



ASEAN Recent Events using GDLN
Jointly Organized by ASEAN Secretariat, the World Bank and GDLN
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- Pre and Post ASEAN Summit 2009 Briefings by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN, 20 February and 2 March 2009, Respectively
- ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers' Special Meeting on Influenza (H1N1), 7-8 May 2009

Pre 14th ASEAN Summit Briefing, 20 February 2009, UI DLC, Jakarta

Post 14th ASEAN Summit Briefing, 2 March 2009, DLC Chulalongkorn, Bangkok

Background and Objectives

- The 14th ASEAN Summit was held in Thailand on 27 February - 1 March 2009. The first since the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter on 15 December 2008
- The Charter is a milestone in the history of cooperation. It sets out the vision of the ASEAN Community of the future which comprises the political-security, economic and socio-cultural pillars
- The Pre and Post 14th Summit Briefing were convened as the Secretary-General of ASEAN, Dr Surin Pitsuwan, is committed to establishing the foundations of a people-centered ASEAN
- The briefings were delivered through GDLN with the objective of
 - briefing the peoples of ASEAN on the highlights of the ASEAN Summit including the programme and expected decisions (Pre Summit Briefing)
 - Presenting an overview of the major decisions and initiatives agreed upon by ASEAN Member States (Post Summit Briefing)

Target audience

- Government officials, the media, civil society, private sector, lawmakers, academics and international organizations in ASEAN Member States, namely: Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam

Format

- One hour Local discussions in each participating country/DLC followed by 2-hour live videoconference dialogue with Dr. Surin

GDLN Role

- Connections through a combination of GDLN centers, World Bank country offices, and other partner VC facilities
- The dialogues served as a proof of concept that showed the efficacy of the GDLN for ASEAN
- The dialogues also demonstrated the vision of a “networked ASEAN Secretariat”, connecting the Secretary-General with a broad range of stakeholders

Partnership Highlights

- ASEAN Secretariat (regional coordination and discussion material provider)
- World Bank EAP (design of the dialogues, consultations with the participating countries/sites and led local moderation)
- GDLN AP, TDLC and Participating DLCs (connectivity arrangements, web streaming, event coordination)

Effective partnerships among the various parties demonstrated the value added that the World Bank and GDLN can bring to partners like ASEAN

Dr. Surin notably acknowledged the full support of the World Bank and GDLN to make the events possible

ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers' Special Meeting on Influenza (H1N1), 7-8 May 2009, Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok

Program Background

- Emergency high level meeting convened by ASEAN in Bangkok on May 7-8 to address the A-H1N1 Flu epidemic
- Objective was to come up with collective regional measures to be undertaken against the disease
- Participants included ASEAN + 3 Health Ministers, ASEAN + 3 Health Senior Officials, Observers from WHO, US CDC, UN agencies, WB, FAO and other agencies

GDLN Role

- Mobilization and facilitation of participation, by live videoconference, of senior experts from WHO and United States Center for Disease Control, and delivery of a message of solidarity from the Mexican Minister of Health

Program Highlights

- GDLN provided a significant value added to the ASEAN Plus 3 Health Ministers' Special Meeting on H1N1 by connecting the meeting to key institutions and personalities around the world to share their experience and knowledge.

Partnership Highlights

- The effective partnership and full commitment of all the involved parties: the WB EAP, GDLN AP, ASEAN Secretariat, TDLC, the host country Thailand, US CDC, UN agencies and WHO have made the Special Meeting successfully delivered and achieved its objectives amidst a very short preparation time.
- Demonstration of the power of GDLN to facilitate just-in-time access to global knowledge