Advancing Learning and capacities in the ASEAN on Mitigation (ALAM): Financing a just and nature-positive energy transition

Project duration

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July 2025

Expected close date:
December 2026

Lead implementing partner

El Observatorio de Manila Inc. (Manila Observatory)

Consortium partners

Parabukas Pte. Ltd.
The Samdhana Institute
Core Group Transparency – Timor-Leste

Overview of the initiative

The ALAM project seeks to **(1)** enhance understanding of nature-based solutions (NbS) and energy transition strategies, highlighting mitigation options with significant adaptation co-benefits to support the Philippine Chairmanship for a just transition in ASEAN; **(2)** strengthen AMS' capacity to access climate finance for NbS and just transition initiatives, including through the development of climate finance proposals; and **(3)** assess the readiness and eligibility of ASEAN Centres while developing a roadmap for Green Climate Fund (GCF) accreditation for a regional direct access entity.

Key activities supporting this project include public forums and capacity-building workshops designed to facilitate collaborative learning on financing climate mitigation, implementing nature-positive mitigation actions (e.g., NbS), and advancing just transitions. These engagements will produce in-depth reports on ASEAN experiences in climate finance and mitigation action, as well as knowledge products on nature-based solutions and best practices for nature-positive just transitions.

Engagement with ASEAN policymakers will focus on building knowledge, skills and peer-to-peer learning around nature-positive mitigation and just transitions. Workshops will support the adoption of nature-positive strategies through draft climate finance proposals and foster greater collaboration on a regional approach to just transitions. Simultaneously, the project will engage ASEAN Centres and AMS to explore regional mechanisms for accessing climate finance through the GCF, strengthening readiness and enabling coordinated regional action.

Alignment with ASEAN vision, plan and priorities

Many ASEAN strategic documents emphasise the importance of addressing climate change at a regional level. They emphasise the need for ASEAN collaboration to tackle climate and biodiversity challenges through nature-positive mitigation actions and a just, inclusive energy transition, supported by climate finance, capacity-building and technology transfer. The project aligns with key ASEAN frameworks and action plans that advance these priorities through initiatives that:

- Enhance cross-pillar coordination to implement a comprehensive approach to environmental and social sustainability resilience. This includes promoting the sustainable use of natural resources, ecological health, combatting pollution, reducing emissions, strengthening disaster risk management, and advancing the ASEAN workforce to support the blue economy (ASEAN 2045: Our Shared Future);
- Build institutional and technical capacities for effective climate policy implementation and support the exchange of best practices and solutions among AMS, with a focus on energy transition, nature-based solutions, and climate financing (AWGCC Action Plan 2016-2025);
- Enhance learning, collaboration, and capacity-building on nature-positive mitigation, supporting the ASEAN Secretariat and AWGCC in fostering unified positions in UNFCCC and UNCBD negotiations.

This project will be implemented in close partnership with the ASEAN Secretariat under the guidance of ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change.

"Southeast Asia is one of the most vulnerable regions to the impacts of climate change but is also home to some of the most biodiverse and resource-rich countries. Nature-based solutions present a strategic approach for these nations to anchor their climate action in resilience-building strategies that have potential to contribute to significant mitigation outcomes. Our project seeks to build knowledge and capacity around these solutions, through peer-to-peer learning, which highlights the best practices from experts, practitioners and local communities within the region."

Dr. Antonio G.M. La Viña
Associate Director for Climate Policy and International Relations, Manila Observatory /
Project Lead, ALAM Project

"To ensure that these strategies are implemented in a timely and effective manner, the project will be taking steps to enable greater climate finance flows in the region, particularly through the GCF, a financial mechanism under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The GCF provides international climate financing for both mitigation and adaptation actions across the globe, recognising the particular value of country-driven and evidence-based proposals. Through the ALAM project, we will support AMS in the necessary preparations to access climate financing through the GCF, to facilitate greater financing in the region. This includes providing support in the initiation of the accreditation process for an ASEAN Centre and developing a GCF funding proposal."

Cecilia Therese T. Guiao
Operations Director, Parabukas /
Deputy Project Lead, ALAM Project

Long-term outcomes

1. AMS strengthen triangular cooperation and learning with greater participation of multi-stakeholder representatives across key sectors.
2. Improved technical capacity of AMS to meet mitigation targets that deliver adaptation co-benefits, integrating evidence-based measures grounded in science, indigenous, and local knowledge. Aligned with national sustainable development priorities.
3. Enhanced engagement with the GCF through strategic partnerships and accredited direct access entities, improving access to climate finance.