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INTRODUCTION

The annual report of CANSEA for 2019 described the year as highly memorable and eventful for addressing climate change issues in the region. The regional node anticipated that the momentum gained would continue into 2020.

Who would have thought that soon after, the global community would face the most devastating pandemic in our lifetimes, leading to unprecedented movement control worldwide. While confining us to our homes for months on end, it also shut down international travel and the United Nations climate conferences.

It would have been hard to imagine we would continue with our momentum under such circumstances. And yet, that is exactly what happened. By shifting to the digital platform, we continued our work with equal intensity and achieved multiple significant landmarks.

The first of these was registering CANSEA as a legal organisation in September, based on a decision taken at the Regional Meeting in 2019. This action was transformational as it changed CANSEA’s status of an informal network since its formation in 1991.

Three months later, on December 10, CANSEA held a Regional Meeting and its inaugural General Assembly, updated its Charter and elected its first Board, bringing the year to a memorable end.

Two other major landmarks include CANSEA expanding its representation to six countries with our first member in Cambodia. The other was leading the preparation of a Statement, on behalf of civil society organisations, which was presented ‘live’ to the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change.

CANSEA also continued to actively participate in and host multiple events while also being directly engaged with research involving the region. This report documents all the activities conducted by the node during 2020.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. CANSEA RECORDS MAJOR LANDMARKS

On December 10, CANSEA recorded several historical landmarks Twenty-nine years after its creation, the regional node held its first General Assembly, elected its inaugural Board and formalised the position and tenure of the Regional Coordinator (RC).

These developments added to the ongoing institutionalisation process of CANSEA since it became a registered legal entity in September.

Immediately prior to the General Assembly, CANSEA held its Regional Meeting (RM) which adopted the much-enhanced CANSEA Charter, as well minutes of RM2019, report for 2020 (Jan-Nov) and annual report for 2019, financial report for 2020 (Jan-Nov) and budget for 2021.

Appreciation is expressed to members who contributed greatly to this positive transition. Since its inception in 1991, CANSEA had functioned as an informal organisation with coordination and the Regional Coordinator rotating every two years between member countries. Governance was provided by a Steering Committee. The formal decision to transition to the new structure was made at the Regional Meeting held in 2019.

Members elected to the CANSEA Board are listed on page 8.
2. CANSEA IS REGISTERED

Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA) is now a legal entity. On September 18, 2020 the Companies Commission of Malaysia (CCM) approved the application to register CANSEA as a Malaysia-based regional organisation. This is a landmark moment for this regional node of CAN.

Since its creation in 1991, CANSEA has functioned as an informal organisation with its coordination rotated every two years between member countries. The important role of Southeast Asia (SEA) in raising climate ambition, as well rising interest in the region among funding agencies, led to the need for CANSEA to register itself to be able to better respond to this challenge and opportunity.

This decision was made at the CANSEA Regional Meeting in 2019. Following research undertaken in countries in the region, it was agreed CANSEA would be registered in Malaysia and papers were subsequently submitted to CCM.

3. FIRST MEMBER IN CAMBODIA

CANSEA was pleased to expand its representation to six countries by recruiting its first member in Cambodia. The NGO Forum on Cambodia (NGOC) works to improve life for poor and vulnerable people in the country. It facilitates cooperation among CSOs, builds their capacity and supports their networks to engage in policy dialogue, debate and advocacy.

During the year, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (BTCF) – Melaka Branch in Malaysia was also approved as a CANSEA member. The BTCF has a long-standing involvement with environmental and climate issues especially on waste management and recycling. The inclusion of NGOC and BTCF increases CANSEA’s membership to 21 organisations in six countries.

The list of CANSEA members and representatives is presented in Appendix A on page 9.

ADVOCACY

4. PREPARED CSC STATEMENT TO AWGCC

On invitation by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Southeast Asia (FES SEA), CANSEA led the preparation of the civil society constituencies (CSC) Statement to the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC), comprising the region’s leading climate change negotiators. It was titled Tackling the Climate Crisis in Southeast Asia and the World.

The statement development process involved consulting with constituencies such as CAN, CANSEA, Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) Vietnam and Asian Climate Change Consortium, as well as the International Trade Unions Congress Asia-Pacific, among others. FES SEA also initiated a one-minute video featuring CANSEA and CCWG Vietnam to promote the statement and encourage civil society organisations (CSOs) to endorse it.

This unprecedented opportunity to present a statement to and participate in the AWGCC meeting was enabled by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam, the coordinator of AWGCC in 2020 while Vietnam held the chair of ASEAN.

With the face-to-face meeting shelved because of the Covid-19 pandemic, AWGCC met virtually on August 27. The CSC Statement as well as video was presented by CCWG Vietnam. It received positive response from the Chair. The ASEAN Secretariat representative enquired how there could be greater engagement with CSOs in the region.


The link to the video is provided here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uu88d4w3yl-D-zp9a8iVESLsRuLYDkp

Front and back cover pages of the CSC Statement to the AWGCC
5. SENT LETTER TO INDONESIA’S FINANCE MINISTER FOR G20

In consultation with Indonesian members and with inputs from CAN-International (CAN-I), CANSEA submitted a letter to Indonesia’s Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati on July 13 ahead of the G20 Finance Ministers & Central Bank Governors Meeting on July 18.

