

**Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI)**

**Meeting on “Conflicts Affecting the Region, and the ADMM/ADMM-Plus’ Role in Conflict Prevention and Management”**

**Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore, 4 – 7 November 2024**

**SYNOPSIS**

As the region contends with an evolving security landscape and mounting geopolitical pressures, it has become increasingly important for ASEAN Member States (AMS) to evaluate the ADMM/ADMM-Plus’ strategies for conflict prevention and management. As the cornerstone of the regional security architecture, the ADMM/ADMM-Plus plays a pivotal role in ensuring the peace and stability of the region, especially amidst escalating major power contestation and regional tensions. The NADI Meeting on “**Conflicts Affecting the Region, and the ADMM/ADMM-Plus’ Role in Conflict Prevention and Management**” invites delegates to share their insights on possible scenarios for conflicts within and beyond the region; and in doing so, develop innovative strategies for conflict prevention and management that the ADMM/ADMM-Plus can undertake, to ensure that ASEAN can successfully and collectively navigate through the changing security environment.

The NADI Meeting will attempt to address the following questions:

**Conflicts Affecting the Region – Scenarios**

1. What are some potential causes of the conflicts that could affect our region? (e.g., maritime disputes; water, food and energy security disputes; differences in religious or ideological values; major power rivalry)
2. How would such a conflict realistically play out in our region? (e.g., hybrid conflicts; maritime disputes leading to disrupted sea lines of communications; disruption of critical infrastructure and resources; cyber and information campaigns)
3. What would be the implications of the conflict?

**Conflicts Affecting the Region – Prevention and Management**

4. What are ASEAN’s common interests?
5. What can the ADMM/ADMM-Plus do now to encourage de-escalation and prevent the conflict from happening?

6. What existing ADMM/ADMM-Plus initiatives or mechanisms could we use to minimise potential consequences, should the conflict happen?

7. What other new mechanisms could the ADMM/ADMM-Plus explore to reduce risks and mitigate consequences?

### **AGENDA**

- (1) Opening Remarks by the NADI Workshop Chairman**
- (2) Keynote Speech**
- (3) Presentation Session I: Conflicts Affecting the Region – Scenarios**
- (4) Presentation Session II: Conflicts Affecting the Region – Prevention and Management**
- (5) Exchange of Views**
- (6) Consideration of NADI Workshop Chairman’s Report**
- (7) Other Matters**
- (8) Closing Remarks by the NADI Workshop Chairman**