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NEW FORUM FOR ASEAN PROSECUTORS / ATTORNEYS GENERAL ESTABLISHED

On 15 September 2025, Attorney-General Lucien Wong joined 9 other Prosecutors- and Attorneys-General of ASEAN Member States to sign the Declaration on the Establishment of the Prosecutors / Attorneys General Meeting ("APAGM") in Bali, Indonesia.



Figure 1: Prosecutors- and Attorneys-General of ASEAN Member States after signing the Sanur Bali Declaration to establish the new ASEAN Prosecutors / Attorneys General Meeting

2 The APAGM is intended to enhance cooperation on prosecution and other related matters within ASEAN. It will facilitate coordination on prosecution cases, promote capacity building and information sharing, and enable more professional exchanges among the prosecution agencies of ASEAN Member States. The Joint Declaration and Terms of Reference of the APAGM is appended in the **Annex**.

3 Attorney-General Lucien Wong said: "Improvements in digital technologies and a more interconnected financial system has also resulted in transnational criminal activity increasing significantly. It is essential for prosecution authorities of ASEAN member states to work together and enhance our mutual capabilities to tackle these challenges. Singapore is committed to

work with our ASEAN partners to tackle transnational crimes and uphold the rule of law.”

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SANUR BALI DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASEAN PROSECUTORS/ATTORNEYS GENERAL MEETING

WE, the Prosecutors General and Attorneys General of the ASEAN Member States, gathered in Sanur, Bali, Indonesia, on 15 – 16 September 2025, to discuss issues of common concern and interest and to reaffirm our commitment to support and expedite international legal cooperation, in the areas of prosecution, capacity building, information and experience sharing in contributing to the realisation of the ASEAN Community-building efforts and its rules-based agenda;

RECOGNISING the importance of the need to strengthen prosecutorial cooperation in addressing transnational crimes, thus enhancing ASEAN capacity in promoting and upholding the rule of law, justice, and rules-based ASEAN;

REAFFIRMING our commitment to coordinate with and support all relevant ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies in carrying out their respective mandates, to facilitate and implement the ASEAN Community-building agenda, in particular the ASEAN Community Vision 2045;

RECALLING the outcomes of the First, Second, and Third Consultative Meetings among prosecutors of all ASEAN Member States held in Bang Saen, Chonburi Province, Thailand in 2023, Bali, Indonesia in 2024, and Siem Reap, Cambodia in 2024, respectively, and noted by the ASEAN Leaders at the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits held on 9 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, which recognised the need to advance the proposed establishment of ASEAN Prosecutors/Attorneys General Meeting to strengthen and enhance prosecutorial cooperation and capacity-building efforts, while fostering coordination with other ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies to address and counter transnational crimes; and

RECOGNISING the need for an institutionalised structure within ASEAN for the ASEAN prosecutors to coordinate with and support all ASEAN Organs in advancing ASEAN Community-building agenda pursuant to the purposes and principles enshrined in the ASEAN Charter;

DO HEREBY DECLARE TO:

1. **ESTABLISH** the ASEAN Prosecutors/Attorneys General Meeting (APAGM) as an ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Body to be listed in Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter to carry out the role and mandate as provided for in its Terms of Reference hereby adopted and attached to this Declaration; and



2. **ESTABLISH** the ASEAN Senior Officials' of Prosecutors/Attorneys General Meeting (SOM-APAGM) to support the work of APAGM, including the implementation of its strategies, initiatives, programmes, and activities.

ADOPTED in Sanur, Bali, Indonesia on 15 September 2025, in a single original copy in the English language.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE THE ASEAN PROSECUTORS/ATTORNEYS GENERAL MEETING

I. BACKGROUND

1. Recognising the need to support the ASEAN community building agenda and the implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and pursuant to the outcomes of the First Consultative Meeting in Bang Saen, Thailand (August 2023), the Second Consultative Meeting in Bali, Indonesia (April 2024), and the Third Consultative Meeting in Siem Reap, Cambodia (November 2024), and noted by the ASEAN Leaders at the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits held on 9 October 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, the Prosecutors/Attorneys General of all ASEAN Member States agreed to establish the ASEAN Prosecutors/Attorneys General Meeting (APAGM) to support and expedite international legal cooperation in the areas of prosecution, capacity building, and information and experience sharing within the mandates of the respective Prosecutor/Attorney General Offices of ASEAN Member States. The APAGM will also coordinate with and support other ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies in carrying out their mandates through prosecution of issues relating to transnational crimes, transnational organised crimes, and other areas of concerns.
2. The APAGM is established as an ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Body and listed under Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter and supported by its Senior Officials and subsidiary bodies.

II. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

3. The APAGM is responsible for ASEAN cooperation in the area of prosecution and other related matters as follows:
 - (a) Developing strategies, initiatives, programmes, and activities to support prosecution cooperation among ASEAN Member States, as well as facilitating prosecution coordination if permitted by the domestic laws of the respective ASEAN Member States;
 - (b) Strengthening cooperation in support of ASEAN integration and community-building efforts, as well as the relations among the prosecutors in the region, including through:
 - i. Supporting international legal cooperation in the areas of prosecution and other areas of cooperation as deemed necessary within the mandates of the APAGM;



- ii. Promoting capacity-building among ASEAN prosecutors and conducting training programmes and professional exchanges to improve prosecutorial skills;
 - iii. Enhancing capabilities to address and counter non-traditional and technology-driven crimes; and
 - iv. Coordinating with and supporting other ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies in carrying out their mandates through prosecution of issues relating to transnational crimes, transnational organised crimes, and other areas of concern,
- (c) Encouraging the sharing of prosecutorial practices and legal frameworks across ASEAN Member States while respecting national sovereignty and recognising the diversity of ASEAN Member States legal systems;
- (d) Establishing any subsidiary bodies, working groups, or ad-hoc bodies, as deemed necessary for the discharge of its mandate, and considering or adopting, where appropriate, any documents, decisions, or recommendations submitted by those bodies;
- (e) Engaging with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and External Parties in areas of common interest to support the ASEAN community-building as agreed by the APAGM; and
- (f) Undertaking any other work related to areas as may be agreed by the APAGM.

III. DECISION-MAKING

4. Decision-making in APAGM and its subsidiary bodies shall be based on consultation and consensus among all APAGM Members.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

5. The APAGM shall consist of the Prosecutors and/or Attorneys General of ASEAN Member States who shall serve as the supreme decision-making body to oversee implementation and evaluate its objectives and functions.



V. CHAIRMANSHIP AND MEETING

6. The Chairmanship of the APAGM shall be in alphabetical order of the English names of ASEAN Member States. The APAGM and its related Meetings shall be held once a year, or more frequently to address urgent matters which may require timely action.
7. In the event that any member of the APAGM is unable to attend the meeting, he/she shall delegate his/her authorised representative to attend the APAGM on his/her behalf.
8. The APAGM may consider and agree on other modalities for convening the meetings including through videoconferencing.
9. The APAGM may consider inviting the ASEAN Dialogue Partners and External Parties, without being conferred any formal status, to attend its meeting to promote collaboration and enhance engagements, subject to the consensus of all APAGM Members.

VI. ASEAN SECRETARIAT SUPPORT

10. The APAGM and its subsidiary bodies will be supported by the ASEAN Secretariat in accomplishing its work.

VII. AMENDMENT

11. These Terms of Reference shall enter into force on the date of its adoption and may be amended as agreed by the consensus of all APAGM Members.