



**MESSAGE FROM THE ASEAN WOMEN FOR PEACE REGISTRY (AWPR)
ON THE ASEAN WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY (WPS) SUMMIT 2025:
*Promoting Best Practices and Lessons Learned from the Implementation of the
Regional Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN***

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The ASEAN Women for Peace Registry (AWPR) participated in the second ASEAN Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Summit 2025, held on 9–10 September 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under the theme “Promoting Best Practices and Lessons Learned from the Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action on Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN (ASEAN RPA on WPS).” The Summit also commemorated the 25th Anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, alongside ASEAN’s collective progress in advancing the WPS agenda in alignment with the newly launched ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

Building on this momentum, the AWPR reaffirms its commitment to contribute meaningfully to the full implementation of the ASEAN RPA on WPS, anchored in human security. The WPS agenda should be advanced as a unified priority within regional cooperation fora, ensuring that all member states commit collectively to promoting women’s participation in peace processes, conflict prevention, and post-conflict recovery. It underscores the urgent need to ensure that women’s protection, participation, and leadership are placed at the heart of peace and security policies across the region.

The AWPR supports the development, implementation, and monitoring of National Action Plans (NAPs) on WPS across ASEAN Member States, while helping to address challenges in these processes. The principles of the WPS must be systematically integrated into national development plans, with robust reporting mechanisms that enable progress to be tracked, gaps to be identified, and accountability to be ensured across all levels of government. To guarantee effective implementation, WPS principles should be mainstreamed across cross-functional ministries—including defense, foreign affairs, justice, health, and education—so that gender perspectives become an inseparable part

of national security and development policy. Central to this commitment is ensuring that the voices of women from communities most affected by conflict, insecurity, and humanitarian crises are heard and included in shaping policy and practice.

The AWPR also encourages the strengthening of multi-stakeholder partnerships, including through the ASEAN WPS Community of Practice (CoP), and deepened engagement with relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to academia, media, youth, women's organisations, local communities and persons with disabilities. In this regard, the AWPR stresses the value of knowledge-sharing platforms, peer-to-peer learning, and capacity-building initiatives to localise the WPS agenda and make it more responsive to community needs. The AWPR highlights the importance of promoting and advocating for women's leadership and participation in peace and security decision-making, conflict prevention, resolution, and recovery. Moving forward to advance the implementation of ASEAN RPA WPS, the AWPR reinforces its commitment to support the application of the WPS lens to non-traditional security challenges, including climate security, cybersecurity, disasters, displacement, and transnational crimes.

The AWPR expresses its appreciation for the support of ASEAN's partners, whose contributions continue to advance the WPS agenda in the region, and extends its gratitude for their recognition and support of the AWPR's role. The AWPR also calls on partners to sustain long-term, inclusive, and flexible support mechanisms that ensure continuity and resilience of WPS initiatives.

The AWPR, as a Registry, stands committed to strengthening women's voices and leadership in peacebuilding, fostering dialogue across sectors and communities, and advancing the implementation of the ASEAN RPA on WPS as part of ASEAN's vision for a more resilient, inclusive, and people-centred community. Together, we envision an ASEAN where women are catalysts and partners in the achievement of peace, security and sustainable development of the region.
