Vision