

21st Annual Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent Leaders Meeting

5-6 September 2024

Session 10 Overview

Session Title Existing collaboration in Southeast Asia, including networks, bilateral and multilateral cooperations.	
Presenter(s) and National Society(s)	Chair(s) and National Society(s)
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Key Objectives of the Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share updates from six key networks, including the SEA Community Safety and Resilience Network (CSR), Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN), SEA First Aid Network (SEAFAN), SEA Protection, Gender & Inclusion (PGI) Network, Asia Pacific Fundraising Network (APFN), and Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN), as well as update from the better together dialogue hosted by Singapore RC• Reflect on the effectiveness of existing networks, bilateral, and multilateral cooperations within the Southeast Asia Red Cross Movement. Provide feedback on the challenges and barriers identified in the updates, and address gaps in networks and partnerships to strengthen SEA regional cooperation.

Background and Current Issues - Key Insights & Contextual Factors

As the Southeast Asia Red Cross Red Crescent movement grows ever connected to address the region's emerging challenges collectively, the session responds to a request outlined in the Phnom Penh Statement, which saw SEA Leaders *"agree to review the work and function of the subregional networks as well as the alignment of these subregional networks with regional and global networks so as to provide relevant and practical policy recommendations for the Networks to be reported at the 21st SEA RCRC Leaders Meeting in 2024."*

Southeast Asia National Society Networks, including the Community Safety and Resilience Network (CSR), Southeast Asia Youth Network (SEAYN), First Aid Network (SEAFAN), Protection, Gender & Inclusion (PGI) Network, Asia Pacific Fundraising Network (APFN), and

Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN), have made significant progress, with reports and lessons learned guiding their ongoing plans.

Emphasizing on enhancing preparedness and response capabilities through joint capacity mapping and capacity building may improve the ability of Southeast Asia National Societies to respond to crises regionally and beyond. Peer-to-peer collaboration, including cross-border knowledge sharing and joint crisis response efforts, may also further build on these successes.

On Monday, 5 August, Singapore RC held the third Better Together Dialogue. The objective of the Better Together (III) Dialogue was to gather perspectives and inputs from the leaders of Southeast Asia (SEA) National Societies on capacity-building initiatives, including those by the Singapore Red Cross (SRC). The discussion focused on how SEANSs could continue working together to strengthen the regional capacity in response to an increasingly volatile and unpredictable world. The 2024 SEA leaders meeting will bring opportunities to further share the results of the discussion and take recommendations from the session.

Drawing from these updates and learnings, the session will consider how strengthening collaboration among the Movement components in Southeast Asia can leverage existing alignments between mandates and resources, ensuring active engagement during crises, and promoting ongoing cooperative efforts.