

**Session 9:
Support to Mutual Recognition
Arrangement (MRA) Negotiations**

*ASEAN AEO Mutual Recognition
Arrangement (AAMRA)*



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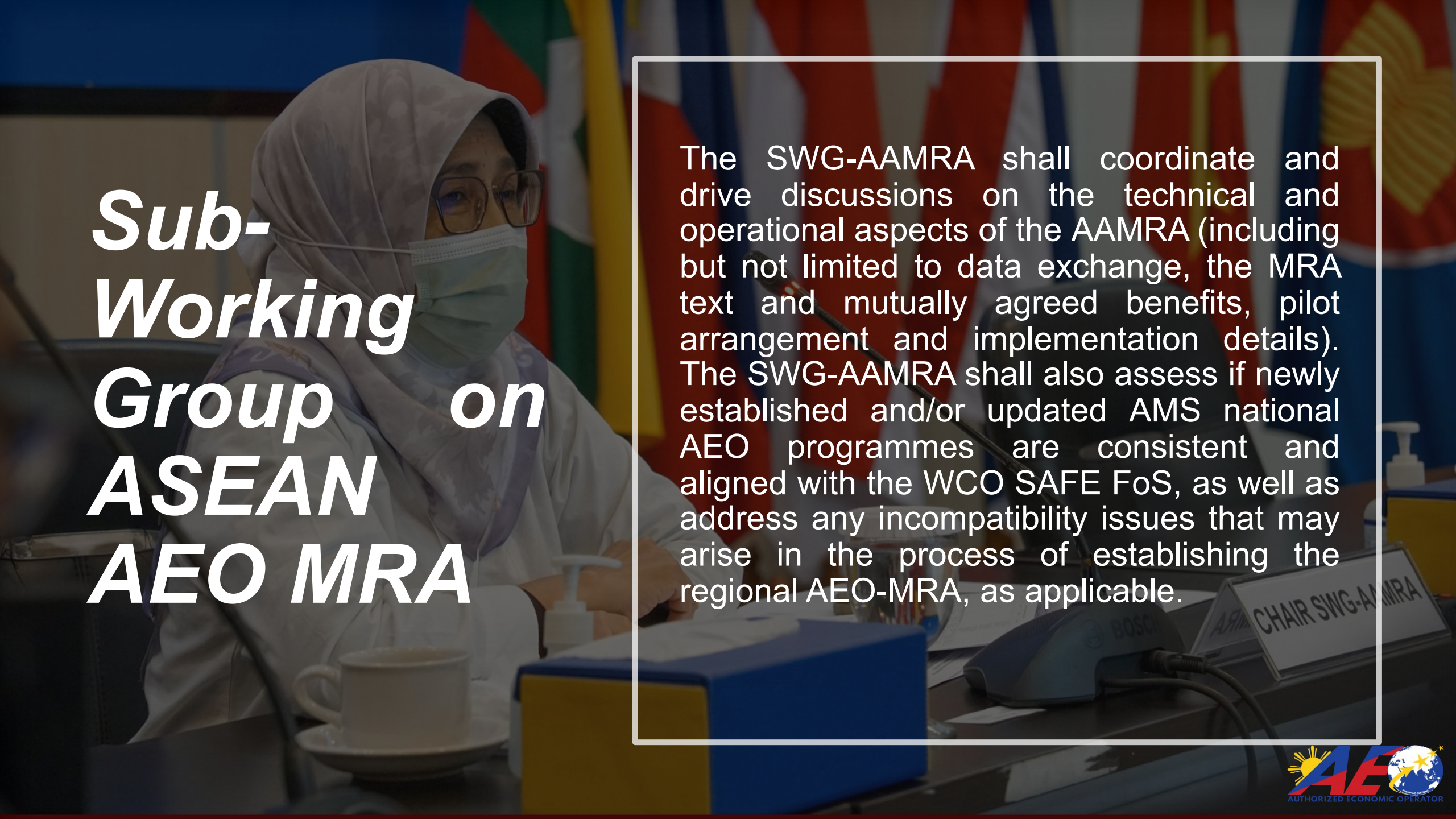
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

The Association of Southeast Nations (ASEAN) is composed of ten (10) member states, namely:

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| Brunei Darussalam | Cambodia | Lao PDR | Indonesia |
| Malaysia | Myanmar | Philippines | Singapore |
| Thailand | Vietnam | Timor-Leste (observer status) | |



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***Sub-
Working
Group on
ASEAN
AEO MRA***

The SWG-AAMRA shall coordinate and drive discussions on the technical and operational aspects of the AAMRA (including but not limited to data exchange, the MRA text and mutually agreed benefits, pilot arrangement and implementation details). The SWG-AAMRA shall also assess if newly established and/or updated AMS national AEO programmes are consistent and aligned with the WCO SAFE FoS, as well as address any incompatibility issues that may arise in the process of establishing the regional AEO-MRA, as applicable.



The Sub-Working Group on ASEAN AEO MRA has been meeting virtually for the past twelve (12) sessions. The meeting has conducted successful implementation of the following:

- Signing of the Joint Action Plan (JAP) of the AAMRA
- Signing of the ASEAN AEO MRA (AAMRA)
- 1st Pathfinder AAMRA Implementation by 6 ASEAN Member States

ASEAN AEO Mutual Recognition Arrangement (AAMRA)

September 2023 – All 10 Customs Administrations of ASEAN Member States (AMS) signed the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) of their respective Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programmes. The AAMRA seeks to provide a predictable and transparent trading environment among AMS.

The Philippines signed her AAMRA on 12 May 2023.



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Joint Validation Visits conducted by ASEAN



Indonesia (5-6 July 2022)



Brunei Darussalam (12-13 October 2022)



Philippines (14-15 December 2022)

Joint Validation Visits



Thailand (8-9 August 2022)



Malaysia (17-18 August 2022)



Progress of the AAMRA

- The 1st Pathfinder AAMRA Implementation by 6-Ready AMS (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand) is set to be completed on 12 July 2024 with targeted full AAMRA implementation for the 6 AMS by 01 August 2024.
- The 2nd Pathfinder AAMRA Implementation by Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam is targeted to commence on 23 September 2024.
- All 10 AMS had agreed to focus on the full implementation by 2025 and explore the extension of AAMRA to Dialogue Partners. Technical assistance will also be sought from Dialogue Partners under the Customs Capacity Building Working Group.



Maraming salamat po!

(Thank you very much!)

