I. BACKGROUND

The unregulated global financial system has led to serious and widespread economic downturn negatively affecting millions of highly vulnerable sectors in the region. This is happening in the midst of interlinked crises in relation to food, energy and climate change, arising from both governance and market failure.

Finding solutions to the global crises has now become the major concern across the globe of various institutions, including civil society itself and grassroots organizations. In Southeast Asia, this has become more compelling since a large section of its population lives below the poverty line. Civil society organizations have tackled this issue within their own organizations and across sectors, at various levels the past year, some of these as parallel CSO activities during the ASEAN Peoples' Forum held in Bangkok in February 2009, in conjunction with the 14th ASEAN Summit.

ASEAN likewise has convened a High-Level Forum on Reducing Vulnerability in the Face of Crisis last February 19-20, 2009 which acknowledged that the current financial crisis is a recurring phenomenon, with a much wider scale of impact affecting the ASEAN+3 Countries at various levels, given the differing contexts and the commonalities by which the financial crisis is affecting the region. It also acknowledged that new vulnerable groups are emerging and vulnerabilities are deepening in the societies due to the social impact of the financial crisis, thus the need to address the challenges comprehensively through a cross-sectoral regional plan.

At the global level, the United Nations recently concluded the UN Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, to take stock of the causes of the crisis, consider existing policy responses and necessary reforms, and catalyze further concerted action.

Given all these developments, and in recognition of the need for a collaborative response among various stakeholders, a regional dialogue between and among CSO representatives, ASEAN leaders, and development stakeholders shall be convened to provide an opportunity to listen to peoples voices on the crisis and define concrete policies and programs to address the persisting challenges of the financial crisis in an already compounded development situation in the region.
II. OBJECTIVES

The regional dialogue seeks to strengthen a constructive civil society interaction with ASEAN and policy makers in confronting the challenges of the global financial crisis. At the end of the workshop, the following results are expected:

1. Improved and shared understanding of the impact and challenges of financial crisis in the region particularly to the poor and marginalized sectors.
2. Generated concrete policy recommendations and clear action points in addressing the financial crisis both for the national and regional level

PROGRAM FLOW
CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 0, Monday, July 27, 2009
Arrivals of Participants /Hotel Billeting / Early Registration
Steering Committee Briefing

Day 1, Tuesday, July 28, 2009

08:00 08:30  Registration
08:30 09:30  Opening Session

Welcome Remarks: Mr. Alberto Emilio Yuson, BWI, AP Regional Secretary
Opening Remarks: Ms. Marlene Ramirez, AsiaDHRRA, Secretary General

Messages: ASEAN amidst global financial crisis and opportunities post G20 Summit and UN High Level Conference on Financial and Economic Crisis

Opening Message: Dr. Donald Tambunan, Head, Social Welfare, Women, Labour and Migrant Workers Division, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Dept, The ASEAN Secretariat

Keynote Message: Mr. Christopher Ng, Regional Secretary, UNI-Apro

Introduction of participants:

Over-all moderator Day 1: Mr. Jayasri Priyalal, UNI-Apro, Director Finance Sector

09:30 9:45  Program Orientation: Ms. Esther Penunia, AFA Secretary General
- Overview of the Conference Program
- Objectives

Workshop Administration Announcements

09:45 10:30  PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION I:
Impact of Financial Crisis to Development Work: Voices from vulnerable sectors and development workers

Overview of the impact of financial crisis in the region, its linkage with formal/informal sectors, food crisis and climate change.

Articulation of sectoral impact (5 mins each)
- Farmers (Mr. Mudzakir, Asian Farmers Association)
- Fishers (Mr. Glenn Ymata, Southeast Asia Fisherfolks for Justice)
- Trade Union (Mr. Mohamed Shafie BP Mammal, UNI-Apro/ASETUC)
- Women (Ms. Josefa Francisco, DAWN)
- Migrant workers (Mr. Sinnapan Samydarai, Task Force on ASEAN Migrant Workers)
- IPs (Ms. Rukka Somblonggi, Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact)
- Consumers (Ms. Hira Jhamtani, YLKI)
- Business/SMEs (Mr. Wahyu Indriyo, Binaswadaya)
- Development Organizations (Ms. Ika Krishyani, AsiaDHARRA-InDHARRA)

