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#### South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation





•SAARC is an eco-political organization of 8 South Asian nations.

- established on 8 December 1985.
- headquartered in Kathmandu, Nepal
- largest regional organization in the world.

### The Making

Idea proposed by Bangladeshi President Ziaur Rahman

> Foreign secretaries of the seven countries met for the first time April 1981.

A series of meetings followed .

Adopted the Declaration on South Asian Regional Cooperation (SARC) in 1983.

First SAARC Summit.

### Members



### Observers



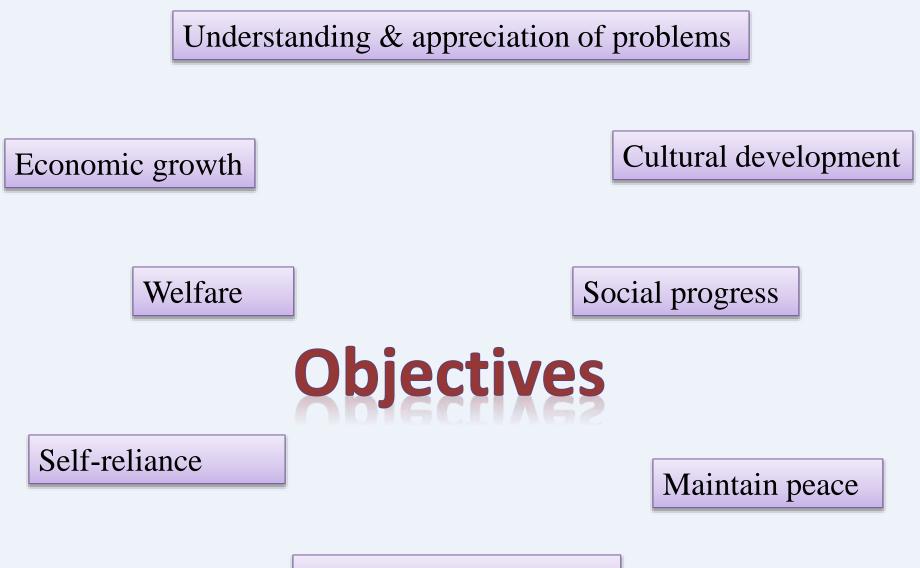
### **Potential future members**



#### Myanmar



Russia



Strengthen cooperation

Develop an transnational partnership for development.

Build upon maternal health.

Achieve universal primary education.

Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.



Eliminate absolute poverty and hunger.

Reduce child mortality.

Ensure environmental sustainability.

Promote gender equality and empower women.

### **Organizational structure**

- Council
- •Council of Ministers
- •Standing Committee
- •Programming Committee
- •Technical Committee
- •Secretariat



#### • SAFTA

•Greater cultural co-operation .

- •Advantages of Least Developed Countries.
- •The SAARC Summits have indeed created a platform for closed-door bilateral talks exclusive to the participating nations .
- •Convention on terrorism was signed in November,1987.

#### Meetings

| No.              | Country    | Host City | Dates           |  |
|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Bangladesh | Dhaka     | DEC 7-8, 1985   |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | India      | Bangalore | NOV 16-17, 1986 |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Nepal      | Kathmandu | NOV 2-4, 1987   |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Pakistan   | Islamabad | DEC 29-31, 1988 |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Maldives   | Male      | NOV 21-23, 1990 |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Srilanka   | Colombo   | DEC 21, 1991    |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Bangladesh | Dhaka     | APR 10-11, 1993 |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | India      | Delhi     | MAY 2-4, 1995   |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Maldives   | Male      | MAY 12-14, 1997 |  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Srilanka   | Colombo   | JUL 29-31, 1998 |  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Nepal      | Kathmandu | JAN 4-6, 2002   |  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Pakistan   | Islamabad | JAN 2-6, 2004   |  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Bangladesh | Dhaka     | NOV 12-13, 2005 |  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | India      | New Delhi | APR 3-4, 2007   |  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Srilanka   | Colombo   | AUG 1-3, 2008   |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Bhutan     | Timphu    | APR 28-29, 2010 |  |



- The eighteenth summit of (SAARC) was held in Kathmandu, the capital of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.
- Date- 26–27 November 2014.
- Theme of the summit was *Deeper Integration for Peace and Prosperity*, focused on enhancing connectivity between the member states for easier transit-transport across the region.
- Sushil Koirala, the then Nepalese Prime Minister, was the main host .



