

Special IMT-GT Senior Officials Meeting

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*Implementing the
Energy & Environment
Programme in IMT-GT*

Background: IMT-GT Roadmap 2007-2011

Programmes in IMT-GT Roadmap:

- 4.1.1) Develop a framework for strengthening cooperation in management & protection of natural resources in IMT-GT to ensure sustainability of development in the region;
- 4.1.2) Promote & support use of environmentally friendly technologies & approaches in agriculture, industry & tourism in IMT-GT.

Background: IMT-GT Roadmap 2007-2011 (cont'd)

Programmes already parked under

WG on Agriculture, Agro-Based Industry & Environment

- 4.1.3) Cooperate in the control & improve surveillance, public awareness & response to pandemics due to possible trans-boundary animal diseases & natural disasters to complement measures taken by ASEAN;
- 4.1.4) Early warning system on natural disasters.

Background: Guiding Statement

3rd IMT-GT SUMMIT

19 Nov 2007, Singapore

Joint Statement Highlights (among others):

- ❑ *Committed and resolved to strengthen and accelerate cooperation in Energy, Environment, Infrastructure, Transportation, and Logistic Connectivity, Tourism, Human Resource Development, as well as cooperation in Security and In Social and Cultural Areas.*

What Is Sustainable Development ?

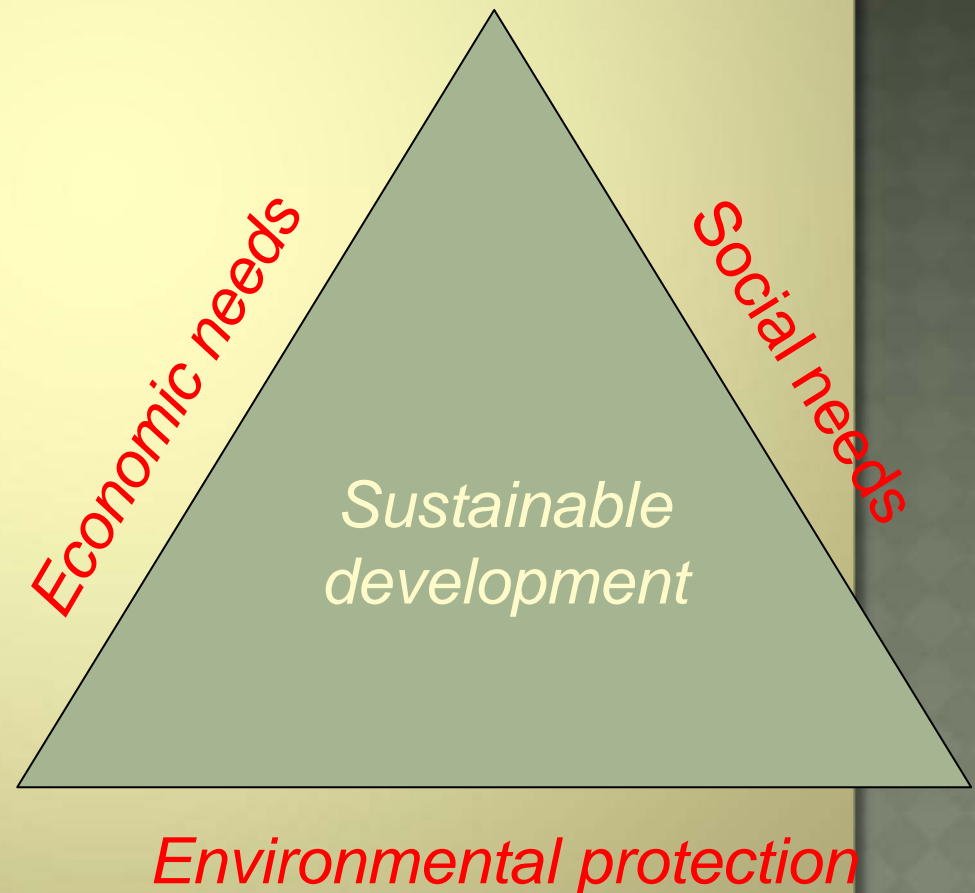
UN's Brundtland Report (1987):

“Our Common Future”

(Written by an international group of politicians, civil servants & experts)

Sustainable development is a process of developing (land, cities, business, communities, etc) that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

(Energy – a commodity essential for these development, & creating environmental impacts).



