

APM 2026

Bogor, Indonesia

Official Meeting Report



Event	APM 2026
Venue	SGB Learning Centre, Bogor, Indonesia
Dates	10 – 12 September 2026 (3 days)
Participants	13 participants representing SCI branches across the Asia-Pacific region
Report Focus	Peacebuilding, international volunteering, organisational sustainability, networking and Asia-Pacific regional development
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Brief Report

APM 2026 was held over three days, from 10 to 12 September 2026, at SGB Learning Centre, Bogor, Indonesia. The meeting brought together 13 participants representing Service Civil International (SCI) branches from across the Asia-Pacific region for structured dialogue on peacebuilding, international volunteering, organisational sustainability, regional networking and the future direction of the Asia-Pacific Peace Region.

Delegates arrived on 10 September and were welcomed with an evening dinner and a creative introductory activity. Over the two working days that followed, sessions combined reflective and experiential exercises with organisational presentations from CCIVS and IEC representatives, branch-level sharing of best practices and impact assessments, and forward-looking discussions on regional networking, the sustainability of the ALO Office, and the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for 2026–27. The meeting concluded with a shared understanding of priority areas for the region and concrete directions for strengthening SCI's presence, partnerships and impact across Asia-Pacific.

Day 0 – Arrival and Welcome (10 September 2026)

Participants arrived at the venue on 10 September, marking the start of the three-day meeting. The evening programme was designed to welcome delegates and set a collaborative tone for the days ahead.

Welcome Dinner and Introductions

A welcome dinner was held for all arriving participants. This was followed by a creative introductory activity, organised by Wilbert, in which participants introduced themselves and their respective SCI branches. The activity provided an informal and engaging setting for delegates to become acquainted with one another ahead of the formal sessions on Day 1.



Day 1 – Peace, Volunteering and Organisational Sustainability (11 September 2026)

1. Opening Session

Day 1 began at 09:00 with an introduction to the meeting's agenda and objectives. The session was formally opened by the senior representative/facilitator and was attended by all 13 participants. The initial focus of the day was on understanding participants' perspectives and experiences of peace and peacebuilding.

2. Understanding Peace

Participants were invited to reflect on and discuss the following key questions:

- What is peace?
- What is not peace?
- How can peace be achieved?
- How can I personally contribute to peace?

These questions were written on charts, where every participant could write their own ideas on the meaning of peace, followed by a group discussion on the responses shared.

3. Organisational / Movement Session — Hani, CCIVS Coordinator for Youth

Hani, CCIVS Coordinator for Youth, presented an overview of CCIVS, including its structure, functions, roles and contribution to the international volunteer movement. The session helped participants better understand the organisation, its network, and the role of international volunteering in supporting peace, community development and cross-cultural cooperation.

4. Suggestions and Best Practices

Participants shared practical suggestions and examples of good practice for strengthening volunteering and youth engagement across branches:

- Increase opportunities for physical volunteering, particularly through NGOs.
- Strengthen youth involvement and create meaningful opportunities for young people to participate.
- Build stronger collaboration with universities, schools and other educational institutions.
- Develop mentoring and mentorship initiatives for young volunteers and emerging leaders.
- Establish or strengthen youth and community clubs.
- Share, document and replicate successful practices across branches and countries.
- Strengthen international volunteering and cooperation through networking and joint initiatives.

5. Post-Lunch Session — Presentation on IEC by Dr. Shobha

Dr. Shobha presented an overview of the IEC, covering its structure, functions, goals, vision and mission. The presentation was well received, and participants' questions regarding the IEC were addressed. The session also provided an opportunity to discuss challenges and opportunities in developing international volunteering and cooperation.

6. Sustainability of SCI Branches

The final discussion of Day 1 focused on the sustainability of SCI branches and the factors that may contribute to organisational failure. The discussion highlighted the importance of strengthening

organisational systems and ensuring long-term sustainability:

- **Funding** — Financial instability and limited resources can affect continuity.
- **Burnout** — Overwork and exhaustion among teams and leaders can reduce organisational capacity.
- **Systems and organisational capacity** — Weak internal structures may affect effective functioning.
- **Decision-making** — Ineffective governance and operational strategies can create difficulties.
- **Impact** — Difficulty in measuring and demonstrating social value may affect visibility and support.