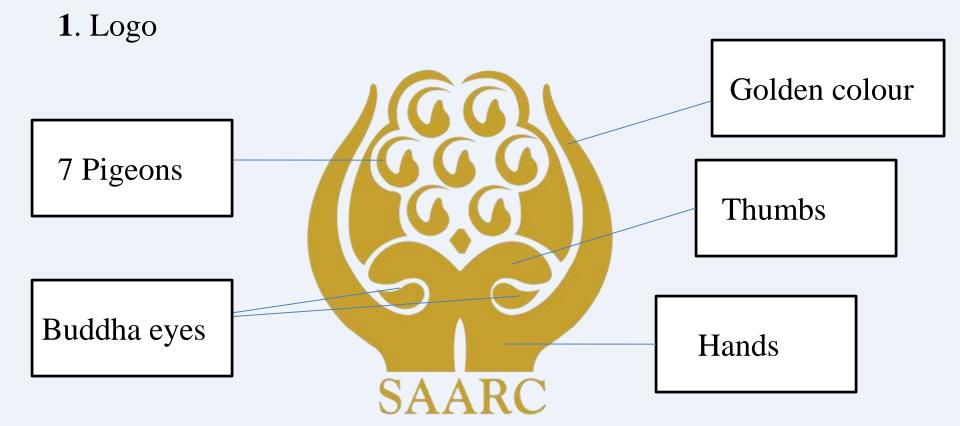
•The **19th SAARC summit** is an upcoming meeting of the head of states or head of government of the eight SAARC countries after their previous meeting in Nepal .

• The Summit will take place in Islamabad, Pakistan in 2016.

### **Problems/Failures**

- Large variety of different political system.
- Large variety regional and cultural differences.
- They lack financial resources and advance technologies.
- Involvement of external actors.
- Internal problems .
- Bilateral disputes and differences.
- Food Security Reserve failed to meet the need of Bangladesh.
- Suffers from an acute resource crunch.





2. Official language - English.

3. Headquarters - Kathmandu, Nepal

**4**. Afghanistan was later added as new full member of the association during the 13<sup>th</sup> SAARC Summit held in Dhaka in April 2007.

**5.** India has hosted the SAARC Summit for three times previously viz. in the year 1986, 1995 and 2007.

**6**. SAARC has six Apex Bodies

•SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI)

- SAARCLAW (South Asian Association For Regional Cooperation In Law)
- South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA)
- •South Asia Foundation (SAF)

•South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC)

• Foundation of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWA)



#### Association of Southeast Asian Nations





• ASEAN is a 10-member international body that represents more than 500 million people living in the region.

• Established on 8 August 1967

### The Making

ASA Constituted on 31 July 1961 with Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines as members

ASA fell short.

In June 1966, discussions to include more members

By May 1967, plans replaced by a proposal to form a new grouping .

established on 8 August 1967 (Bangkok Declaration).

### ASEAN : STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

- First 10 years (1967-1976): **establishment**, solidarity, dialogue partners
- The next 20 years: (1977-1997): expansion Brunei (1984);
  Vietnam (1995); Lao PDR and Myanmar (1997); and
  Cambodia (1999)
- The next 10 years: (1998-2007): vision, formalization
- The next 7 years: (2008-2015): Community building







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|----------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Brunei<br>Darussalam | Cambodia    | Indonesia | Lao PDR  | Malaysia |
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| Myanmar              | Philippines | Singapore | Thailand | Vietnam  |





