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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACF	ASEAN Children's Forum
ACWC	ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children
ADF	ASEAN Disability Forum
AEC	ASEAN Economic Community
AICHR	ASEAN Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights
APSC	ASEAN Political-Security Community
ASCC	ASEAN Socio Cultural Community
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ATs	Assistive Technologies
CBR	Community-Based Rehabilitation
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
DPOs	Disabled People's Organisations
ICTs	Information Communication and Technologies
ILCs	Independent Living Centres
ILO	International Labour Organisation
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
SOMSWD	Senior Official Meeting on Social Welfare and Development

BALI DECLARATION ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE ROLE AND PARTICIPATION OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN ASEAN COMMUNITY

WE, THE PEOPLES of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), represented by the Heads of State or Government of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

RECOGNISING the enhancement of well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN by providing them with equitable access to opportunities for human development, social welfare and justice as stipulated in the ASEAN Charter;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to accelerating the establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015 comprising three pillars, namely the ASEAN Political and Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community;

REAFFIRMING the potential contribution of persons with disabilities and their important role and participation in the implementation of all action lines under the ASEAN Socio Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint which includes the scope of cooperation in social welfare and development of children, persons with disabilities and the elderly with sustained impact both nationally and regionally in the establishment of ASEAN Community by 2015.

RECALLING the Jakarta Declaration adopted at the Regional Conference on ASEAN and Disability on 2 December 2010 that recognises necessity of persons with disabilities to actively participate in formulating, implementing and evaluating policies related to disability issues in ASEAN region;

RECALLING also the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons, the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in which persons with disabilities are recognized as both development agent and beneficiaries in all aspects of development;

NOTING the Biwako Millennium Framework and Biwako Plus Five for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society in Asia and the Pacific 2003-2012 to ensure effective participation of persons with disabilities in all relevant activities;

COGNISANT that the promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedom of the persons with disabilities in strengthening their full participation will

result in their enhanced sense of belonging and in significant advances in the human, social and economic development of society and the eradication of poverty;

EMPHASIZING the importance of mainstreaming disabilities issues as an integral part of relevant strategies of sustainable development;

DO HEREBY DECLARE TO:

1. Encourage ASEAN Member States to sign and ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and foster its implementation in the communities;
2. Proclaim the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011- 2020) and its related initiatives as the theme is to promote disability-inclusive development within ASEAN;
3. Welcome the initiative of ASEAN Disabled People's Organisations for establishing the ASEAN Disability Forum, a joint efforts of multi-stakeholders, including ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat, international development agencies, civil society organisations, media, business sector, academic groups, Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs), disability-related organisations and their parents/family organisations;
4. Urge that ASEAN Member States to promote the quality of life of the persons with disabilities in the context of poverty alleviation and develop regional statistical indicators in ASEAN to measure the development of vulnerable groups, particularly persons with disabilities;
5. Ensure the fulfillment of the rights of persons with disabilities in all aspects of life through mainstreaming disability perspective in the development and implementation of ASEAN policies and programmes across the economic, political security and sociocultural pillars of the ASEAN Community;
6. Continue to raise awareness on disability issues and to increase outreach activities for all society ranging from local, national and regional levels by using various media and involving all components of the society;
7. Encourage the participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development including their participation in political activities by providing them with equal political rights in the election of the leaders and parliamentarians, both at local and national levels;
8. Encourage the government and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), including non government organisations (NGOs), to work closely with relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies, the ASEAN Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), and the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), in joint efforts to help protecting the

rights and accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities, particularly older persons, women and children;

9. Encourage ASEAN Member States to develop national plan of actions on disability and allocate their national budget through relevant line-ministry/agency for empowering persons with disabilities;
10. Facilitate and encourage persons with disabilities to participate in formulating, implementing and evaluating policies and programmes related to disability issues;
11. Encourage ASEAN Member States to promote, develop and diversify social services supporting persons with disabilities in the field of social welfare and employment;
12. Encourage ASEAN Member States to accelerate the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework and Biwako Plus Five for Action Towards An Inclusive, Barrier-Free and Rights-based Society in Asia and the Pacific 2003-2012;
13. Enhance sharing of information, good/best practices and experiences on issues concerning persons with disabilities as well as encourage the development of new knowledge through researches, analysis and trainings;
14. Work towards equal opportunities of persons with disabilities to education especially basic education and alternative means of communication including sign language, Braille and the like;
15. Emphasize the need of providing accessibility to public facilities and amenities, public transportation, education, employment, information communication and technology (ICT), recreation as well as sports for persons with disabilities in ASEAN;
16. Mainstream disability issues in disaster management policies and programmes at regional, national and community levels;
17. Develop social security schemes in ASEAN Member States for protecting persons with disabilities, especially those with severe disabilities;
18. Develop the social inclusiveness of persons with disabilities which includes the development of leadership, community inclusive, gender-sensitive and socially inclusive business;
19. Encourage international development agencies and other international institutions to support the implementation of the disability policies and programs in the ASCC Blueprint;

