

The ACCORD Plan of Action: An innovative cooperation framework for ASEAN and China

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Summary of the presentation - Part ONE

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The Regional Cooperative Mechanism to monitor and execute the ACCORD Plan of Action

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- First track
- What will happen in the next months?
- How much money do we have?

PART ONE

1. **What** is the ACCORD Plan of Action?

- Result of the International Congress "In pursuit of a drug-free ASEAN 2015: Sharing the vision, leading the change"
- Adopted by 36 countries and 16 international organisations
- The ACCORD Plan of Action (ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs) enables a cooperative network to respond to the dangers of new drugs and measure the progress

ACCORD establishes a dynamic Plan of Action, which rests on four pillars:

- ↓ Proactively advocating civic awareness on dangers of drugs and social response
- ← Building consensus and sharing best practices on demand reduction
- Strengthening the rule of law by an enhanced network of control measures and improved law enforcement co-operation and legislative review
- ↑ Eliminating the supply of illicit drugs by boosting alternative development programmes and community participation in the eradication of illicit crops

2. Why was the ACCORD Plan of Action created?

- Weak regional co-ordination;
- Fragmented strategies;
- Limited regional information sharing, processing and analysis;
- Absence of a comprehensive political and monitoring framework for regional drug control;
- Call by ASEAN Ministers at their 33rd ministerial meeting

The ACCORD Plan of Action was initiated to respond to the ASEAN Members and China's call to enhance regional collaborative efforts.

3. What are the comparative advantages of ACCORD?

1. A unique Plan of Action focussing only on drug control priorities and issues of the ASEAN Members and China;
2. A comprehensive and multisectoral Plan of Action;
3. Collective aim and strategy;
4. More and better information available online to all partners;
5. Enhanced opportunities for partnerships for partners, civil society and private sector;
6. Opportunity for collective fund-raising.

4. Which are the key characteristics of the ACCORD Plan of Action?

ASEAN & China comprehensive framework for regional drug control cooperation

- The ACCORD Plan of Action identifies the *areas for action* and recommends *the kind of action* that should be taken. The Task Force will identify the details on “who” should take actions, “how” and “when” and “how much does it costs”.

- **“Who”** are the national, regional and/or international drug control organisations and non-governmental organisations.
- **“How”** can take the form of a project, a programme, a strategy etc.
- **“When”** identifies the timeframe and deadlines for action and for results.
- **“How much does it cost”** determines the estimated requirements for the implementation of the action.

5. How is the ACCORD Plan of Action implemented and monitored?

- The Task Force Mechanism;
- The Regional Cooperative Mechanism to monitor and execute the ACCORD Plan of Action (project).

6. How much does the ACCORD Plan of Action Business Plan cost?

- Estimated to be USD 93 million for the initial four years.
- Comprises drug control projects that are ongoing, approved and/or in the pipeline and require funding.

7. *Who* will mobilise funds?

- The ACCORD partners are responsible to mobilise funds
- *How will it be done?*

Contributions to the ACCORD Business Plan might be:

- Funds for any initiative under the ACCORD Plan of Action (“unearmarked”)
- Funds for specific projects (“earmarked”)

Un-earmarked funds

- *Who decides?* Task Forces decide on the allocation of funds on the basis of their priority actions list agreed upon at the Task Forces Meeting.
- *How should the funds be managed ?*
- *And by who ?*

Earmarked funds

- *Who decides?* The donors
- For example US, Italy, Australia have contributed specifically to the “Regional Cooperative Mechanism to monitor and execute the ACCORD Plan of Action” project.

PART TWO

The Regional Coordination Mechanism to monitor and execute the ACCORD Plan of Action

Status of the Project

1. Summary of the Project

- Two Tracks
- Track I: 15 months (598,700 USD)
April 2002 - June 2003
- Track II: 20 months (734,900 USD)
July 2003 - April 2005
- Overall Budget: 1,333,600 USD
- Approved by ASEAN and China in Bali,
November 2001
- Executing agency: UNDCP

Project Objective

- To establish, operationalise and maintain a suitable coordination mechanism to facilitate the implementation of the ACCORD Plan of Action;
- to monitor progress;
- to create a regional information sharing network;
- to carry out in-depth analysis on drug control trends in the region.

2. First Track

- **Project staff selection:**
 - data analyst : recruited in Oct. 2002
 - secretary: recruited in Oct. 2002
 - project coordinator : being recruited.
expected on board by early 2003

3. What will happen in the next months? (planned project activities)

- The regional computerised information network will be set up in all partner countries;
- Appropriate hard-ware and soft-ware will be identified and procured;
- The database will be designed with data elements and specifications based on needs;
- The database administrators in each participating country will be oriented;

(planned activities – cont'd)

- Information gathering, processing and exchange will start;
- Initial drug control reports and analysis will be generated and disseminated;
- A project-dedicated website will be designed and operationalised;
- All partners will be permanently linked on-line;
- Second meeting of Task Forces will be organised in early 2003.

How much money do we have?

Total project requirement: **1,333,600 USD**

Available money:

- USA : 200,000 USD
- Australia: 140,000 USD
- Italy: 300,000 USD
- Japan: 100,000 USD (pledged)

It is a collaborative mechanism...

- ... and to succeed, it will need the inputs from all participants ..
- Regular data and information on national drug control actions;
 - An ACCORD focal point in each of the participating country;

ACCORD will work if all partners will commit to:

- Active participation and commitment;
- Collaborative and transparent processes ;
- A new cooperative culture.

Discussion points

- Who will **mobilise** the funds?
- How?
- Who will **manage** them?
- How?



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