



Programme for the ASEAN three-day cross-learning event

“Beyond the Risks: Strategic Choices for Climate Resilient Societies in ASEAN Countries”

28-30 September 2026 Malolos City, Bulacan, Central Luzon, Philippines

Climate change has significant consequences for people’s livelihoods and safety, as well as for biodiversity, nature and the economy. The impacts of climate change are already clearly visible in Southeast Asia and will only intensify in the near future. Despite progress on global climate adaptation policy and increased financing for climate adaptation, climate adaptation is currently still fragmented, small-scale and insufficient or inadequate. The planning vehicle at national level are the National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), which all countries were asked to submit to the secretariat of the UNFCCC in 2025. The outcomes of COP30, particularly the Belém indicator framework (these indicators measure vulnerability reduction, system resilience, and safety, covering sectors like water, food, health, infrastructure, and ecosystems), while not yet fully refined, represent a step forward in measuring adaptation progress. Internationally, there is an increasing desire to show progress towards actual implementation of these plans. International, and particularly regional, exchange of experiences with the translation of global policies into national, regional and local action can help countries make progress and report on this.

This ASEAN cross-learning event aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Increase understanding on how to strengthen the enabling factors for the transition from planning to implementation of national adaptation priorities.
2. Share good practices and lessons on developing projects and programmes in a timely, coordinated and efficient manner to address national adaptation priorities.
3. Highlight gaps and needs for ongoing support for the transition from planning to implementation in the NAP process.



Watch the video about the Nature-based flood control project built in Malolos City featured in the national news of the Philippines.

DAY 1

Monday 28 September 2026 Venue: Malolos City Hall

08:30	Welcome Ceremony & Registration
09:00	Welcome and opening remarks from hosts Facilitator PfW will announce the start of the cross-learning event and introduce the speakers delivering the opening remarks: • Philippines-Malolos – Mayor Hon. Christian Natividad • Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands – Liliane Geerling
09:30	Introduction to cross-learning event objectives and agenda Presenter: Liliane Geerling NL Government/RVO/Partners for Water
09:45	Ice-breaker activity: getting to know each other
10:00	Introduction to climate impacts in relation to subsidence Presenter: Silke Tas NL2120/Wageningen University and Research Centre
11:00	Coffee Break
11:30	The role of wetland ecosystems in climate change adaptation and the connection with National Adaptation Plans Presentation followed by an inter-active dialogue Presenter: Elise Allely NL2120/Wetlands International
12:30	Lunch
13:45	Energizer
14:00	Interactive activity: Transitioning from planning to implementation of national adaptation priorities Participants have the time to pitch with 5 minute pitches their respective cases linked to their national adaptation priorities
15:15	Coffee Break / Arrival of ambassador Mr. H.E. Roderick Wols
15:45	Introduction to Adaptation Pathways Presenter: Andrew Warren NL2120/Deltares online Q&A with participants on Adaptation Pathways
16:45	Reflections on the day and closing – Ambassador of The Netherlands in The Philippines Mr. H.E. Roderick Wols
17:15	End of day 1
18:00	Dinner at Mayors Residence hosted by Malolos City joined by ambassador of The Netherlands in The Philippines Mr. H.E. Roderick Wols

DAY 2

Tuesday 29 September 2026 Venue: Malolos City Hall

08:00-12:00	Field visit coastal NBS Pamarawan (depending on weather and tide this could also be the afternoon or even another day)
12:00	Lunch
13:15	Reflections field visit (and input from other NBS projects in Philippines) Guided discussion by Jasper Leuven and Jaïr Smits
14:15	Interactive activity: Working on case studies
15:15	Coffee Break
15:45	Presentation: A transformative perspective on NBS Presenter: Geert van der Meulen and Hsoc Mathai RWS/Deltares
16:45	Reflections on the day and closing – Liliane Geerling
17:15	End of day 2
18:00	Ambassador's Dinner Reception hosted by Mr. H.E. Roderick Wols at Malolos City with a presentation of Ecoshape on NBS approaches in SE Asia

DAY 3

Wednesday 30 September 2026 Venue: Malolos City Hall

09:00	Presentation: Financing climate adaptation Presenter: Malte Schlossmacher of Rebel Group
10:00	Interactive activity: Working on case studies
11:00	Coffee Break
	Interactive activity: Working on case studies
12:30	Lunch
13:45	Interactive activity: Sharing case studies progress in short pitches (7 min per group) via gallery walk
15:00	Coffee Break
15:30	Interactive activity: Final Reflection & Participatory Next Steps (towards Climate COP/cross-learning event 2027) Guided final reflection covering content of the three days: Liliane Geerling
16:45	End of Day 3
17:00	Walking tour through historic city centre of Malolos