

Drivers for Sustainable Security

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Sustainable Security

- ASEAN must have greater international cooperation in all sectors
- In order to have sustainable security, ASEAN must continue with cooperation on its three pillars:
 - Political Security
 - Economic Security
 - Socio-Cultural Security

Political Security

- Increase major power rivalries in the regions which threatens to divide ASEAN
- To remain united ASEAN Member Countries must remain sensitive to each others' interests
- ASEAN centrality and neutrality must remain core principles in dealing with external powers

Economic Security

- ASEAN as a bloc has huge economic potential
- Trade with external partners is crucial for ASEAN growth prosperity
- Growing trend towards protectionism in the US present risks for ASEAN
- ASEAN should actively participate in all regional economic initiatives

Socio-Cultural Security

- Growing religious and ethnic fault lines in the region
- Has the potential to divide ASEAN
- Radicalisation is always a major risk
- More must be done to promote people-to-people interactions and understanding

Recommendations

- ASEAN neutrality in the face of pressures from external powers, on issues like SCS
- ASEAN centrality must be maintained to ensure it remains in the driver's seat in terms of regional agenda setting
- ASEAN should actively participate in all regional economic initiatives