

Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI) Workshop  
“**ASEAN Centrality in an Era of Great-Power Competition**”  
16–17 December 2021 via CISCO Webex

**AGENDA**

1. **Opening Remarks**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Session I**: Presentation by NADI delegations, 10 minutes for each member on “**The Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) and the International Rule of Law.**”

The NADI participants are encouraged to discuss how their respective countries adhere to the TAC and uphold international rule of law, all of which contribute to peace and stability in the region. Presentation may include:

1. The role that TAC and international rule of law play in the promotion of international cooperation
  2. TAC and international rule of law as factors in deepening multilateral cooperation within and outside ASEAN
  3. Efforts to promote internationally recognized norms of behavior
4. **Session II**: Presentation by NADI delegations, 10 minutes for each member on “**ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) and Individual Country Relations with Major Powers.**”

NADI participants are encouraged to discuss the important role of ASEAN Political-Security Community in regional peace and stability. Discussion is in the context of the dynamics between and among major powers. Presentation may include:

1. The implications for ASEAN community-building of the emerging new-security-oriented multilateral platforms in the region such as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (or the “Quad”) and the Australia-United Kingdom-United States Security Partnership (“AUKUS”)
  2. The effects of individual ASEAN member-states relation with major powers (such as the US and China) on the sustainability of APSC or vice versa
  3. The risks and opportunities for ASEAN brought about by China-US competition in defence technology, diplomatic influence, and regional strategic presence
5. **Session III**: Presentation by NADI delegations, 10 minutes for each member on “**National Economic Interests and ASEAN Cooperation.**”

NADI participants are encouraged to share how they view international rivalry between major countries' economic institutions and economic initiatives, as well as how these affect each ASEAN state's national economic interests. This might include discussion on how ASEAN cooperation plays out in a situation where nations have divergent or convergent economic interests. Presentation may include:

1. Competing international economic/financial initiatives/institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB) vs. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB); Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership vs. Belt and Road Initiative, among others
2. ASEAN centrality in relation to economic interests of each ASEAN member-state towards major powers

**6. Consideration of Recommendations for the Chairman's Report**

**7. Other Matters**

**8. Consideration of the Chairman's Report**

**9. Closing Remarks**

**10. Remarks from Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (SHHBIDSS) for its NADI Chairmanship for 2021**