

POST-2017 ASEAN-RUSSIA TRADE AND INVESTMENT WORK PROGRAMME

The ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Work Programme Post 2017 “Work Programme” is developed based on the ASEAN Russia Trade and Investment Cooperation Roadmap which was endorsed by the Ministers on 12 October 2012 and revised in 2017 in order to enhance economic cooperation to address emerging challenges and opportunities for trade and investment between ASEAN and Russia. It is also expected to:

- Improve two-way trade and investment flows between the ASEAN and Russia;
- Support ASEAN’s deepening economic integration;
- Bring about broader economic integration between ASEAN and Russia as well as within ASEAN; and
- Work together towards contributing to the multilateral trading system.

This Work Programme is a living document for any discussion at SEOM-Russia level on ASEAN-Russia trade and investment activities and will be subject to review on a regular basis.

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I.	High-level policy dialogue	To provide the overall policy direction to enhance ASEAN-Russia economic relations and to promote ASEAN-Russia cooperation and strengthen regional economic integration.	To organize an annual ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)-Russia Consultations.		Annual – back-to-back with either the regular AEM Meetings or the AEM Retreat
II.	Consultations at the Senior Economic Officials level	1. To oversee the implementation of economic cooperation programs and activities. 2. To exchange views on	To organize the SEOM-Russia Consultations.		At least once a year, back-to-back with the regular Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

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		ASEAN's and Russia's dialogue with economic cooperation partners 3. To provide a venue in discussing issues of mutual interest including regional economic integration. 4. To support the AEM-Russia Consultation process.	To ensure the timely implementation of the ASEAN-Russia Trade and Investment Cooperation Roadmap. To recommend to the Ministers joint ASEAN-Russia responses to regional and global issues, which may include the possibility of deepening and/or broadening ASEAN-Russia trade and economic relations.	To ensure follow-up of the results/ recommendations based on trade-related thematic discussions at the Ministerial level, as well as the trade sectoral dialogue between Russian and ASEAN officials. To identify possible actions or activities to implement those results and/or recommendations.	On a regular basis As and when the need arises
III.	Sectoral dialogues between ASEAN	1. To share best practices, experiences and expertise, and	To encourage sectoral bodies in ASEAN and relevant Russian agencies	To organize academic cooperation or projects in the areas of mutual interest.	2017 onward

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	and Russian officials	<p>discuss possible joint cooperation on mutually agreed priority areas.</p> <p>2. To pursue economic cooperation programs and activities in the mutually agreed areas.</p>	<p>to consult each other in sharing best practices in the spheres of transportation and communication, healthcare, environment, tourism, capital markets, finance and banking, agriculture, energy, intellectual property, industrial cooperation and innovation, and to identify other areas of mutual interests.</p>		
		<p>3. To enhance ASEAN – Russia bilateral trade in agriculture and agricultural products.</p>	<p>3.1. To implement the ASEAN-Russia Agriculture and Food Security Cooperation Work Programme 2016-2020.</p>		2017 onward
			<p>3.2. To conduct seminars/workshops to discuss and understand the rules and regulations, as well as implementation mechanisms relating to sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures (SPS) in ASEAN and Russia.</p>	<p>To encourage constructive dialogue between government authorities concerned and experts on SPS issues.</p>	Annually

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			3.3. To exchange information and technology.	3.3.1. To realize the project “Research and Development Cooperation Russia-ASEAN on development and implementation of innovative agricultural technologies to increase sustainability of agro-ecological systems” under the ARDPFF.	2017-2018
				3.3.2. To develop an Expert Systems based on Large-scale Soil Geographical Databases under the ARDPFF.	2017-2018
			3.4. To build capacity for plant variety experiments and testing.	To prepare and implement relevant projects under the ARDPFF.	2017 onward
			3.5. To share information on biological technologies, diagnoses and prevention of aqua-cultural, animal and poultry diseases.	3.5.1. To conduct an international educational seminar with the theme of “Food Biotechnologies ASEAN-Russia” under ARDPFF.	2017 onwards

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				3.5.2. To implement the project “Advancing sustainable development and protection of marine environment in ASEAN Member State” under ARDPFF	
			3.6. To encourage the organization of joint ASEAN-Russia Agricultural exhibitions.		2017 onward
		4. To enhance cooperation in the sphere of energy.	4.1 To implement the ASEAN-Russia Energy Cooperation Work Plan for 2016-2020.	4.1.1. To conduct Consultations of ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials on energy (SOME-Russia).	Annual, usually held back to back with SOME
				4.1.2. To organize capacity-building courses at the margins of the program “ Efficient production, transmission and consumption of electric power” under the ARDPFF in 2018. In addition, there are plans to conduct a programme on advanced technologies and procedures for stable oil	2018-2019