20. Encourage the mass media, regardless of its scale and coverage, to be culturally and gender sensitive in promoting the accurate information and image of disability and persons with disabilities in ASEAN.

We hereby pledge our commitment to task the concerned Ministers of ASEAN Sectoral Bodies to implement this Declaration.

Adopted in Bali, Indonesia, this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Eleven.

MOBILISATION FRAMEWORK

ASEAN aims to establish ASEAN Community by 2015. It is timely that ASEAN accelerate its paces toward achieving enduring solidarity and unity among the nations and peoples of ASEAN. Building a caring and sharing society which is inclusive and harmonious where the well-being, livelihood, and welfare of the peoples are enhanced.

ASEAN Leaders, as the representatives of ASEAN Member States and its people, proclaim the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020) as the thematic years to promote disability inclusive development in ASEAN, reaffirm ASEAN's commitment toward equal rights and opportunities of persons with disabilities in all spheres of ASEAN society. In line with disability related documents, particularly Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), fifteen major priority areas which are set and aligned with each of the ASEAN's pillars are highlighted, depicting that disability is a cross-cutting issue embedded in all three ASEAN Community. In respect of established sectoral bodies, mechanisms, and protocol, the Decade intent is to promote implementation of disability initiatives by utilising those existing mechanisms and bodies in addition to welcoming other initiatives which enhance the overall quality of life development of person with disabilities (PWDs) in ASEAN.

OBJECTIVE

To promote disability inclusive development in ASEAN.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE DECADE

- a) Respect in the identity and unique characteristics of ASEAN Community, particularly for established sectoral bodies, mechanisms, and protocol.
- b) Realization of disability as a cross-sectoral issue embedded within three pillars of the ASEAN Community: ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC).
- c) Encouragement for ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Secretariat to share the ownership of “the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020)” and related initiatives to fully promote rights and equal opportunity of PWDs at national and regional level.
- d) Respect in the joint effort of multi-stakeholders, including PWDs and their families, Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs), CSOs, and international organisations, academic institutions, business sector, other related entities towards empowerment and quality of life development of PWDs.

- e) Promotion of people-oriented mechanisms and policies and inclusion of PWDs in the policy formulation process, including recognition of the ASEAN Disability Forum (ADF) as the voice from the disability community, providing the platform of action for mainstreaming disability perspectives in the ASEAN community.

DECADE PRIORITY AREAS AND RELATED ASEAN COMMUNITY

Decade Priority Areas		APSC	AEC	ASCC
1.	Realisation and protection of fundamental rights and freedom of PWDs.	●	●	●
2.	Development and effective implementation of disability discrimination laws and mainstreaming disability issues in policy and planning	●	●	●
3.	Employment and decent work		●	●
4.	Adequate and appropriate education			●
5.	Health care and rehabilitation , including community-based rehabilitation			●
6.	Political participation and access to justice of PWDs	●		●
7.	Livelihood, poverty alleviation, and social services		●	●
8.	Independent living and community inclusion			●
9.	Children with disabilities			●
10.	Women with disabilities			●
11.	Older persons with disabilities			●
12.	Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport			●
13.	Accessibility (e.g. ICTs, ATs, information, facility, transportation, services)		●	●
14.	Capacity building of government, Self-Help DPOs, and CSOs			●
15.	PWDs in Emergencies	●		●

DECADE PRIORITY AREAS AND ACTIONS

Priority Area 1: Realisation and protection of fundamental rights and freedom of persons with disabilities

Actions:

- Promote regional and national programs relating to rights sensitisation to increase awareness and better understanding on fundamental rights of PWDs, particularly the rights stated in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- Encourage mainstreaming of disability perspectives in ASEAN human rights bodies such as AICHR as the body to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of the peoples of ASEAN.
- Promote positive attitude towards PWDs and encourage media to promote the accurate image of disability and PWDs in ASEAN.

