

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

In recognition of the establishment of the ASEAN-New Zealand Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, New Zealand is strengthening our planned cooperation with ASEAN in areas of shared priority and interest. We welcome more regular political engagement through biennial Leader Summits.

Peace

New Zealand's planned priority **initiative on Transnational Organised Crime** will expand capacity building courses delivered each year.

We are strengthening maritime cooperation, engagement on disarmament issues, and defence training opportunities, and supporting ASEAN's Women, Peace and Security Agenda.



Prosperity

New Zealand is scaling up our flagship **ASEAN-New Zealand Trade Academy** initiative to welcome an expanded cohort of young trade officials from ASEAN Member States.

We are bolstering cooperation under AANZFTA and RCEP to deliver outcomes for business, and collaborating on AI, science, tech and innovation.



People

Our flagship **Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme for ASEAN** is expanding.

We are launching the ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations Fellowship to support ASEAN professionals to undertake professional development in New Zealand. We continue to provide opportunities to young entrepreneurs to develop business connections.



Planet

We are exploring cooperation on **carbon markets, and in sustainable finance.**

New Zealand has invested in the ASEAN Ventures Fund to mobilise private climate finance for scaling up early-stage technology companies that contribute to economic, climate and equity goals in the region. We are identifying ways to engage with ASEAN on the green and blue economies.



New Zealand is also launching the cross-pillar **ASEAN-New Zealand Vision Fund**.
(see over for details)

New Zealand has been a long-standing supporter of Timor-Leste's ASEAN membership and will continue to support its development objectives with NZ\$61 million over the current triennium (2024-2027).



ASEAN-NEW ZEALAND VISION FUND

Launched by New Zealand to mark the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations in 2025, the ASEAN-New Zealand Vision Fund supports effective regional cooperation and sustainable development in the ASEAN region, based on shared priorities.

Through supporting one-off, small-to-medium scale, short-term initiatives that tackle issues that matter to the region, the Fund delivers to the ASEAN-New Zealand Plan of Action themes of Peace, Prosperity, People and Planet.

The Fund is designed with flexibility in mind, providing access to funding for initiatives, including (but not limited to) feasibility studies, pilot projects, workshops, capability-building training and knowledge-transfer projects.

**NZ\$25 million is available over a five year period (2026-2030):
NZ\$5 million annually for eligible initiatives.**

Activities that meet the following criteria are eligible for funding:

- Deliver on at least one of the following thematic areas from the ASEAN-New Zealand Plan of Action 2026-2030: *governance and security (Peace)*, *economic cooperation (Prosperity)* and *climate change and environment (Planet)*, and are focused on capability-building;
- Supports small-to-medium-scale regional or sub-regional development cooperation initiatives in the ASEAN region;
- Developed in consultation with and/or participation by ASEAN regional bodies and ASEAN Member States;
- Eligible activities for Official Development Assistance; and
- A budget of NZ\$50,000 minimum to NZ\$500,000 maximum per initiative
- Can be implemented within 18 months.



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