Future directions and alternatives for ACSC/APF

In order to build a stronger network of Southeast Asian peoples supported by civil society organizations, social movements and people’s organizations, ACSC/APF will undertake the following:

- Intensify engagements with and hold governments accountable on human rights, peace and security, trade and investment, ecological sustainability, new and emerging technologies and digital rights; migration; decent work, health and social protection, and other critical issues;
- Continue to disseminate and demand meaningful responses from ASEAN leaders and governments on the three major CSO statements on social protection, decent work and social services and the ACSC/APF proposed framework for an ASEAN-civil society dialogue on environment that recommends a fourth strategic pillar on the environment;
- Strengthen assertions by civil society and people’s movements of the people’s right to determine their development path and enjoy the outcomes of community-driven development;
- Emphasize activities and campaigns in public places related to peoples’ culture and art through various cultural forms and platforms;
- Create a platform for the engagement of younger generation of activists and human rights defenders in order to promote their full and meaningful participation in all decision-making processes;
- Broaden alliances by civil society and people’s movements and intensify advocacies and campaigns against unjust trade agreements such as RCEP and expose their negative impacts on peoples and communities;
- Recognize and support social and solidarity economy initiatives of the people as countervailing alternatives to global neoliberal capitalism, and as integral components of a people-oriented Southeast Asian regional integration;
- Continue to monitor the process of Timor Leste’s accession into full ASEAN membership. In solidarity with the people of Timor Leste, we take the principled stance supported by a concrete or formal