

Support Mechanisms from ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC)

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background

ASEAN Vision 2020

“A clean and green ASEAN with fully established mechanisms for sustainable development to ensure the protection of the region’s environment, the sustainability of its natural resources, and the high quality of life of its peoples.”

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4 Mar 2003 : **ASEAN Environment Ministers at 10th AMMH –**

- a) Endorsed Singapore's proposed Regional Environmental Sustainability Cities Programme (RESCP)
 - modeled after the Kitakyushu Initiative Network

- b) Directed Singapore to set up AWGESC to drive the RESCP

framework on environmentally sustainable cities

- a) RESCP is operationalised through the Framework
- b) Sets out vision, principles and scope of RESCP
- c) Identifies goals, objectives, strategies and activities/programmes for
 - Clean Air
 - Clean Water
 - Clean Land



environmental best practices

Environmental best practices were compiled for Clean Air, Clean Water and Clean Land in ASEAN cities.



participating cities

24 ASEAN cities participate in RESCP

Brunei	-	Bandar Seri Begawan
Cambodia	-	Phnom Penh, Siem Reap
Indonesia	-	Balikpapan, Medan, Denpasar
Lao PDR	-	Luang Prabang, Vientiane, Xayabour
Malaysia	-	Kuantan, Putrajaya
Myanmar	-	Mandalay, Yangon
Philippines	-	Cagayan de Oro, Iloilo, Quezon
Singapore	-	Singapore
Thailand	-	Bangkok, Chiangmai, Krabi
Vietnam	-	Da Nang, Ha Long, Hanoi

Moving from RESCP to ASEAN Initiative on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AIESC)

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- **RESCP's focus is only for Clean Air, Clean Water Clean Land**
- **RESCP needs to be broadened beyond action programmes /activities to encompass philosophies, strategies and policies**

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- ✿ **The ASEAN Initiative will be a movement for ASEAN and replace the RESCP**
- ✿ **Initiative will:**
 - ✿ Serve as an overarching mechanism to pursue environmental sustainability
 - ✿ Go beyond the scope of Clean Air, Clean Water and Clean Land
 - ✿ Include green and blue issues in the future

Environmental Indicators

- **Key indicators**
 - **Clean Air**
 - **Clean Water**
 - **Clean Land**
- **Generic and applicable to most cities**
- **Cities to measure respective envt'al performance**
- **Indicators can be further refined and expanded after gaining experience**

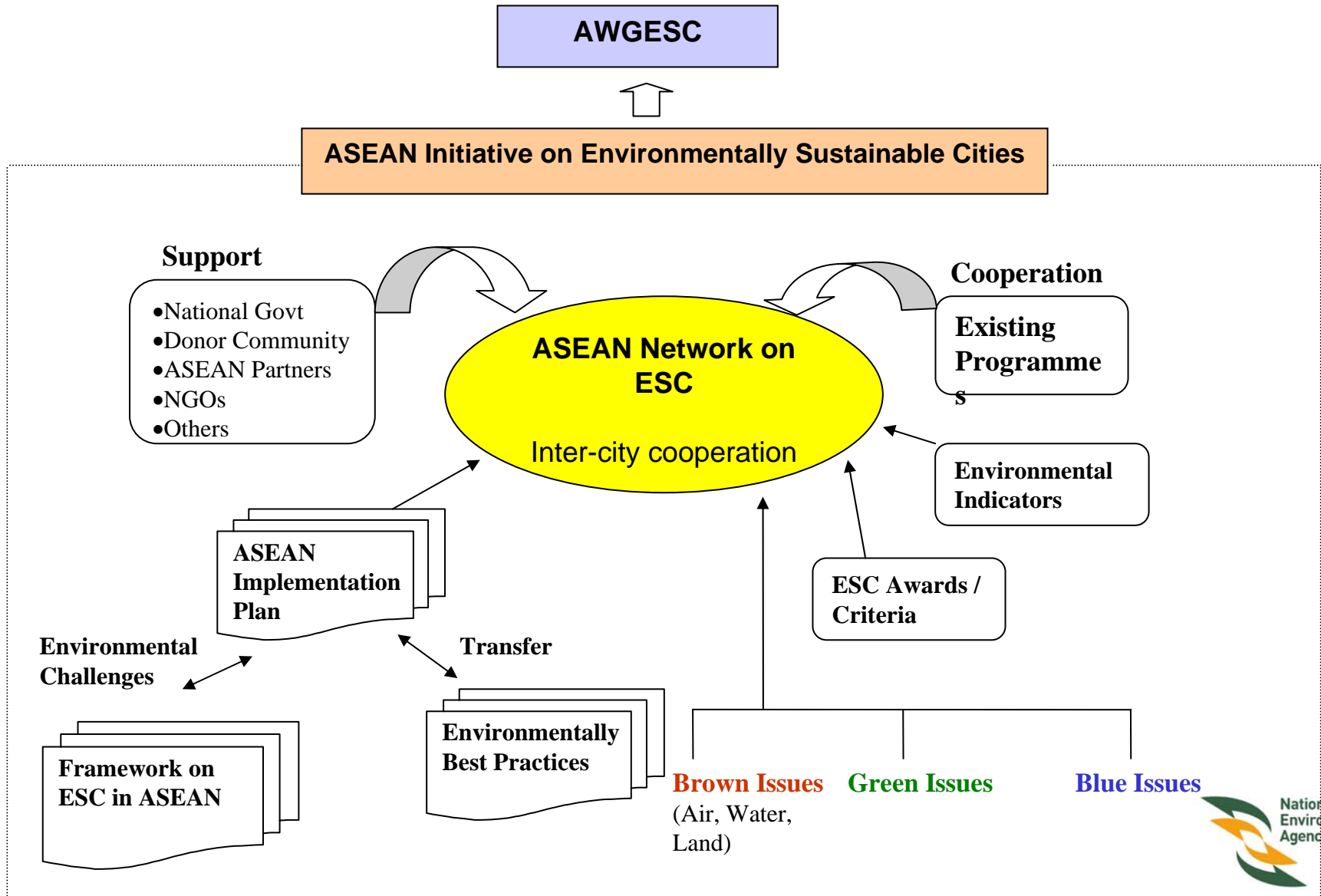
ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable City Awards

- Difficult to rank cities across ASEAN due to varying circumstances and development
- Approach
 - Each country to implement own national award at city or appropriate category
 - Each country to nominate its best city/town/district
 - Awards presented to the nominated cities/towns/districts at AMME/IAMME
 - Process will be used to refine and harmonise national award process and eventually towards competitive process for ASEAN ESC Award

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- ▶ The Initiative is implemented through an **ASEAN Network on Environmentally Sustainable Cities**
- ▶ The Network will provide the following:
 - Sharing and exchanging of best practices
 - Capacity development
- ▶ Network is set up as a **website portal** (<http://www.aseansec.org/aiesc>)

Schematic of Network Portal





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Collaborative Activities

- Partner with national governments, international/regional organisations to implement collaborative activities with participating cities
- Example of projects:
 - Demonstrative projects on Clean Air, Clean Water and Clean Land with 6 cities (USAID / Council of State Governments)
 - Capacity building on use of Human Ecosystem Model Toolkit (UNU/IAS-AIT-APN)
 - Action plans to address air pollution and urban transport (GTZ)
 - Study visit to South Korea on integrated waste management (ROK)

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