

Administrative Arrangement

between

**the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid
Operations of the European Commission
(DG ECHO)**

and

**the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management
(AHA Centre)**

concerning

Cooperation in Disaster Management and Emergency Response



European Union
Civil Protection and
Humanitarian Aid



ONE **ASEAN**
ONE **RESPONSE**

**Directorate-General for European Civil Protection
and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)**

**ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on
disaster management (AHA Centre)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Administrative Arrangement (AA) is entered into by and between the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO) and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre), hereinafter referred to individually as the "Side" and collectively as the "Sides".
- 1.2 DG ECHO is the European Commission's Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid. DG ECHO aims to save and preserve life, prevent, and alleviate human suffering and safeguard the integrity and dignity of populations affected by both natural and human-induced disasters.
- 1.3 The AHA Centre is an intergovernmental organisation established by the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the Agreement on the Establishment of the AHA Centre. It aims to facilitate the co-operation and co-ordination among the ASEAN Member States and with relevant United Nations and international organisations in promoting regional collaboration in the area of disaster management and emergency response.

2. OBJECTIVES AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

- 2.1 The Sides intend to:
 - 2.1.1 Enhance respective emergency management knowledge and capabilities in prevention/mitigation, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from natural and human-induced disasters and emergencies.
 - 2.1.2 Share information, as appropriate and mutually beneficial, during response to and recovery from disasters and emergencies.
 - 2.1.3 Promote knowledge exchange and best practices in disaster management and emergency response.
 - 2.1.4 Deploy and exchange experts with relevant technical capacities, including through the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) of DG ECHO.
 - 2.1.5 Develop training programmes of mutual interest between DG ECHO and the AHA Centre.
 - 2.1.6 Review and exchange best practices on standardisation and certification process.
 - 2.1.7 Explore the ways to reinforce long-term cooperation on capacity development as follow-up of the EU-SAHA¹ project.

¹ Integrated Programmes in Enhancing the Capacity of the AHA Centre and ASEAN Emergency Response Mechanisms.

2.1.8 Further develop the cooperation with any action in the field of disaster management and emergency response in line with their respective mandates and where available and deemed appropriate.

2.1.9 The Sides intend to develop separate terms of reference with respect to possible future cooperation or activity, in which the specific purpose of the cooperation or activity concerned will be defined.

3. CONTACT POINTS

3.1 The Sides appoint the following contact points:

- For DG ECHO:
the Head of the Unit responsible for South-East Asia

- For the AHA Centre
the Executive Director

3.2 The contact points should be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Administrative Arrangement, but this designation does not impede direct contacts, exchange of information or cooperation between the staff of the Sides.

4. FUNDING AND NON-BINDING NATURE

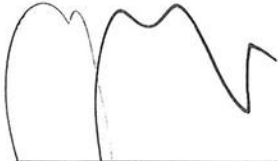
4.1 This Administrative Arrangement does not entail any financial commitment for the Sides. It is understood that each Side is to bear its own costs deriving from its activities under this Administrative Arrangement. The activities of the Sides under this Administrative Arrangement are subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

4.2 This Administrative Arrangement does not create any legal rights or obligations under domestic or international law in respect of either Side. It is an expression of interest by the Sides to work towards future collaboration in relation to the areas set out above, on terms mutually acceptable to the Sides.

5. DURATION AND TERMINATION

5.1 Either Side may discontinue its participation in this Administrative Arrangement at any time. Sides undertake to provide written six (6) months' notice to the other Side.

**For the Directorate-General for European
Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid
Operations of the European Commission**



Maciej Popowski
Director-General

Date: 17 October 2024

**For ASEAN Coordinating Centre for
Humanitarian Assistance on disaster
management (AHA Centre)**



Lee Yam Ming
Executive Director

Date: 17 October 2024