



**SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF
THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM
EXPERTS AND EMINENT PERSONS (17TH ARF EEPs MEETING)**

**8 APRIL 2025
HILTON HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note: All times displayed in this programme are in local time (GMT+8)

09:30 – 10:00	<p>Agenda Item 1: Welcoming Remarks by Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malaysia: Datuk Prof. Dr. Mohd. Faiz Abdullah • Republic of Korea: Dr. Choi Yoon Jung
10:05 – 10:30	<p>Agenda Item 2: Review of the Implementation of the ARF Work Plan on Preventive Diplomacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on the ARF Preventive Diplomacy Work Plan <i>(ASEAN Secretariat to brief)</i> • Review of the Recommendations of the 16th ARF EEPs Meeting <i>(Republic of Korea/Brunei Darussalam to brief)</i>

10:30 – 12:30

Agenda Item 3: Regional Security Landscape in 2025

Moderator: Republic of Korea

10:30 – 11:20 Evolving Dynamics between Major Powers in the Asia Pacific**Presenter 1 (7min):****Ma. Carmina B Acuña, EEP Philippines****Discussants 2 (5min each):**

- Dr. Nem Sowath, EEP Cambodia
- Mr. Ralph Anthony Cossa, EEP U.S.

Open for Discussion by the Meeting

- *How are evolving dynamics between major powers in the Asia Pacific likely to shape the regional security landscape in this region for 2025 and beyond?*

11:20 -11:55 Effect of Regional Security Issues to ASEAN Centrality**Presenter 1 (7min):****Dr. Huong Le Thu, EEP Australia****Discussants 2 (5min each):**

- Assoc.Prof.Dr. Jittipat Poonkham, EEP Thailand,
- Dr. Oba Mie, EEP Japan

Open for Discussion by the Meeting

- *What is the impact of challenges like the crisis in Myanmar and the South China Sea dispute to ASEAN cohesion and centrality?*

11:55-12:30 Digital Security – in the context of transnational crime**Presenter 1 (7min):****Dr. Choi Yoon Jung, EEP ROK****Discussants 2 (5min each):**

- Mr. Tu Anh Tuan, EEP Viet Nam
- Prof. Bethan Greener, EEP New Zealand

Open for Discussion by the Meeting

- *What is the impact of digital technologies to security concerns in the context of transnational crime, such as scam centre and crypto heist?*

14:00 – 15:30	<p>Agenda Item 4: Beyond 30 – Revitalising the ARF Moderator: Malaysia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the key lessons the ARF can bring forward as it seeks to revitalize itself to better manage contemporary geopolitical and security realities in the Asia Pacific? What has worked, and what has not worked as intended?</i> • <i>How can the ARF successfully address the lack of consensus in handling both traditional and non-traditional security issues?</i> • <i>What are the emerging shared challenges that ARF needs to address in the future? Is there an appetite to tackle issues like climate security, transnational crime, and cyber challenges?</i> <p>14:00 – 14:10 Moderator [5-10 minutes]: Datuk Prof. Dr. Mohd. Faiz Abdullah, EEP Malaysia</p> <p>14:10 – 14:17 Presenter (7 minutes): Dr. Paul Evans, EEP Canada</p> <p>14:20 – 14:35 Discussants (5 minutes each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador Teuku Mohammad Hamzah Thayeb, EEP Indonesia - Professor Su Hao, EEP China - Mr. Ian Tan, EEP Singapore <p>Open for discussion by the Meeting</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Agenda Item 5: Recommendations of the 17th ARF EEPs Meeting</p>
16:20 – 17:00	<p>Agenda Item 6: Concluding Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs' Summary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Malaysia ➤ Republic of Korea • Dates and Venue of the 18th EEPs Meeting • Co-Chairs' Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Republic of Korea ➤ Malaysia