

Proposed Topic for Side-Event at COP25, Thai Pavilion, Spain

Side Event Title	“Sharing Experiences from ASEAN Countries: Developing Country Approaches on NDC Target Tracking and Capacity Building Needs”
Responsible person/Org	Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization (Public Organization) /Climate Change International Technical and Training Center and Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning
Format of the side event	Presentations/Panel discussion
Duration	1.5 hours



Rationale

Capacity building, as one of the three core components of the means of implementation for climate actions, is being increasingly recognised as an integral part of today’s and even more for tomorrow’s development agenda. At the international level, it can be found in Sustainable Development Goals: (13.3) to improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as in Article 6 of the UNFCCC and Article 11 of the Paris Agreement, which states that capacity building should enhance the capacity and ability of developing country parties to implement adaptation and mitigation actions through regional bilateral and multilateral approaches. At the regional level, ASEAN Member States have recognized the imperative of taking action and made significant progress on addressing climate change issues and implementing climate change mitigation and adaptation actions, however, there are still limitations and challenges due to constraints on capacities to respond to such emerging needs through NDC and the PA implementation.

As for Thailand, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) as the national focal point of UNFCCC and AWGCC, the Department of Environmental Quality and Promotion (DEQP) as the national focal point on Article 6 of the Convention, and the Climate Change International Technical and Training Center (CITC) as a regional training hub and knowledge

platform for Southeast Asia countries recognise that capacity-building issue has been embedded in several significant policy frameworks and is one of key components for climate actions. Therefore, we provide this platform to share the knowledge and experiences in order to strengthen and enhance cooperation on capacity building for the Southeast Asia Countries.

At the Thai Pavilion at COP 25, TGO/CITC in collaboration with ONEP, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and The Overseas Environmental Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC) offer the panel discussion and presentation on “Sharing Experiences from ASEAN Countries: Developing Country Approaches on NDC Target Tracking and Capacity Building Needs”. This session aims to facilitate exchanges among ASEAN Member States and partners on specific subject to enhance understandings of country efforts, approaches, and challenges, and extract remaining capacity needs towards effective address climate change including NDC implementation in the region.

Proposed speakers/panelist:

- Representative from UNFCCC
- Representative from ASEAN Secretariat
- Representative from Singapore
- Representative from Vietnam
- Representative from Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning
- Mr. Thawatchai Saengkhamasuk
Director, Climate Change International Technical and Training Center
- Representative from JICA
- Representative from Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for co-Innovation (PaSTI)

Moderator: Ms. Chanyaphak Wathanachinda, Technical Expert, Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization

Topics for discussion

- Where are we in terms of country preparation for domestic MRV framework to enable effective tracking of NDC target? How much are we progressing from pre-2020 mitigation/NAMA era?
- What effort has been done to track mitigation effort by non-state actors (private sector)?
- What are the remaining challenges to operationalize domestic MRV framework for each country? What kind of capacity needs to be further strengthened for MRV to serve its purpose more effectively?