



Report of the
Eleventh Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM XI)
Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation
Bali, 3 November 2010

The Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) Eleventh Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM XI) was held in Bali, Indonesia, 3rd November 2010.

The Meeting was co-chaired by the Director General for American and European Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Ambassador Retno L.P. Marsudi, and the Director for Asia and Oceania of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of the Argentina Republic, H.E. Ambassador Daniel Adan Dziewezzo Polski.

Delegations from 26 member countries participated in the meeting: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Venezuela and Vietnam. The list of delegates is attached as **Annex A**.

Prior to the commencement of the SOM XI, Delegates observed a moment of silence for the victims of the Mentawai tsunami and Merapi volcanic eruption in Indonesia and the demise of the former President of Argentina. H.E. Nestor Kirchner.

The following topics were discussed and agreed upon by the participants:

I. Adoption of the Agenda

SOM XI agreed to the Agenda as attached in **Annex B**.

II. Reports of the Working Groups

a. Working Group on Politics, Education, Cultural and Sports

SOM XI considered the Final Report of the Seventh Meeting of FEALAC Working Group on Politics, Education, Cultural and Sports (PCES) held in Bali, 1st November 2010 by Colombia and the Republic of Korea, as Co-Chair of the Working Group.

Recommendations were submitted to and adopted by the SOM. Members were encouraged to implement the recommendations. The report (attached as **Annex C**) will be referred to FMM V as a background paper in 2011.

b. Working Group on Economy and Society

SOM XI considered the Final Report of the Seventh Meeting of FEALAC Working Group on Economy and Society held in Bali, 1st November, 2010 by Ecuador and the Philippines, as Co-Chair of the Working Group.

Recommendations were submitted to and adopted by the SOM. Members were encouraged to implement the recommendations. The report (attached as **Annex D**) will be referred to FMM V as a background paper in 2011.

c. Sub-working Group on Tourism

SOM XI considered the Final Report of the First Meeting of FEALAC Sub-Working Group on Tourism held in Bali, 31st October 2010 by Ecuador and Philippines as Co-Chair of the Working Group.

Recommendations were submitted to and adopted by the SOM. Members were encouraged to implement the recommendations. The report (attached as **Annex E**) will be referred to FMM V as a background paper in 2011.

d. Working Group on Science and Technology

SOM XI considered the final Report of the Sixth Meeting of FEALAC Working Group on Science and Technology (STWG) including the Action Plan held in Bali, 2nd November 2010 by Brazil and New Zealand, Co-Chair of the Working Group.

Recommendations were submitted to and adopted by the SOM. Members were encouraged to implement the recommendations. The report (attached as **Annex F**) will be referred to FMM V as a background paper in 2011.

III. Cyber Secretariat

The Republic of Korea presented recent development of FEALAC Website and future plan for Cyber Secretariat, and urged all member countries to appoint a Contact Point and update information on a regular basis. SOM XI welcomed and appreciated the presentation and report by the Republic of Korea.

IV. Strengthening FEALAC Mechanism: Consideration of Non Paper on Revitalization, Enhanced Visibility, and Future Direction of FEALAC (Concept non paper by Indonesia and Argentina)

SOM XI considered the draft **Non-Paper Revitalization, Enhanced Visibility, and Future Direction of FEALAC** (attached as **Annex G**) submitted by Indonesia and Argentina, and agreed to submit their recommendations to be adopted by FMM V.

In a rich discussion, SOM XI welcomed the non-paper submitted by Indonesia and Argentina and agreed that FEALAC should focus on the issues reflected in that paper as mandated by the FMM IV. It was also agreed that a stock taking session would be appropriate, addressing questions like: Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there? When do we expect to get there?

In this respect, some of the particular challenges that SOM XI agreed will need to be fully considered are:

- how to improve participation by members;
- how to improve participation by experts;
- how best to report activities and projects and their results; and
- what constitutes a FEALAC project or activity.

SOM XI also discussed the following issues:

a. Vision Group

The Republic of Korea proposed to establish a “Vision Group” to find a roadmap for FEALAC future. Upon the request of detailed information, the Republic of Korea promised to provide a concept paper to all members. This proposal must not duplicate the existing forums.

b. Language

While acknowledging the request to have Spanish language as a working language of FEALAC and its existing technical problems, the discussion of having Spanish Language in FEALAC should be further explored.

SOM XI encouraged the members to continue the current practice of having simultaneous Spanish translation in every Foreign Ministerial Meeting.

V. Other Matters

a. Appointment of Next Regional Coordinators and Working Group Co-Chairs

SOM XI welcomed Colombia’s intentions to assume the role of the next Latin America Coordinator in Buenos Aires. Co-Coordinators encouraged all member countries to flag their readiness to assume the position of Asia Regional Coordinator and Co-chairs of the working groups, especially for those which have yet to take up the roles of Coordinator or Co-chair to do so.

b. New membership for FEALAC

The SOM XI agreed to propose the candidacy of Surinam as a new member of FEALAC to be adopted in the FMM V in Buenos Aires.

c. Schedules for future FEALAC Meetings

Argentina indicated that the meeting for the WG I, WG II, WG III, Sub-Working Group II, SOM XII and FMM V will be held during the second half of 2011.

d. Format for FEALAC Projects

The Delegation of Mexico presented a proposal on the Format for FEALAC Projects for further consideration.

VI. Consideration of the SOM XI Report

SOM XI considered and adopted the report.

VII. Acknowledgments

SOM XI expressed its appreciation to Indonesia as the host country for the warm reception and hospitality extended to the delegates as well as the excellent arrangement for all meetings. SOM XI also expressed their deep gratitude for the able co-chairmanship of the Republic of Argentina to make all meetings a success.

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