Priority Area 2: Development and effective implementation of disability discrimination laws and mainstreaming disability issues in policy and planning

Actions:

- Develop a platform of sharing and exchanging of knowledge and experiences among ASEAN Member States regarding development and effective implementation of disability discrimination laws.
- Support the participation of ASEAN PWDs in dialogue and consultation process, under each of the three pillars of ASEAN Community, related to promotion and protection of their rights.

Priority Area 3: Employment and decent work ¹

Actions:

- Enhance capacities of government in incorporating decent work principles for employment of PWDs.
- Encourage that Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is incorporated in the corporate agenda and contributes towards sustainable socio-economic development in ASEAN Member States.

¹ *Decent work, as a concept and an agenda, was introduced and initially promoted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in 1999. ILO's comprehensive definition of decent work is "being productive work for women and men in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity. Decent work involves opportunities for work that is productive and delivers a fair income; provides security in the workplace and social protection for workers and their families; offers better prospects for personal development and encourages social integration; gives people the freedom to express their concerns, to organize and to participate in decisions that affect their lives; and guarantees equal opportunities and equal treatment for all".*

- Promote establishment of network of entrepreneurs/business owners to contribute towards employment of PWDs, leading to reduction of the poverty rate.
- Promote skills development programs of PWDs.
- Strengthen entrepreneurship skills and build capacities of women, youth, elderly and PWDs.

Priority Area 4: Adequate and appropriate education

Actions:

- Promote and/or improve universal access to primary education for PWDs with equal access to education for girls and women with disabilities.
- Ensure children with disabilities are adequately prepared to enter into primary education (pre-school program for children with disabilities).
- Use accessible ICT and assistive technologies to provide access to education and life-long learning of PWDs.

Priority Area 5: Health care and rehabilitation, including community-based rehabilitation

Action:

- Promote disability prevention programs.²
- Promote sharing of technical knowledge on disability identification and data collection.
- Promote early identification and intervention services for children with disability.
- Ensure that persons with disabilities have access to health care services with the highest attainable standard that are gender sensitive and without discrimination on the basis of disability.

Priority Area 6: Political participation and access to justice of persons with disabilities

Actions:

- Ensure that PWDs can effectively and fully participate in political life on an equal basis with others, including the right and opportunity for PWDs to vote and be elected.
- Ensure effective access to justice for PWDs on equal basis with others.
- Ensure appropriate training is available for those working in the field of administration of justice, including police and prison staff.

² *Disability prevention may include programs related to e.g. health, immunization, nutrition, genetic education, etc.*

Priority Area 7: Livelihood, poverty alleviation, and social services

Action:

- Ensure PWDs are able to access to appropriate social services, an adequate standard of living, including adequate food, clothing, and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions.
- Ensure sustainable economic development programs available for PWDs and their families.

Priority Area 8: Independent living³ and community inclusion

Action:

- Promote the development of appropriate measures to facilitate full inclusion and participation of PWDs in their communities.
- Promote the development and strengthening of Independent Living Centers (ILCs) in ASEAN.

Priority Area 9: Children with disabilities

Action:

- Ensure that children with disabilities are provided with disability and age appropriate programs/services.
- Ensure that all actions concerning children with disabilities, in the best interests of children, will be a primary consideration.
- Ensure inclusion of children with disabilities in ASEAN's existing programs/initiatives for children such as ASEAN Children's Forum (ACF) and address children with disabilities issues in ASEAN's related bodies.

Priority Area 10: Women with disabilities

Action:

- Recognise that women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discrimination.
- Ensure that appropriate measures are taken towards the full development, advancement, and empowerment of women, to ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- Address women with disabilities issues in ASEAN's related bodies such as ACWC.

³ *Independent living is the philosophy originated in the United States and subsequently extended to other regions including Asia and the Pacific. ILCs are community-based advocacy and resource centers for PWDs and their families. ILCs have been set up widely in many countries. There are ILCs in ASEAN Member States e.g. Viet Nam, Myanmar, Philippines, Cambodia, and Thailand.*

Priority Area 11: Older persons with disabilities

Action:

- Recognise the growing trend of ageing populations in ASEAN and ensure availability and sufficiency of support for older PWDs who are in need of social assistance.
- Acknowledge the important role of family as the essential unit of society, communities, civil society, private sector and governments as well as the importance of inter-generational interdependence and solidarity in promoting active, self-care and healthy older PWDs.
- Promote life-long support and opportunities for older PWDs through access to social services, resources, skill training leading to job opportunities, lifelong learning and participation in community.
- Promote and facilitate the conduct and exchange of research and studies in disability and gerontology and geriatrics.

