

Greening ASEAN: Towards Green Recovery in ASEAN post-pandemic

Regional cooperation on green recovery: aspirations and realities

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Environmental Status in ASEAN



- Endowed with rich natural resources
- One-third of all known coral reef areas in the world
- 60 % of the tropical peatland, which store many billion tonnes of carbon
- Confronted by massive environmental degradation
- Habitat and Species Loss
- Climate Change Impacts (sea level rise, reduced productivity, health risk, water stress, climate induced disasters)
- Urbanization
- Air Pollution (Transboundary Haze)
- Population growth, economic development and gaps in governance

ASEAN Vision 2025 on Environment



- ASEAN Cooperation on Environment Strives to contribute to sustainable development, through coordinated efforts on:
 - Conservation of sustainable management of biodiversity and natural resources
 - Promotion of environmentally sustainable cities
 - Response to climate change
 - Sustainable Consumption and Production

Strategic Priorities

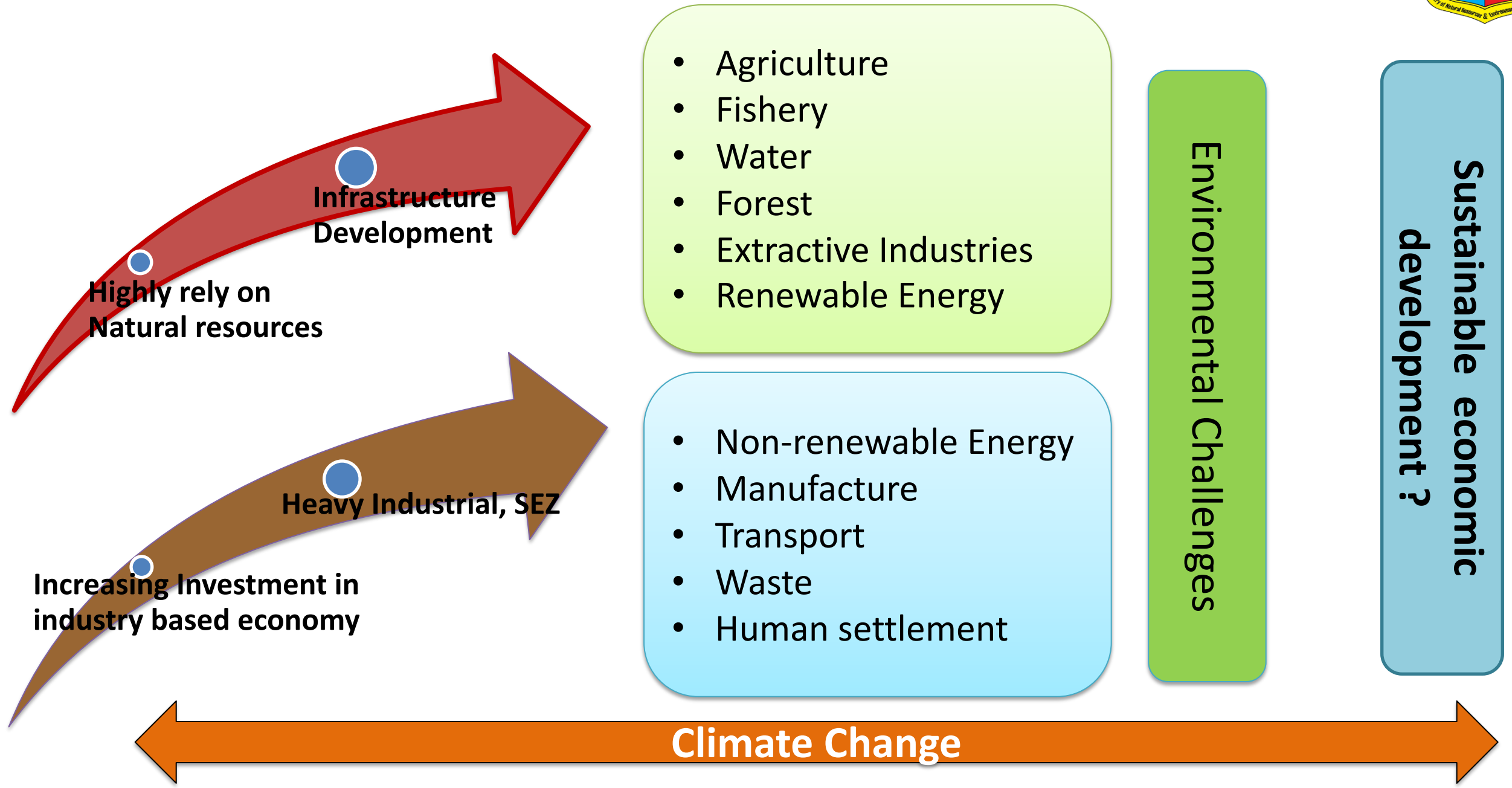


- Nature Conservation and Biodiversity
- Coastal and Marine Environment
- Water Resources Management
- Environmentally Sustainable Cities
- Climate Change
- Chemicals and Waste
- Environmental Education (and Sustainable Consumption and Production)

Country example: Myanmar

- ❑ Attracting to a large amount of natural resources for investments in Myanmar
- ❑ **Rising investments and development of the country's natural resources** for the energy and power sector, gas, hydropower, mining, agriculture and forestry sectors
- ❑ Increases in **economic growth** are placing **pressure on the environment and natural capital**
- ❑ Sustainable growth in agriculture, manufacturing, and energy sectors are threatened due to a lot of investments coming in with mixed impacts
- ❑ **Proper management** of Myanmar's natural capital is also vital for **sustainable economic development and society's well-being**