The letter requested Minister Sri Mulyani and her counterparts in G20 to ensure economic stimulus packages being delivered due to the Covid-19 pandemic focused on a Just and Sustainable Recovery.

The five proposals in the letter were as follows:

1. Ensuring that the post-COVID 19 economic stimulus packages are consistent with what is needed to implement the Paris Agreement, contribute to keeping global warming below 1.5°C and avoid locking-in future emissions;
2. Ensuring equity and a just transition are at the heart of your Government’s response to the current crisis;
3. Excluding investments in harmful industries such as fossil fuel infrastructure, aviation, automobile industries – other than those producing vehicles which do not run on fossil fuels – and agribusiness corporations;
4. Ending fossil fuel subsidies, halting and rapidly reversing the loss of biodiversity and natural ecosystems, promoting higher shares of renewables and energy efficiency, and ensuring socially sensitive carbon prices are introduced which reflect climate and equity imperatives;
5. Introducing coal, oil and gas consumption reduction targets in line with the 1.5°C ambition of the Paris Agreement.

6. ORGANISED WEBINARS

6.1 Clean Energy Potential in SEA

CANSEA organised the webinar on Dialogue on Clean Energy Potential for Southeast Asia – A Civil Society Perspective in partnership with the Malaysian Climate Change Group (or CAN in Malaysia) on October 23.

Well attended by 205 participants, the webinar featured one speaker representing CAN South Asia (Cansa) and four representing CANSEA members as follows:

1. Srinivas Krishnaswamy, CEO, Vasudha Foundation, India
2. Gurmit Singh, Chairman, Centre for Environment, Technology and Development, Malaysia (CETDEM)
3. Dicky Edwin Hindarto, Chair, Board of Directors, Yayasan Mitra Hijau (YMH – Green Partner Foundation)
4. Rei Panaligan, President, Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (CREST)
5. Nguy Thi Khanh, Executive Director, Green Innovation and Development Centre (GreenID)

With an active discussion following the presentations, the event received positive feedback from the participants. The Dialogue was held as part of the International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition & Conference Malaysia (IGEM). It was organised by the Malaysian Green Technology and Development, Malaysia (CETDEM) Foundation, India

6.2 Adaptation Fund Projects

CANSEA accepted the invitation from CANSA to co-host the webinar on Adaptation Fund Projects in South and Southeast Asia: Insights from CSO Perspectives, together with Adaptation Fund NGO Network and Development Alternatives on July 14.

The webinar attracted a global audience of more than 150 participants.

7. PARTICIPATED IN THREE WEBINARS

7.1 Restoring Nature: An Interfaith Perspective and Call to Action

The Malaysia-based CANSEA Regional Coordinator (RC) was a panelist at this webinar organised by Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation USA. It was held on June 5 to commemorate World Environment Day. His co-panelists were from Indonesia (two representatives), Philippines, Taiwan and USA. The webinar attracted a global audience of more than 150 participants.

7.2 Coal and Climate Impacts

The RC spoke in this webinar, organised by CAN-I on October 5, on the topic of Is Southeast Asia Heading for a Coal Boom. His co-panelists were from Climate Analytics, CANSA (India), CAN Japan, Sunrise Project Australia, ECOACT Ukraine and Ecodefense Russia.
7.4 Building Power
On invitation from FES SEA, the RC wrote an article on Building Power: A Just and Sustainable Recovery in Asia. It was published on FES Asia's website on June 5 in conjunction with WED. The article can be accessed at: https://www.fes-asia.org/news/coronabrief/

The RC said research showed every country would be economically better off if all countries could agree to strengthen commitments on addressing the climate crisis through international cooperation.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

In addition, the RC:

- Accepted the invitation by the **Italian Embassy** behalf of the Italian Government as co-organiser of COP26, to be a link to youth organisations in Malaysia and SEA in the run up to the event.
- Gave responses to the CAN-I Communications team on the NDCs released by Singapore and Vietnam.
- Attended the CAN **Funders Advisory Group** on September 24 with representatives of funding agencies and presented CANSEA as a case study on why providing financial support to CAN nodes had positive and tangible impacts.
- Participated in a zoom call with Eva-Maria Jongen, Director of the **Bread for the World (BfTw)** Regional Office Vietnam and Lao PDR, in October, on the potential for BfTw to engage with CANSEA in the region.
- Provided inputs to CAN’s **2021-2025 Global Strategy draft** on October 30.
- Participated in a zoom call with Peter Bruun Clausen, Asia Regional Advisor for CARE Denmark based in Hanoi, Vietnam, on December 11, on the potential for collaboration between CARE and CANSEA in Southeast Asia.
- Participated in CAN’s **Working Group on Ambition and NDC** and on the Task Force on **Fair Share and Equity**.
- Contributed CANSEA-related updates to members on a regular basis and on CAN-Talk.

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