Priority Area 12: Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

Action:

- Ensure that PWDs are able to access cultural materials and places for cultural performance or services.
- Promote the development of accessible format of television programs, films, theatre and other cultural activities.
- Enable PWDs to have the opportunity to develop and utilise their creative, artistic and intellectual potential.
- Promote sport participation for PWDs.

Priority Area 13: Accessibility (i.e. ICTs, ATs, information, facility, road, transportation, services)

Action:

- Ensure accessibility to public facilities and services (i.e. ICTs, ATs, information, facility, road, transportation) for all including PWDs.
- Promotion of capacity building training programs to increase ICTs literacy for PWDs and including government manpower.

Priority Area 14: Capacity building of government and Self-Help DPOs

Action:

- Enhance and improve the capacities of government manpower and Self-Help DPOs, and CSOs through capacity building training program.

Priority Area 15: Persons with disability in emergencies

Action:

- Ensure the protection and safety of PWDs in emergencies, including situations of armed conflict, humanitarian emergencies and the occurrence of natural disasters.
- Ensure availability of emergency warning system for PWDs, particularly in risk areas.
- Promote development of disaster management and evacuation plan for persons with different types of disabilities in natural disaster and emergency situations at regional, national, and community levels.
- Ensure that PWDs are provided adequately with support in emergency situations.

STRATEGY

- a) Identification of Disability Focal Points of all ASEAN Member States, which may be done through Senior Official Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) which is the sectoral body concerned, to mobilize the Decade.
- b) ASEAN Secretariat undertakes the role of facilitator and coordinator of the Decade.

MONITORING AND REVIEW PROCESS

Monitoring and review process shall be done on regular basis as follows:

- a) Annual review of implementation of regional activities related to the Decade. The country coordinators of the regional activities will report the progress of implementation annually at the SOMSWD's regular meetings.
- b) Mid-term evaluation of the Decade to monitor the overall progress of the Decade. Importantly, the Mid-term evaluation in 2015 when it becomes ASEAN Community will reflect the overall situation of PWDs in ASEAN Member States. Information gained from Mid-term evaluation will identify successes, opportunities, gaps, as well as challenges, facilitating further development for the second half of the Decade.
- c) Final Evaluation shall be conducted as a conclusion of the Decade.

OVERALL EXPECTED OUTCOME

- a) Quality of life of persons with disabilities is improved through promotion and implementation of various disability related initiatives consistent with the priorities proposed.
- b) Disability perspectives are included and mainstreamed in all ASEAN's policies, plans, programs and initiatives.

DECADE WORKING TIMELINE

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Decade Proclamation at 19th ASEAN Summit	●									
Identification of Disability Focal Point	●									
Phase I Implementation (e.g. SOMSWD Strategic Framework 2011-2015 and other initiatives)	●	●	●	●	●					
Decade Mid-Term Evaluation and Identification					●					
Phase II Implementation (e.g. SOMSWD Strategic Framework 2016-2020 and other initiatives)						●	●	●	●	●
Final Evaluation and Decade Closing										●

* ASEAN's goal to establish ASEAN Community by 2015

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Decade Priority Areas	Dialogue Between CEOs and NGOs on Disability Issues (Thailand)	Workshop on the Rights of PWDs (Laos and Thailand)	Development of ASEAN Network for Employment of PWDs (Thailand)	Project Execution for PWDs (Philippines)	Workshop on Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) (Malaysia and Indonesia)	Workshop on Preschool Systems for Children with Disabilities (Philippines)	Establishment of an ASEAN Network of Expert on Entrepreneurship (Thailand)	Project for Improving the Overall Quality of Life and Well-being of Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Phase I (Thailand)
1. Realisation in and protection of fundamental rights and freedom of PWDs	●	●						
2. Development and effective implementation of disability discrimination laws and mainstreaming disability issues in policy and planning								
3. Employment and decent work							●	
4. Adequate and appropriate education						●		

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5.	Health care and rehabilitation , including community based rehabilitation		●		●			●
6.	Political participation and access to justice of PWDs							
7.	Livelihood, poverty alleviation , and social services							
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11.	Older PWDs								
12.	Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport								
13.	Accessibility (e.g. ICTs, ATs, information, facility, road, transportation, services)			●					
14.	Capacity building of government, Self-Help DPOs and CSOs			●		●			
15.	PWDs in emergencies								

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