State of the Matter

1. IMT-GT already has 6 WGs. Try to avoid new WGs; (also, IMT-GT programmes more business-oriented);
2. Energy & Environment issues (including Climate Change & Global Warming) have become important agenda & concerns at international & regional levels → must be factored in IMT-GT subregional cooperation;
3. A no of international & regional cooperation programme on Energy & Environment in place – comprehensive, & spearheaded by reputable organisations, (& with strong funding) → but more carried out at national levels → little trickles down to state & provincial level;
4. Energy & Environment are cross-cutting sectors, transversing Industries, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Transportation, Tourism, Education, Services and others, and also Domestic.

ASEAN Energy Cooperation Programmes

Agreement:

ASEAN Energy Cooperation Agreement signed by ASEAN-5 Foreign Ministers in 1986

Areas of Cooperation:

- i) Energy policy & planning;
- ii) Energy supply security & stockpiling;
- iii) Energy data & analysis;
- iv) Energy efficiency & conservation;
- v) Renewable energy;
- vi) Electricity production & transmission;
- vii) Oil & gas;
- viii) Coal production, transportation & clean coal technology;
- xi) Environment & global warming.

Environment Cooperation in ASEAN

Areas of Cooperation:

- 1) Land & forest fires and trans-boundary haze pollution;
- 2) Coastal & marine environment;
- 3) Sustainable forest management;
- 4) Sustainable management of natural parks & protected areas;
- 5) Freshwater resources;
- 6) Public awareness & environmental education;
- 7) Promotion of environmentally–sound technologies & cleaner production;
- 8) Urban environmental management & governance;
- 9) Sustainable development monitoring & reporting; and
- 10) Database harmonisation.

