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## Launch of CLARE-ASEAN Initiative to accelerate research for sustainable and inclusive solutions for enhanced urban resilience to climate change in ASEAN

Announced by the UK at COP29, the **Climate Adaptation and Resilience (CLARE) programme**, is pleased to partner with the **Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)** Thailand on the **CLARE-ASEAN initiative**. This initiative aims to support transdisciplinary and action-oriented research that fosters evidence-based policies and programs to address these urgent priorities.

CLARE is a flagship research programme on climate adaptation and resilience, funded mostly (about 90%) by the UK through the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and co-funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada. CLARE is bridging critical gaps between science and action by championing Southern leadership to enable socially inclusive and sustainable action to build resilience to climate change and natural hazards.

Over the next two years, the CLARE-ASEAN initiative will seek to generate new knowledge, enhance research capacities and develop solutions to build urban resilience, particularly for ASEAN's most vulnerable urban communities.

The CLARE-ASEAN Initiative reflects the shared commitment of FCDO, IDRC and AIT to tackling climate change, through innovative and collaborative approaches and supporting ASEAN cities and communities to co-create and implement evidence-based strategies, to build resilience and thrive in the face of growing climate risks.

The Asian Institute of Technology is the main partner of the initiative which shares the importance of this initiative to promote urban resilience in ASEAN. Through transdisciplinary research and engaging multi-stakeholders, AIT shares the initiative's goal to co-create actionable solutions that respond directly to the needs of communities most at risk from climate change impacts.

The initiative adopts a comprehensive approach by crossing disciplinary boundaries, co-creating research with stakeholders, and focusing on actionable outcomes that inform evidence-based policies and practices. By engaging a wide range of stakeholders in the region—including policymakers at various levels in ASEAN, knowledge and the practice communities- the initiative will advance knowledge, engage in policy dialogues, and promote knowledge exchange. It will also encourage multi-country collaboration and peer learning to ensure sustainable and long-lasting urban resilience across ASEAN.

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