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				production from new and depleted fields in 2018, and a seminar on “Lowering the dependence on fossil fuel – safe civil nuclear energy use for ASEAN”, tentatively in 2019.	
		5. To enhance development of profitable, safe, and secure supply chains between South East Asia region and Europe.	5.1. To promote diversification of supply chains between East Asia region and Europe with the use of the transit possibilities of the Russian Federation, including the North maritime route, the ports of the Far East of the Russian Federation, and the Trans-Siberian railway line.	To develop delivery of contained cargoes through the Trans-Siberian route.	2017 onward
			5.2. To study the possibility of implementation of methods of transport navigation based on GLONASS technologies.	To prepare and implement relevant projects under the ARDPFF.	2017 onward

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			5.3. To develop cooperation in the area of joint personnel training of transport workers for the fulfilment of infrastructure projects.	To prepare and implement relevant projects under the ARDPFF.	2017 onward
		6. To enhance industrial cooperation.	To identify possible areas of mutual interests in the sphere of industrial cooperation.	To conduct a conference on cooperation between ASEAN and Russia in the area of energy machine building under the ARDPFF.	2017-2018
		7. To enhance cooperation in the sphere of science and technology, innovation, intellectual property creation, commercialization and management.	7.1. To identify possible areas of mutual interests in the sphere of science and technology.	7.1.1. To create a platform for the development of water cleaning models in production enterprises in ASEAN Member-States under the ARDPFF.	2018-onward
	7.1.2. To implement the project "Perspectives of Adoption of New Biotechnologies in such Areas as Energy, Agriculture and Environment Protection" under the ARDPFF.			2017-2018	
	7.1.3. To implement the project "Biological (Parasite)			2017-2018	

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				Security of the Environment, Food, and Prevention of Parasite Diseases” under the ARDPFF.	
			7.2. To study the prospects of setting up joint research centers, and innovation and technology support officers and/or patent libraries in academia and research development institutions.	To study possible areas of cooperation on Russian innovative territories, innovative companies, technology platforms, and development institutions with the relevant stakeholders of ASEAN Member States.	2018 onward
			7.3. To encourage capacity building initiatives for IP officials, IP right holders, and IP users.		2018 onward
			7.4. To study the prospects of setting up joint research centers of excellence, to cover topics such as Intellectual Property commercialization and technology transfer.	To exchange contact points to explore possible ways of studying the issue.	2017 onward

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		8. To enhance cooperation in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT), including e-government, digital economy, and information society development.	8.1. To conduct symposia and workshops to bridge the digital divide, digital economy, information society and e-government development.	8.1.1. To develop and implement the project in decreasing digital inequity in Russia and ASEAN Member-States under the ARDPFF.	2018-2019
				8.1.4. To develop and implement the project "ICT in medicine: Increase in efficiency of medical care systems of ASEAN member-states, and prevention of diseases with the usage of "big data" under the ARDPFF.	2017 onward
		9. To enhance human resources development cooperation.	9.1. To identify areas of mutual interest in the sphere of human resources development.	9.1.1. To conduct a conference involving ASEAN and Russia experts with the theme of "Increase of life quality and active longevity as a stimulus for economic growth of ASEAN Member-States" under the ARDPFF.	2018-2019

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				9.1.2. To conduct an international conference with the theme of "Improvement of interaction and experience exchange in diagnosis, cure, and prevention of tuberculosis" under the ARDPFF.	2018 onward
			9.2. Study the prospects of cooperation in the sphere of education, including implementation of joint educational programs for highly qualified specialists and establishment of the Working Group on education (ARWGE)		2017 onward
		10. To enhance cooperation in the tourism sector.	10.1. To conduct workshops and seminars on tourism and investment trends, and tourism products.		2017 onward
			10.2 To exchange information, including tourism statistics, laws, and rules and regulation pertaining to the entry of		2017 onward

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			visitors and investments.		
			10.3 To undertake joint promotion of tourist destinations through participation in travel and tourism fairs, exhibitions, and trade activities.	Regular participation of the ASEAN Member States in the International Travel Fair "INTOURMARKET" (ITM).	2017 onward
			10.4 To exchange tourism experts and conduct trainings for industry manpower development.	To implement the joint project "Russian Language Course for ASEAN Tour Operators" under the ARDPFF.	2017-2018
			10.5 To conduct regular meetings of the ASEAN and Russia National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) to discuss further cooperation on tourism.	To organize ASEAN-Russian Federation Tourism Consultations	Annually
			10.6 To promote Guidelines of Safety and Security for tourists while travelling and staying in destinations.	To exchange best practices/models on tourism safety and security, particularly in identifying and locating tourists in time of emergencies through the establishment of online registered travel services as the first step.	2017 onward

