

Capacity Development for the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) II

The challenge

In 1977, ten years after the foundation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) was established by the parliamentarians of the ASEAN Member States of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and Thailand. In 1995 to 1999, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia were accepted into AIPO, whereas Brunei Darussalam and Myanmar received an observer status. At the initiative of the Philippines, the idea of an ASEAN Parliament was brought up in 1980 for the first time and is since then a set long-term objective within the context of this community of parliaments. An important milestone on this way was the agreement on the foundation of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) signed on 17th April 2007. The aim of AIPA is to support the realisation of an ASEAN Community based on the three pillars of the integration process:

1. ASEAN Political & Security Community
2. ASEAN Economic Community
3. ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community

Objective

The project objective is to support the ASEAN integration process and contribute to the peace, stability and security in the ASEAN region by strengthening the parliamentary normative and control functions of the ASEAN Member States.

Our approach

For the second project phase 2016-18 the following fields of action have been identified as priorities to be addressed during the current project phase:

- AIPA Inter-parliamentary Knowledge Management
- Human Capacity Development activities for AIPA staff/parliamentarians on specialised skills
- Communication and Outreach

To achieve the intended project objective the methodological approach of the project includes a combination of the following “Human Capacity Development (HCD)” instruments:

- Process accompanying consultancy;
- Inter-organisational development of specialist skills;
- Exchange and transfer of good practices inside of the organisation (AIPA) and also outside (ASEAN);
- Peer learning (parliament to parliament).

Following the multi-level approach, the project works on the macro- as well as on the meso-level with the AIPA Member Parliaments and the AIPA Secretariat. Thus, the project takes primarily a regional perspective and accompanies the political and strategic ASEAN-integration process.

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Results achieved so far

Selected AIPA delegates and parliamentary staff from all member states, as well as AIPA Secretariat staff enhanced their skills in the following thematic fields:

- Parliamentary Budgeting and Transparency
- Scientific Research Services
- Networking and Outreach with Civil Society Organisations
- Human Capacity Development
- Application of Knowledge Management through the Knowledge Sharing Portal, “AIPA Connect” (AIPA Intranet System)

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