

Structure of the Light of the East

In order to provide a comprehensive experience of the complicated diplomatic relations in South-East Asia, the Light of the East (LoE) will consist of 4 different Committee formats:

1. ASEAN Political-Security Community Council (APSCC, Ministers) (Chair: Malte Westphal)

This Council will consist of the 10 ASEAN delegates. Its goal is to find a joint ASEAN way to address issues of inter- and intra-regional security. Its focus is however on the cooperation within the and prepare the ARF. It will mainly focus on military conflicts and the question of North Korea and produce adopted resolution drafts. Delegates are open to add items to the agenda.

2. ASEAN Regional Forum Contact Group (ARF CG, Ministers) (Chairs: Luca Beermann (Main Chair) + Sebastian Witt (Co-Chair))

This Council will consist of the 15 non-ASEAN delegates present at the ARF plus the "Representative of ASEAN nations". It serves as a preparatory body for the non-ASEAN nations to the ARF. It will mainly focus on economic cooperation and disaster risk reduction in terms of climate change and produce adopted resolution drafts. Delegates are open to add items to the agenda.

3. ARF Pre Council (Ministers) (Chairs: Malte Westphal + Luca Beermann)

The Pre-Council will be conducted two times over the course of the conference. It will consist of all present member states. This council can be compared to minister-level summits to prepare large Head-of-State summits.

It serves as a forum to exchange ideas and pave the way for an successful ARF. In order to do so both councils present their draft resolutions and discuss them. It will work on the adopted resolution drafts on all topics. The procedure follows the debate on a draft resolution (§5 (4)) and the number of amendments is limited to five (see Rules of Procedure §13 (1) VIII-IX).

4. General Assembly of the ASEAN Regional Forum (Head of State) (SUMMIT) (Chairs: Malte Westphal + Luca Beermann)

The ARF will consist of all Delegates. It will convene on the last day of the conference to work all adopted resolutions (and maybe adopted resolution drafts) into a "Statement of the Session" and discuss final amendments. It will also vote on the final "Statement of the Session". The submitters of the resolutions may agree on one preamble for the Statement of the Session, which will be voted on in the committee. The adoption of the "Statement of the Session" requires a qualified majority + all ASEAN states voting in favor.

The procedure (very recommendable to read!):

Aiming for one overall-resolution called "Statement of the Session" in the General Assembly of the ASEAN Regional Forum at the end of the sessions, the participants of the Light of the East in the different councils work together on different topics. Both councils may add topics to their agenda with a motion to add an item to the agenda if the delegates wish so. Draft resolutions adopted in the ARF or its Pre Council are called "resolutions" from that time onwards. They count as adopted from that time onwards. An adoption requires a qualified majority plus all ASEAN states voting in favor.

The APSCC and the ARF Contact Group (ARF CG) may provide adopted resolution drafts the ARF can work on. These adopted resolution drafts will be presented at the beginning of the next ARF Pre Council sessions or final Summit. The procedure then follows the debate on a draft resolution. With a motion to introduce a draft resolution the ARF / ARF Pre Councils votes on the debate about one specific adopted resolution draft of the APSCC or the ARF CG.

In this following debate the number of friendly or unfriendly amendments is limited to five. When the speakers list runs out and the council dealt with five amendments, the ARF proceeds into voting procedures directly.

At Sunday morning the General Assembly of the ARF takes place. All councils of the Light of the East will hold the session together. Every delegation still has one vote in the ARF. The resolutions of the previous days shall be consolidated in one "Statement of the Session". For this, the submitters of the resolution drafts adopted in the councils of the Light of the East may work out one preamble out of the perambulatory clauses of all resolutions. This will be voted on in the ARF with a qualified majority necessary. The whole "Statement of the Session" requests a qualified majority + all ASEAN member states voting in favor. The target is a huge cooperation between the councils and delegates.

Timetable of the Sessions:

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Session I (splitted, APSCC & ARF CG)	Session IV (splitted, APSCC & ARF CG)	Session VII (ARF GA)
Session II (joint, ARF Pre-Council)	Session V (joint, ARF Pre-Council)	
Session III (splitted, APSCC & ARF CG)	Session VI (splitted, APSCC & ARF CG)	