#### Papua New Guinea

forum for resolution of intra- regional differences regional differences

cultural development

economic growth

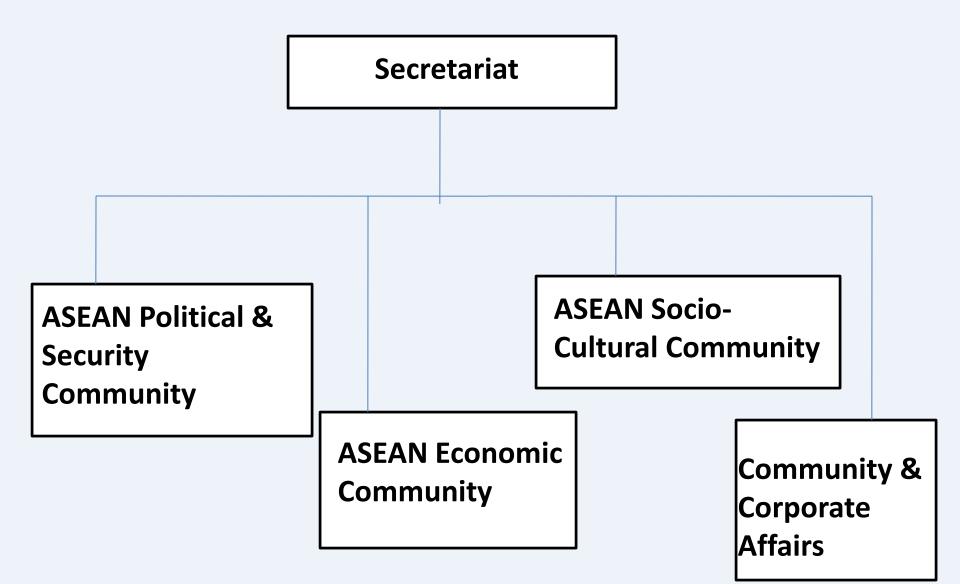
#### Objectives

promote regional peace and stability

social progress

collaboration and mutual assistance on matters of common interest.

#### **ASEAN Secretariat and Organisational structure**





•ASEAN Economic Community faces numerous challenges.

• Climate changes: implications of food security.(Haze problem)

• Problem of development divide.

### Achievements

•Connecting within ASEAN and Beyond:

- Transport Corridor Trade and Transport Facilitation Corridor
- Logistic Corridor
- Urbanization Development Corridor
- Economic Corridor and Spatial Development to promote inclusive growth
- •ASEAN University Network

### Achievements

- Financial integration
- (1)Reallocation of factors of production across sectors of different productivity .
- (2) Diversification, upgrading, and deepening of new product methods and processes
- (3) Different inputs
- (4) Urbanization
- (5) Social changes



- Single Aviation Market
- Association of SEA Institutions of Higher learning(ASAIHL)
- Nature parks opened to protect region's natural treasure (e.g. Mt Kinabalu )
- multi-sport event held after SEA games for disabled athlete.
- ASEAN scholarship

### **External Relations**

#### **C.1. Strengthening ASEAN Centrality in Regional Cooperation and Community Building**

Two-pronged approach on ASEAN Centrality :- acceleration of ASEAN integration & intensification of ASEAN's external relations.

#### **C.2. Promoting Enhanced Ties with External Parties**

Dialogue partnership :Strategic, Enhanced and Comprehensive Practical cooperation:- projects and programmes 70 Non-ASEAN Ambassadors to ASEAN 37 ASEAN Committees in Third Countries

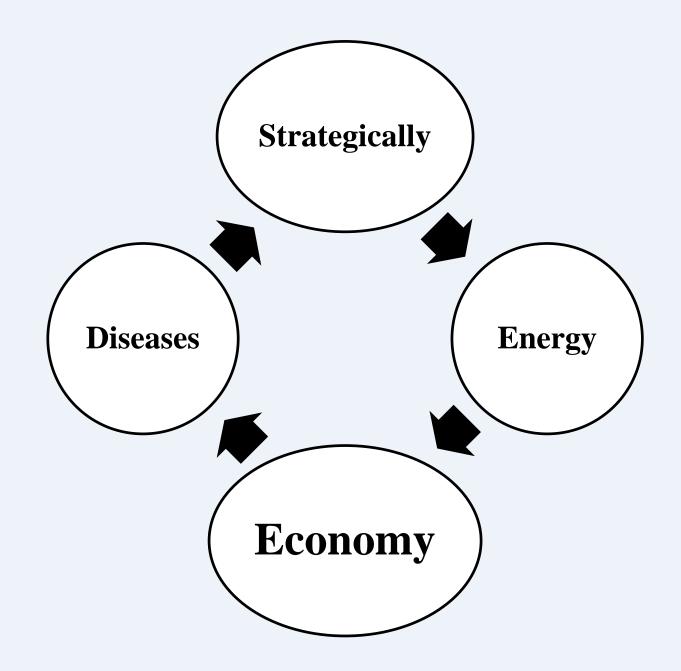
C.3.Strengthening Consultations and Cooperation on Multilateral Issues of Common Concern ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations (Bali Concord III)

### INDIA – ASEAN RELATION

| <b>Combined Population</b> | <b>1.8 billion = 1/4<sup>th</sup> of total world population</b> |
|----------------------------|---|
| Combined GDP               | 4 trillion USD  |
| Two way investment         | 40+ billion dollars in past decade                              |

- India is actively contributing to ASEAN+1, the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), the East Asia Summit (EAS) and the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Plus etc.
- We have institutionalized annual summits, ministerial consultations; and nearly 25 mechanisms for dialogue and cooperation.

# Why ASEAN is important for India?





- The 27th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit was held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Date :- on 21 November 2015
- The theme for the 2015 summit was **Our People, Our Community, Our Vision**



## THANK YOU