Strategies for Implementation at IMT-GT

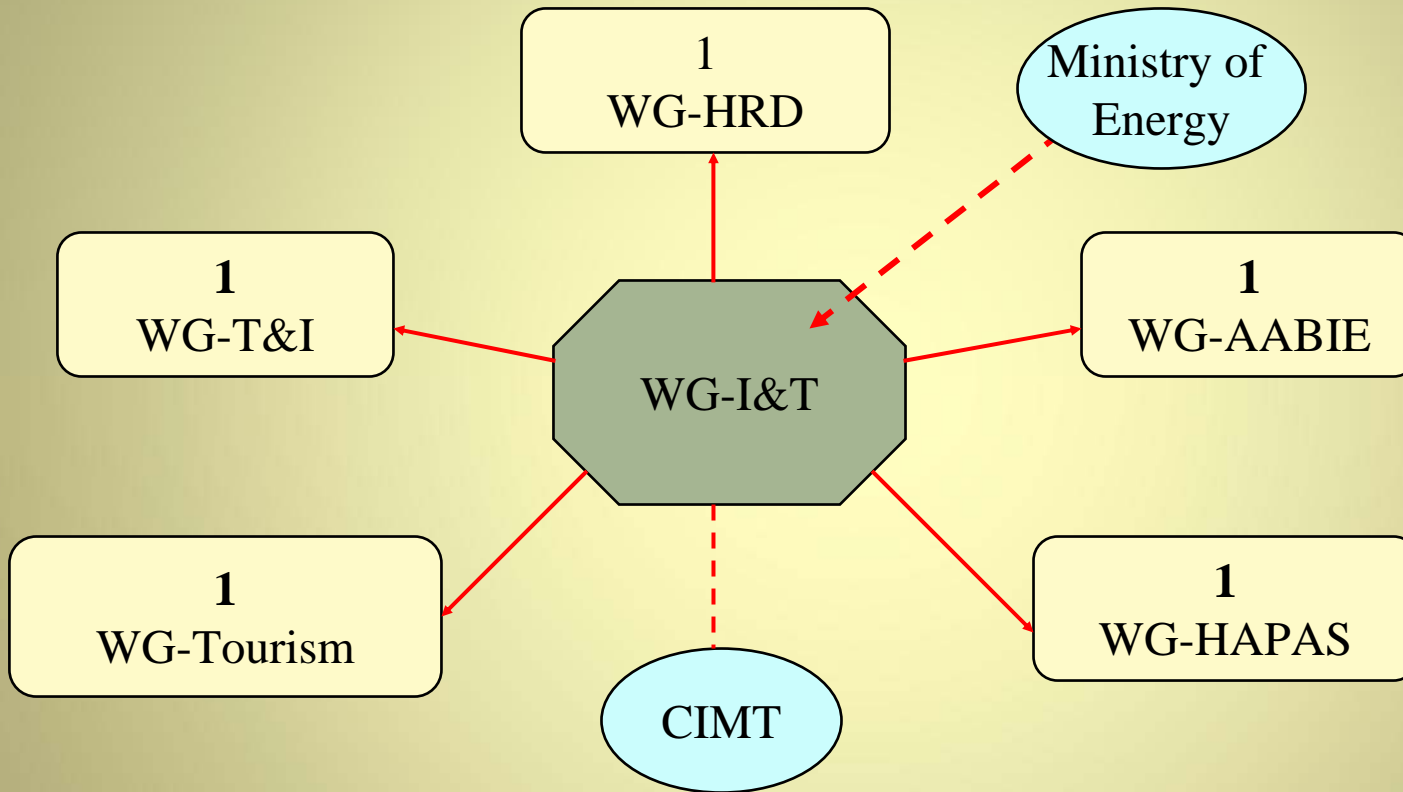
- 1) Avoid creating create new Working Groups.
Integrate Energy & Env. programmes in existing WGs;
- 2) Pick most relevant and significant areas under existing ASEAN cooperation programmes and focus implementation at State & Provincial level;
- 3) Programme ownership:
 - WG-I&T leads the Energy programme
 - WG-AAB&E leads the Env. programme
- 4) Establish Task Forces with focal-points from each existing WG:
 - Task Force on Energy (led by WG-I&T)
 - Task Force on Environment (led by WG-AABE).

Mechanism for Implementation (cont'd)

For implementation: Task Force to be split into 2 specialised Task Forces (1 for Energy, 1 for Env.);

