



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

PRESS STATEMENT

MALAYSIA HOSTS 18TH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT (18th AMME)

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) of Malaysia will host the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment (AMME-18) from September 2 to 4, 2025, at the Langkawi International Convention Centre (LICC), Kedah.

Held as part of Malaysia's 2025 ASEAN Chairmanship, AMME-18 will be convened with the 20th Committee (COM) and the 20th Conference of the Parties (COP) for the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP). The event will welcome more than 200 delegates from 10 ASEAN Member States, Timor Leste, and dialogue partners including the European Union, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Japan.

The meeting's objective is to coordinate collective actions among ASEAN member states to strengthen regional policies, strategies and cooperation. Key topics include environmental protection, biodiversity conservation, sustainable natural resource management, and climate change resilience.

Key outcomes anticipated from the three-day meeting include four (4) main inputs: a Joint ASEAN Statement for the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP30), progress on the establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Climate Change (ACCC), and the ASEAN Climate Change Strategic Action Plan (ACCSAP).

The meeting will also review reports related to ASEAN's participation in UNFCCC COP30 via the ASEAN Pavilion and a proposal for establishing the Southeast Asia (SEA) Alliance Group for global climate negotiations.

Meanwhile, sessions with Dialogue Partners, which include the European Union, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, and Japan, emphasise cooperation in environmental and climate change fields, as well as sharing technology and best practices to achieve sustainable development and environmental preservation in the ASEAN region.

The meeting will also feature several side events, such as the Announcement of the Prime EU-funded Initiative on Biodiversity and Climate Change in ASEAN, a UNICEF intervention session on the 2025 ASEAN Children and Youth Climate Summit, and a Dialogue Session between UNFCCC COP30 President, H.E. Ambassador André Aranha Corrêa do Lago and ASEAN Environment Ministers.

Additionally, the 6th ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities Award and the 5th Certificate of Recognition ceremony will be held during the AMME-18 Gala Dinner on September 3, 2025. This quadrennial event recognises environmental sustainability practices across ASEAN member states.

The hosting of this AMME will emphasise sustainability in line with the NRES-issued Guidelines on the Implementation of Sustainable ASEAN Initiatives. It will focus on reducing carbon footprints, promoting efficient resource use, and responsible waste management.

Malaysia hopes this initiative will help achieve a more sustainable and inclusive ASEAN by 2030, in line with the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 and the ASEAN Environmental Framework.

As the host, Malaysia has the opportunity to showcase its environmental initiatives and achievements while strengthening environmental diplomacy with regional countries. The hosting of AMME-18 reflects Malaysia's proactive and strategic approach to environmental governance, solidifying its position as a key player in promoting a sustainable and resilient ASEAN community.

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