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		11. To encourage cooperation on MSME development.	11.1. To share best practices and experiences on efforts to develop and support small and medium enterprises.	11.1.1 To promote information exchange on best practices of Russia and ASEAN Members States in supporting MSMEs, e.g. Youth Entrepreneurship, Start-Ups, Guarantee Funds, Business Incubators, Cluster Development Centers, Microfinance Organizations, and others.	2017 onward
				11.1.2. To develop and implement the project “Improving National Systems of Government Procurement for the Development of SMEs and Increasing their Role in the International Trade” under the ARDPFF.	2018 onward
			11.2. To organize symposia to increase MSME awareness on trade and investment opportunities in ASEAN and Russia.	To organize information exchange in international events for MSMEs such as symposia, seminars, conferences and others which will be held in Russia and in the ASEAN region.	2017 onward

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			11.3. To identify barriers to MSME trade and collaborate in addressing such barriers.	To exchange information on existing external and internal difficulties and barriers to MSME trade within Russia and ASEAN Member States and share best practices on how to solve such problems.	2017 onward
			11.4. To study possible ways to encourage trade and investment-related activities for small and medium enterprises, including ICT.	To organize information exchange on existing support infrastructure for export-oriented MSMEs; exchange of contact points' information.	2017 onward
		12. To develop cooperation between ASEAN and Russia in electronic commerce.	12.1 To share experiences and best practices in developing legal and policy frameworks in the field of e-commerce.		2017 onward
			12.2 To support joint workshops and training programs on e-commerce, and encourage capacity-building initiatives by those countries capable of providing more training		2017 onward

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			opportunities.		
			12.3. To enhance cooperation in the field of consumer protection in e-commerce.		2018 onward
			12.4. To enhance the improvement of linguistic technologies and data retrieval systems used in e-commerce.		2018 onward
			12.5. To enhance mutual trust in data cooperation, including information security and data protection issues.		2018 onward
			12.6. To explore possibilities in creating transboundary trust space (TTS) and mutual recognition of electronic signatures for the exchange of electronic documents within the framework of e-commerce activities.		2018 onward
		13. To develop	To develop professional	To develop and implement	2018-2019

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		cooperation between ASEAN and Russia in the sphere of women economic empowerment.	and business networking to exchange best practices and experiences in supporting and promoting the role of women in economic activities.	the project “Analysis of conditions to increase the number of women in SMEs in ASEAN member-states” under the ARDPFF.	
IV.	Facilitating trade and investment	1. To promote transparency and information sharing on matters relevant to the flow of trade and investment between ASEAN and Russia.	1.1. To identify trade opportunities between ASEAN and Russian businesses.		2017 onward
	1.2 To exchange and update information on tariff and non-tariff measures in order to identify major barriers to trade between ASEAN and Russia.		To set up focal points between ASEAN and Russia.	2017 onward, as and when needed	
	1.3 To exchange information on the laws and regulations governing trade in services in ASEAN and Russia.		To set up focal points between ASEAN and Russia.	2017 onward, as and when needed	

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		2. To enhance the development of national single windows.	To share best practical solutions in the development of the legal framework on the implementation of «single window» and interstate electronic interaction, including through joint seminars and training programs amongst customs authorities and other related agencies.	To establish a direct point of contact between Russian and ASEAN authorities.	2017
		3. To enhance investment facilitation.	3.1. To share best practical solutions on investment facilitation issues.	To set up focal points between ASEAN and Russia	2017 onward as needed
			3.2. To promote investment in the sphere of innovation.		2017 onward
V.	Enhancing dialogue with business	To encourage business dialogues between ASEAN and Russia in business-to-business and business-to-government levels in order to raise mutual awareness on trade and investment opportunities in ASEAN and Russia.	To organize business summits, regular industry dialogues, and investment symposia to increase awareness of business associations on the advantages of doing business in ASEAN and Russia, particularly in the annual St. Petersburg International Economic	To provide support to ASEAN and Russian enterprises in organizing possible ASEAN-Russia Business Summits/fora, and business missions.	On a regular basis

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		To seek private sector inputs in identifying barriers to ASEAN – Russia trade.	<p>Forum and Eastern Economic Forum.</p> <p>To carry out business missions from Russian party to ASEAN countries on a regular basis (with the aim to support establishment of direct business contacts and information sharing on trade and investment opportunities).</p> <p>To organize Business-to-Government Dialogues at the sidelines of SEOM/AEM-Russia Consultations.</p>		
VI.	Supporting regional integration processes within the ASEAN Economic Community and the Eurasian Economic Union	To explore the perspectives for mutually beneficial cooperation between the ASEAN and the EAEU.	<p>To explore the areas of mutually beneficial cooperation between the ASEAN and the EAEU.</p> <p>To contribute to the expansion of contacts between the ASEAN and the EAEU.</p>	To organize a workshop on Regional Economic Integration in Eurasian Economic Union to be held in Russia funded by ARDPFF.	2017 onward 2018