Key emphasis: Organisations need sustainable funding, strong internal systems, effective decision-making, healthy workloads and clear mechanisms to demonstrate social impact.

Day 1 – Photo Highlights



Day 2 – Partnerships, Networking and Future Direction (12 September 2026)

Morning Activity — Nature Walk

The day began with a short Laughing Yoga session conducted by Janak, which got participants ready for a nature walk. Delegates then went on a beautiful nature trek nearby, using the walk to explore challenges and build bonding among the group. The activity was refreshing before breakfast and kept everyone active and engaged for the day's meeting.



1. External Partnerships and Networking

The second day continued with a focus on the importance of external partnerships and networking across the Asia-Pacific region:

- Explore opportunities for collaboration with external organisations and institutions.
- Build stronger regional and cross-country networks.
- Use partnerships to increase opportunities for volunteering, youth engagement and community development.

2. Group Activity — Building a Strong Network

A group activity was conducted on how to build a strong and effective network. Each group presented its ideas and outcomes, allowing participants to exchange experiences and identify practical networking approaches. A Human Library activity was also organised to encourage participants to learn from one another through personal experiences and direct interaction.

3. SCI Impact Assessment and Community Interviews

Participants discussed SCI impact assessment and community interviews. Each branch presented its report, highlighted existing gaps (lacunae), and discussed areas for improvement:

- Review the impact of branch activities on communities.
- Identify gaps and areas requiring improvement.
- Strengthen community feedback and participation.
- Document outcomes and lessons learned for future planning.

4. Sustainability of the ALO Office and Regional Development

A major brainstorming session focused on sustaining the ALO Office and strengthening regional development. Participants discussed how the ALO Office could be funded in the coming years and explored the need for sustainable financial and organisational mechanisms:

- Develop sustainable funding approaches for the ALO Office.
- Strengthen regional coordination and support to branches.
- Explore partnerships and resource mobilisation opportunities.
- Ensure continuity of regional programmes and activities.

5. IDEA Working Group — Presented by Dr. Shobha

Dr. Shobha explained the IDEA Working Group and its importance as an Asian-level working group for coordinating activities. The discussion highlighted the group's potential role in strengthening cooperation, communication and coordinated action across the region.

6. Asia-Pacific Peace Region — Future Direction and Plan of Action 2026–27

A further brainstorming session focused on the future direction of the Asia-Pacific Peace Region. Participants discussed priorities and developed ideas for a Plan of Action for 2026–27:

- Strengthen regional networking and cooperation.
- Encourage greater participation of volunteers and young people.
- Increase opportunities for volunteer camps across the region.
- Improve coordination and sharing of activities among branches.
- Develop practical actions that support peacebuilding and community engagement.
- Continue discussions on sustainable regional structures and resources.

Key Outcomes of APM 2026

- Greater reflection on peace, active listening and personal contribution to peacebuilding.
- Improved understanding of CCIVS, SCI and the international volunteer movement.
- Identification of practical approaches for youth engagement and mentoring.
- Recognition of key organisational sustainability challenges.
- Stronger emphasis on external partnerships and Asia-Pacific networking.
- Sharing of branch experiences, impact assessment findings and areas for improvement.
- Discussion on sustaining the ALO Office and developing future funding mechanisms.
- Introduction and discussion of the IDEA Working Group at the Asian level.
- Development of future directions and action areas for 2026–27, including more volunteer camps.

Conclusion

Over three days, APM 2026 provided a structured platform for SCI branches across the Asia-Pacific region to reflect on peacebuilding, strengthen organisational sustainability, and build the networks and partnerships needed to advance the movement's work. The discussions on branch sustainability, the ALO Office, and the 2026–27 Plan of Action set clear priorities for the region going forward, and the sharing of branch experiences and best practices reinforced the value of continued collaboration within the SCI network.