

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE DIPLOMACY FOR REGIONAL PROSPERITY IN ASEAN

6–7 August 2025 | MIGHT Partnership Hub, Cyberjaya, Malaysia

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

### Preamble

We, the participants of the International Conference on Science Diplomacy for Regional Prosperity in ASEAN, comprising policymakers, diplomats, scientists, academics, industry leaders, and regional stakeholders, convened on 6–7 August 2025 in Cyberjaya, Malaysia;

Acknowledging the urgent need for greater collaboration at the intersection of science, technology, innovation, and foreign policy to address common regional and global challenges;

Guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI), and various multilateral frameworks that promote sustainable prosperity, shared futures, and peaceful cooperation;

Recognising the diverse experiences, expertise, and aspirations presented during the conference, through keynotes, panel discussions, and dialogues, on issues ranging from bio-diplomacy and the space economy to regional capacity building and science-policy integration;

Appreciating the strong support from the Government of Malaysia, the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT), the International Institute of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS-UCSI), UNESCO, National Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN) and all partnering institutions;

Hereby adopt the following resolution:

#### 1. **Strengthening ASEAN Science Diplomacy**

Urge the establishment and operationalisation of the ASEAN Centre for Science Diplomacy as a regional hub to convene, coordinate, and catalyse science diplomacy initiatives that address ASEAN's collective concerns in areas such as climate resilience, digital sustainability, health security, and inclusive development.

#### 2. **Advancing Common Interests through Science**

Commit to expanding dialogue and collaboration on shared regional priorities including, but not limited to artificial intelligence, the space economy, blue economy, water security, energy security and digital transformation by leveraging scientific cooperation as a strategic tool for trust-building, policy alignment, and innovation diplomacy. With planetary foresight.

#### 3. **Integrating Science into Foreign Policy Training**

Recommend the institutionalisation of science diplomacy modules within the training curricula of ASEAN diplomatic academies, with a focus on multilateral negotiations,

technology foresight, regulatory diplomacy, and scientific literacy for foreign service professionals, particularly from the Global South.

**4. Fostering the Next Generation of Science Diplomats**

Support programmes that train young diplomats, researchers, and policy professionals in the principles and practice of science diplomacy through regional fellowships, immersive simulations, and joint research platforms, with special emphasis on empowering underrepresented groups and indigenous perspectives.

**5. Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Development through STI**

Reaffirm the role of science, technology, and innovation (STI) as critical enablers for inclusive growth and sustainable development, and call upon ASEAN Member States to invest in regulatory coherence, infrastructure, capacity building, and technology transfer, especially for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and vulnerable communities.

**6. Championing Global-Regional Synergies**

Endorse ongoing global and regional collaborations with like-minded institutions including Asia-Europe Foundation, National Research and Innovation Agency of Indonesia (BRIN), Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA), Keio University, Science Diplomacy Center (USA), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and others. While calling for deeper ASEAN engagement in these multilateral platforms, we also extend an open invitation to other interested partners to collaborate in advancing the vision and establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Science Diplomacy.