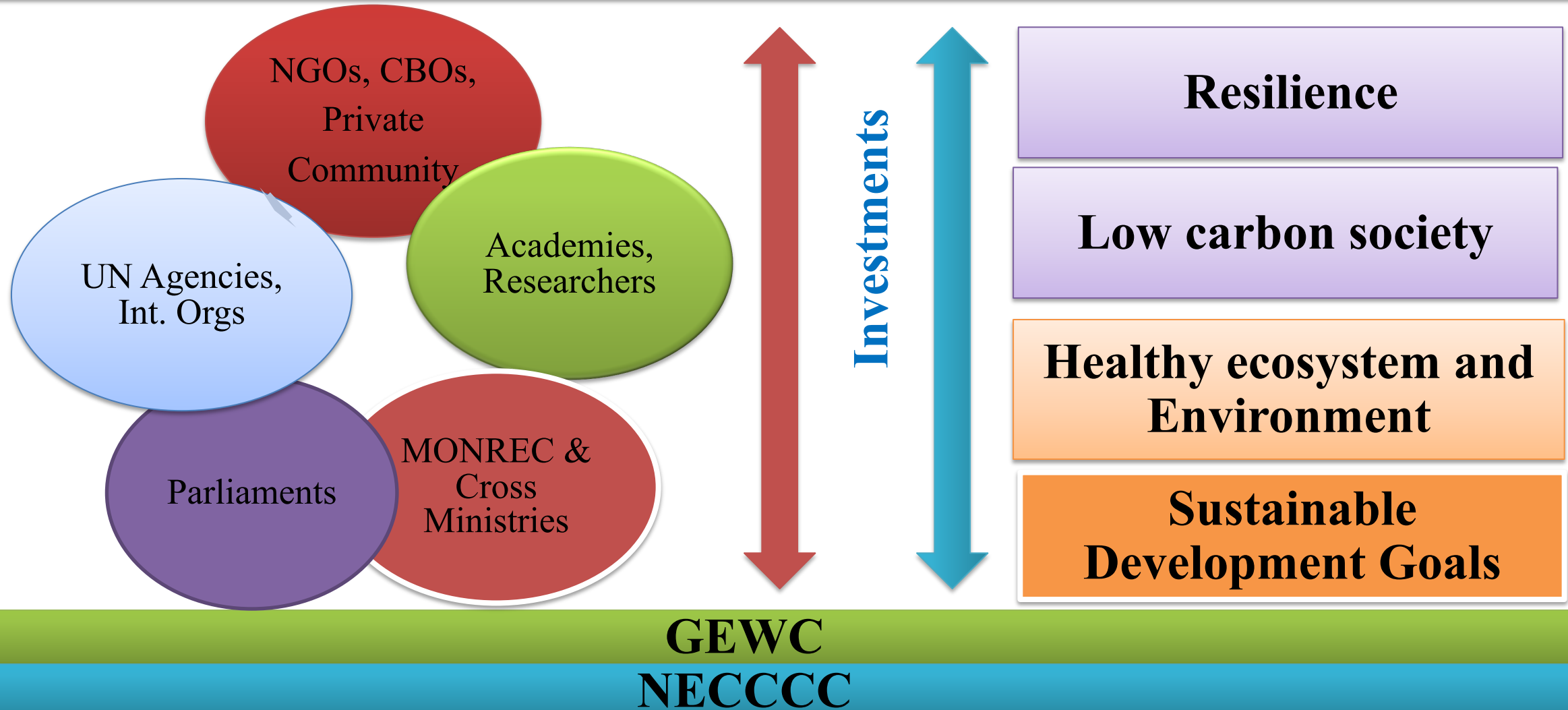
Economic Reform: Environmental Challenges



Integrated Approach: Multi-stakeholders Engagement



VISION: To enhance investments in a low-carbon, green economy development trajectory that prioritizes the efficient use of natural resources.



Green Economy and Sustainable Development



Sustainable Development Framework



Low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive as an integral part of sustainable growth which promotes general economic growth. (UNEP)

Sustainable Society

- Basic Needs
- Education
- Livelihoods
- Food
- Clean Water

- Health
- Environment Sustainability
- Biodiversity
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption

ASEAN Greening Projects under AWGCC



- On-going Projects
 - Development of the report on the State of Climate Change in the ASEAN
 - ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 26th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26)
 - Development and implementation of facility/company level Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in the ASEAN Member States under Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for co-Innovation – Japan-ASEAN Integrated Fund (PaSTI-JAIF)
 - ASEAN-Republic of Korea (ROK) Carbon Dialogue
 - Regional Dialogue on Carbon Pricing (REdiCAP)
 - ASEAN Low Carbon Energy Programme (LCEP)

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- Projects under-discussion
 - ASEAN-German Climate Programme
 - ASEAN Climate Action Readiness Programme
 - ASEAN CI-ACA 2.0

Importance of Regional Cooperation: ASEAN



- ASEAN cooperation plays a crucial role towards Green Recovery
- ASEAN Secretariat supports, coordinates and facilitates smooth communication among member states: organizing events, sharing technologies, experiences, lessons learned, etc.
- Engages technical and financial support of donor agencies for diverse themes, eg. Climate change, SCP, etc.
- AMS and ASEC are thriving their best on carbon border adjustments from every possible corner (policies, strategies, etc.)

- ❖ ASEAN has strong aspirations for Green Recovery with a clear focus on climate aligned agenda
- ❖ Unity is Strength, and I firmly believe that ASEAN can cope well with its green recovery soon