PROGRAM SCHEDULE
DÍLI REGIONAL COOPERATIVE CONFERENCE
2 – 3 October 2026

DAY 1 – FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2026 | Opening Session, Plenary Sessions & ASEAN Cooperative Expo Opening			
TIME	**SESSION**	**CHAIR / KEY SPEAKERS / PANELISTS**	**DETAILS / REMARKS**
08:00 – 08:45	**Registration of Delegates**	N/A	Arrival and registration at Palm Spring Hotel, Díli.
08:45 – 09:00	**Pre-Opening**	Arriving Delegations	Welcome reception and coffee for arriving participants.
09:00 – 10:00	**Opening Session**	Remarks: **H.E. Arsénio Pereira da Silva, Secretary of State for Cooperatives of Timor-Leste** Remarks: **H.E. Datuk Seri Dr. Abdul Fattah Abdullah, President of ASEAN Cooperative Organization (ACO)** Inaugural Address and Official Opening of the DRCC: **H.E. Filipus Nino Pereira, Minister of Commerce and Industry of Timor-Leste**	High-Level Opening Ceremony, followed by the official opening of the Conference and the Official Group Photo. (Open to All Registered Participants)
10:00 – 10:20	**Coffee Break**	All Participants	—
10:20 – 12:20	**Special Session** ***Advancing Timor-Leste's ASEAN Economic Integration: Sectoral Pathways Forward***	Moderator: **Ms. Ralyana Horta Ribeiro, National Director for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Timor-Leste** 1. Panelist: **H.E. Filipus Nino Pereira, Minister of Commerce and Industry**	This session examines Timor-Leste's path towards ASEAN economic integration, highlighting key sectoral pathways, including trade and commerce, agriculture, and cooperatives, through which the country can advance its economic integration agenda.

		2. Panelist: **H.E. Helder Lopes, Governor of Central Bank of Timor-Leste** 3. Panelist: **H.E. Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)** 4. Panelist: **H.E. Milena Rangel, Vice Minister for ASEAN Affairs, Timor-Leste** 5. Panelist: **H.E. Arsénio Pereira da Silva, Secretary of State for Cooperatives of Timor-Leste**	(Open to All Registered Participants)
12:20 – 14:00	**Lunch**	All Participants	Venue: Palm Spring Hotel Restaurant.

14:00 – 16:00	**Plenary Session I** ***The Role and Contribution of Cooperatives to National Development and Inclusive Economic Growth***	Moderator: **Mr. Arcanjo da Silva, Former Vice Minister of Development and Executive Director of TradeInvest Timor-Leste** 1. Panelist: **Dr. Phanxay Ingxa, Deputy Director General of Agriculture Extension and Cooperative of Lao PDR** 2. Panelist: **Ms. Shivali Sarna, Head of Communications and Membership Development, Representative from ICA-AP** 3. Panelist: **Mr. Lihuwana Orlando Petrus, Councilor of Credit Union Pão Moris and Pioneer of Cooperative Movement in Timor-Leste**	This session explores the role and contribution of cooperatives to national development and inclusive economic growth, highlighting national experiences and best practices. (Open to All Registered Participants)

		4. Panelist: **Ms. Celestra Fátima, President of CU HRER, Timor-Leste** 5. Panelist: **Dr. Brigida Antónia Correia, President of KOFETIL, Timor-Leste**	
16:00 – 16:20	**Coffee Break**	All Participants	—
18:30 – 21:00	**Opening of the ASEAN Cooperative Expo 2026**	All Participants & Exhibitors	Official opening at Díli Convention Center (DCC).

DAY 2 – SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2026 | Plenary Session & Closing

TIME	SESSION	CHAIR / KEY SPEAKERS / PANELISTS	DETAILS / REMARKS
08:30 – 09:00	**Arrival & Coffee**	All Delegates	
09:00 – 11:00	**Plenary Session II** ***Empowering Cooperatives through Financial Aid & Banking Ecosystems***	Moderator: **Mr. Manuel Vong, Former Minister of Tourism and current Councillor of *Paun Moris* Credit Union** 1. Panelist: **Ms. Sara Lobo Brites, Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Timor-Leste** 2. Panelist: **Mr. Thorn Vandong, Senior Adviser of Cambodia Agricultural Cooperative Alliance** 3. Panelist: **Ms. Domingas dos Santos, President of LANAMONA Credit Union, Timor-Leste**	This session explores how financial aid and banking ecosystems can strengthen cooperative development. (Open to All Registered Participants)

		4. Panelist: **Mr. Rui Castro, Vice President of CCITL** 5. Panelist: **Mr. Tendy Gunawan, Rural Development TVET Officer, ILO Office in Dili**	
12:00 – 14:00	**Lunch**	All Participants	Venue: Palm Spring Hotel Restaurant.
14:00 – 16:00	**Plenary Session III** ***Community-Based Cooperative Champions and Socio-Economic Transformation***	Moderator: **Mr. Dato' Dr. Abdul Rahman Bin Abdul Razak Shaik, Deputy President of Malaysian National Co-operative Movement (ANGKASA)** 1. Panelist: **Mr. Riza Azmi, Assistant Deputy for the Digitalization of Cooperatives, Ministry of Cooperatives of Indonesia** 2. Panelist: **Mr. Haji Mazri Mahmood - CEO Koperasi Sahabat Malaysia Berhad (Kop Sahabat), Malaysia** 3. Panelist: **Mr. Efendee O P Andu, Vice Chief Executive Officer (Operations and Regulation) Suruhanjaya Koperasi Malaysia / Malaysia Co-operative Societies Commission of Malaysia** 4. Panelist: **Dato' Kamarudin Bin Ismail, Vice President of the Malaysian National Co-Operative Movement (ANGKASA)**	This session showcases community-based cooperative champions and their contribution to socio-economic transformation. (Open to All Registered Participants)

16:00 – 16:20	**Official Closing of DRCC**	All Participants	Palm Spring Hotel