

Commemorative Statement on the ASEAN-IEA Energy Collaboration
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The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have collaborated extensively for a decade on regional and global energy priorities. ASEAN-IEA collaboration has spanned all aspects of the energy system, across all fuels and all technologies, including technical assistance and analysis on key topics such as energy security, power supply reliability and trade, renewables, technology innovation and energy efficiency.

This relationship was formalized with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in September 2011 in Bandar Seri Begawan. ASEAN and the IEA have worked together since then, with Singapore as the Country Coordinator for ASEAN-IEA energy cooperation on the implementation of activities set out in the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2010-2015, and the APAEC 2016-2025, including the ASEAN-IEA Capacity Building Roadmap on Energy Investments and Financing in 2018. More than 40 activities and initiatives in the areas of energy security, energy efficiency, clean energy, energy investments and decarbonisation were implemented since 2011.

In 2019, the ASEAN Ministers on Energy noted the IEA's role as a key strategic partner in ASEAN energy cooperation and in 2020, the Ministers called for further strengthening of institutional ties. In the spirit of renewed and enhanced multilateral collaboration on energy, ASEAN and the IEA are pleased to reaffirm their commitment the ASEAN-IEA energy cooperation on the occasion of 10 years of this collaboration.

ASEAN and the IEA:

- Reaffirm their commitment to energy cooperation and partnerships in achieving energy security, accessibility, affordability and sustainability for all in the ASEAN region, and in line with the APAEC;
- Acknowledge the importance of embedding clean energy transitions in national and regional energy plans and strategies, taking into consideration different national circumstances;
- Recognize the urgent need to address threats posed by climate change, especially towards countries in ASEAN that are amongst the most vulnerable to its impacts;
- Highlight the continued importance of energy security in energy transitions towards economic growth and stability; and,
- Emphasize the importance of the role of the IEA as a strategic partner in ASEAN energy cooperation, and commit to maintaining and strengthening institutional ties between the two organizations including partnership with relevant ASEAN bodies

On the occasion of the 39th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, ASEAN and the IEA further wish to express their steadfast commitment to closer institutional relations, and to working together to accelerate energy transition and strengthen energy resilience towards a sustainable and secure energy future for ASEAN.