10:30 10:45 Tea Break/Photo Session
10:45 12:00 PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION II:
Global and Regional Responses to Global Financial Crisis

Intro by Moderator: Dr. Aladdin Rillo, Head of Finance Cooperation Division, the ASEAN Secretariat

Presenters: (7 mins each)
ASEAN: Dr. Alladin Rillo, Head of Finance Cooperation Division, the ASEAN Secretariat
World Bank: Dr. Riri Alatas, Senior Economist, WB Indonesia
GTZ: Ms. Johanna Knoess, GTZ-Indonesia, Policy Adviser for Social Protection
UNDP: Ms. Michaela Prokop, UNDP Indonesia
CSO: Mr. Sandagran Solomon Joseph Pitchay, NUBE Malaysia, General Secretary
TKN: Dr. Alexander Chandra, Senior Policy Adviser on Southeast Asia
AusAid: Ms. Jessica Hovernan, 1st Secretary Asia Regional Coordinator

Open Forum

12:00 13:30 Lunch Break
13:30 15:00 Workshop 1: Defining people-centered programs and policies to respond to financial crisis in the context of other challenges (e.g. food crisis,
climate change, labor issues)

Workshop Moderator: Ms. Esther Penunia

Groupings according to sectoral/thematic clusters, looking at cross-cutting issues of women, climate change, financing (incl. aid for trade), social protection. ASEAN and international agencies can choose the theme of interest to them.

Group A: Agriculture Sector (farmers, fishers, IPs)
Group B: Migrant workers and labor
Group C: Consumers
Group D: Small and Medium Enterprises

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee/Tea Break
15:30 - 16:30 Presentation of Workshop results (10 mins each group)
16:30 - 17:30 Consensus building on CSO Recommendations to Regional and International Policy Making Bodies
17:30 - 17:45 Synthesis / Consensus points: Esther Penunia, AFA Secretary General
17:45 - 18:00 Announcements
18:30 Welcome Dinner/Socials hosted by UNI-Apro ASETUC

Day 2, Wednesday, July 29, 2009

08:30 - 09:00 Review of the Previous Day’s Sessions and Activities:
Over-all Moderator Day 2: Ms. Marlene Ramirez
09:00 - 09:15 Presentation of CSO Recommendations to Regional and International Bodies
09:15 - 10:15 DIALOGUE WITH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES:
Intro by Moderator: Ms. Mega Irena, ASEAN Secretariat and Ms. Hira Jhamtani Semestha (TWN)

Responses / Comments on CSO Recommendations
- ASEAN: Ms. Mega Irena, Senior Officer, Social Welfare, Women, Labour and Migrant Workers Division, The ASEAN Secretariat
- GTZ: Dr. Apichai Sunchindah, GTZ-Thailand, Senior Policy Officer
- Oxfam Australia: Ms. May Miller Dawkins, Research Manager
- World Bank: Dr. Riri Alatas, Senior Economist, WB Indonesia
- UNDP: Ms. Michaela Prokop, UNDP Indonesia
Open Forum

10:15  10:30  Break

10:30  11:15  **Workshop 2 : Action Planning per thematic/sectoral concern**  
Workshop Moderator:  Ms. Elena Rebagay, *AsiaDHRRRA*

11:15  11:45  **Plenary Reporting of Workshop Results**  (5 mins each group)

11:45  12:00  **Synthesis of Plenary Session**: Esther Penunia, *AFA Secretary General*

12:00  12:30  **Closing program**

*Closing Reflection*
Dr. Chan Darong, Director General for Technical Affairs, Ministry of Rural Development, Royal Government of Cambodia  
*ASEAN SOM Representatives*

Mr. Glenn Ymata, *Secretariat Head, Southeast Asia Fisherfolks for Justice (SEAFISH)*  
*CSO Delegate*

*Closing Remarks*
Mr. Khamkhan Phinsavanh, *Chairman, ASEAN Senior Officers Meeting for Labor and Migration Issues (SLOM) and Director General of Labour Management, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Lao PDR*

*Closing Message from the Organizers*
Ms. Sudaporn Sittisatahpornkul, *AFA Chairperson*

12:30  14:00  Lunch Break

Departure of Regional Workshop Participants  
Steering Committee  Post workshop Assessment  
Other Side Meetings