

ASEAN TAXONOMY BOARD

Concept Note

Webinar on Version 2 of the ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance

1000 – 1200hrs, GMT+8

9 June 2023

Online (Zoom)

[Registration Link](#)

1. BACKGROUND

On 27 March 2023, the ASEAN Taxonomy Board (ATB), representing ASEAN finance sectoral bodies, took the next step towards contributing to ASEAN's sustainable finance agenda, with the release of the ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance Version 2 (Version 2).

Version 2 consists of the completed Foundation framework comprising detailed methodologies for assessing economic activities; and Technical Screening Criteria (TSC) under the Plus Standard for the first focus sector i.e., Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply sector (Energy sector). Version 2 builds on the conceptual thinking of the multi-tiered framework outlined in Version 1, which is intended to facilitate the transition of ASEAN Member States (AMS) recognizing the diversity in economic development, financial sector, and infrastructure maturity.

Version 2 also highlights the importance of social aspects in the Taxonomy, by incorporating it as the ASEAN Taxonomy's third essential criteria, alongside "Do No Significant Harm" (DNSH) and "Remedial Measures to Transition" (RMT). In combination with other features such as the expansion of the "Do No Significant Harm" criteria, common building blocks are established to enable an orderly and just transition and foster sustainable finance adoption by ASEAN countries.

In considering ASEAN's specific circumstances, the Taxonomy recognizes efforts towards the early retirement of coal-fired power plants, which is a global first for a regional taxonomy. In doing so, the ATB demonstrates its consideration of how and where coal phase-outs (CPOs) can play a role in decarbonization in support of the Paris Agreement goals, as well as how, when approached correctly, CPOs can provide a powerful tool for transition.

2. OBJECTIVES

This Webinar will serve as a platform to:

- a. Introduce the recently-published Version 2 of the ASEAN Taxonomy, highlighting its unique features that enable alignment to international taxonomies while serving the needs of ASEAN
- b. Facilitate discussion on the necessary factors for a just transition in ASEAN

- c. Explore the needs of the energy and power generation sector towards achieving net zero or green targets

3. TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

This Webinar is expected to be attended by regulators from the financial sector, International Organisations, regional energy industry representatives, investors, financial institutions and intermediaries, and members of the public.

4. TENTATIVE AGENDA

Date : Friday, 9th June 2023
 Venue : Zoom
 Time : 10.00 – 12.00 GMT+8

Master of Ceremony (MC): SC Malaysia

DRAFT AGENDA	
1000	Keynote address by the ASEAN Taxonomy Board (ATB) Chair Noorrafidah Sulaiman , Deputy Managing Director, Brunei Darussalam Central Bank
1010	Special remarks by Representative of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)
1020	Presentation on the ASEAN Taxonomy Version 2 by ATB Board Member and Chair of Working Group on Market Facing and Resourcing, Azalina Adham , Managing Director, Securities Commission Malaysia
1040	<p>Panel discussion – <i>The ASEAN Taxonomy: Facilitating a Just Energy Transition</i></p> <p><i>Following the presentation on the ASEAN Taxonomy Version 2 (Version 2), the panel session will discuss efforts to transition in ASEAN, with a focus on the Energy sector. As a ‘transition taxonomy’, the Version 2 provides an assessment methodology for its Green and Amber Tiers, and details the Technical Screening Criteria of the Energy sector, the first of six focus sectors in the Taxonomy.</i></p> <p><i>Version 2 also incorporates social aspects as the ASEAN Taxonomy’s third essential criteria – including three key social aspects which could potentially be harmed by an economic activity. The taxonomy highlights the importance of these social aspects, alongside two other essential criteria, which can enable an orderly and just transition to foster sustainable finance adoption by ASEAN countries.</i></p> <p><i>The panel will discuss the following issues, among others:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How does the ASEAN Taxonomy assist in the Energy transition of ASEAN member states (AMS)?</i> • <i>Following the ASEAN Taxonomy’s criteria for coal phase-outs, how does the region proceed in the early retirement of coal-fired power plants and the transition to renewable energy?</i> • <i>What role does the ASEAN taxonomy’s multi-tiered approach play in facilitating this transition?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How can AMS incorporate the social aspects as part of their assessment to further facilitate this? What more is needed to enable a just transition in this critical sector?</i> <p>Moderator: Eugene Wong, CEO, the Sustainable Finance Institute Asia</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Nella Sri Hendriyetty</u>, Director of Centre for Regional and Bilateral Policy, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia,• <u>Mohd Sani Ismail</u>, Principal Finance Specialist, Asian Development Bank• <u>Energy Industry Representative</u> (TBC)• <u>Mushtaq Kapasi</u>, Managing Director and Asia Pacific Representative, International Capital Markets Association• <u>Kelvin Fan</u>, Deputy Director of GFANZ APAC Network, GFANZ
1200	End

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