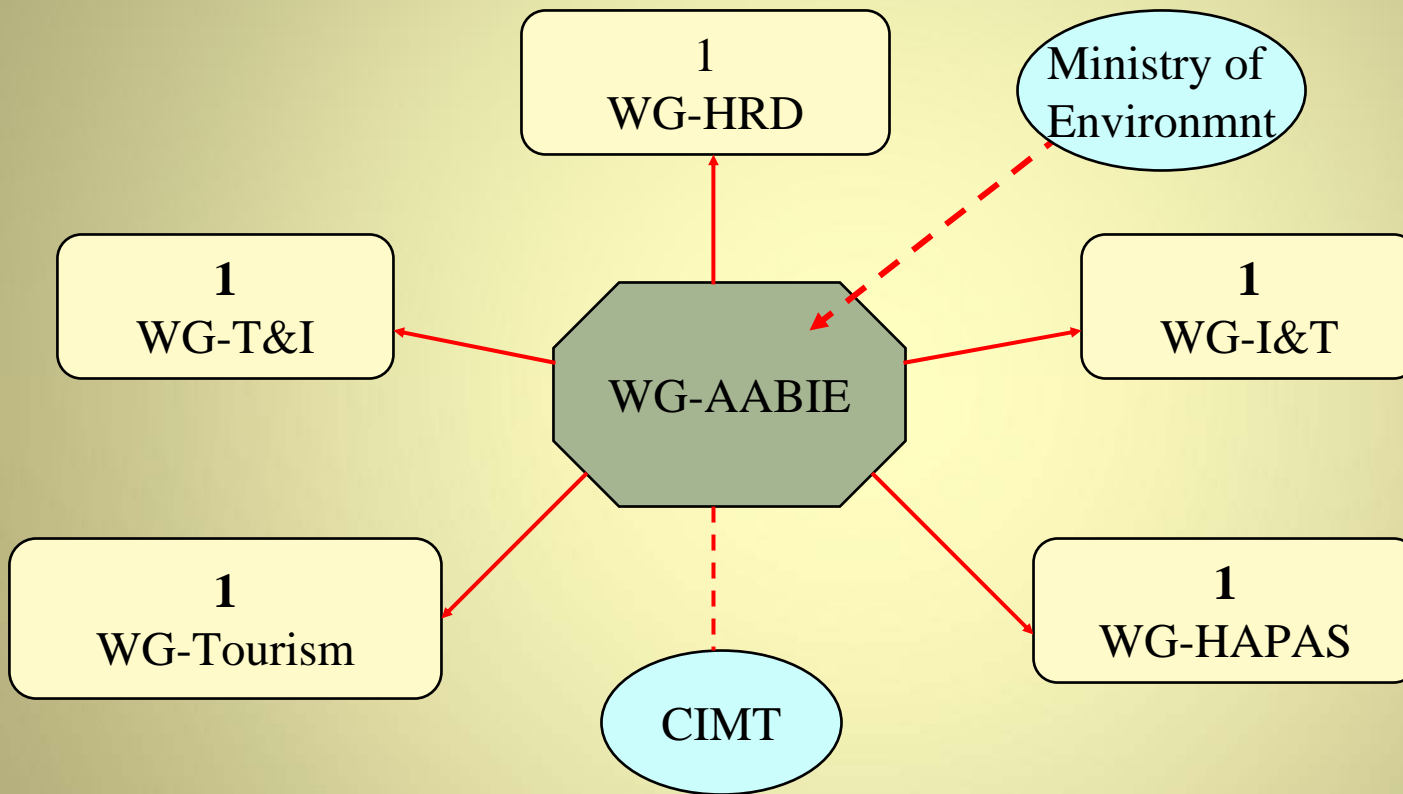
- Each Task Force will operate independently headed by WG-I&T (for Energy) & WG-AABIE (for Env). Report to SOM by these 2 WGs;
- The Focal Point from each WG is responsible to inform their WG Chair at national levels;
- The Task Force operate mostly from networking;
- Avoid the number of Task Force Meetings; Meetings or Workshops organised only if necessary to share technical & implementation issues & further strengthening of the programme;
- Being cross-cutting, the Plenary Session of Planning Meeting can be used as platform to discuss implementing progress & issues;
- CIMT would assist, its expertise on E & E could be capitalised;

Coordination & Reporting Mechanism (Energy Programme)



- ❑ Coordination among Task Force done by Focal Point from WG-I&T;
- ❑ Each Task Force member will report to their WG Chair;
- ❑ Lead Country of WG-AABIE will report to SOM;

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Workshop on Launching off the Energy & Environment Programme & the 2 Task Forces

Key participants:

	WG-AABIE	WG-HRD	WG-TRD&INV	WG-TRN&INF	WG-TOURISM	WG-HAPAS
IND	1 + 1 (En + Env)	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1
MAL	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1
THA	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1	1 + 1

Additional participants/speakers:

- Experts/officials from Ministries of Energy & Env.
- ADB & CIMT.

Summary: Implementation Steps

- 1) Presentation to 15th SOM & seeking SOM's endorsement & direction;
- 2) Further strategising during 3rd IMT-GT Planning Meeting;
- 3) Workshop to Launch off the Programme & Establish the 2 Task Forces.

*Thank You
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