

### **Session III**

Ms. Yura Suma focused on the driving factors specifically the foundations that lead to sustainable security from the ASEAN context. In this regard, the ASEAN-wide drivers identified were its collective leadership, comprehensive security approach as well as the importance placed on ASEAN to be inclusive, open and outward looking community. These elements have been further driven in the realisation of ASEAN Political Security Community in particular through the shaping and sharing of norms developed among ASEAN and its dialogue partners. In defence perspectives, sustainable security place importance in the establishment and reaffirmation of good relations between defence and military organisations.

She highlighted there is growing support towards ASEAN processes and for a stronger ASEAN role. Within the ADMM, this is reflected with a more action oriented cooperation in the form of multinational exercises and high level exchanges among ADMM and its Plus partners. Today, she observed, the challenge lies in managing the expectations of this emerging security architecture from countries outside the region and underscores the importance for ASEAN to retain its driving force in the process. In practical terms, existing ASEAN multilateral processes particularly the ARF overlaps with ADMM agenda and a synergy of cooperation is ever more crucial in light of constraints in resources and capabilities. In the context of increasingly complex security trends, she viewed that ASEAN needs to look further into cross sector cooperative efforts in order to build ASEAN's resilience, early detection/warning and fast recovery so the region remains agile and anticipatory to challenges ahead.