

This tenth quarterly provides a brief presentation of implementation of the Technical Cooperation for the EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (COMPASS) in the second quarter of 2017.

Integration Monitoring

Development of the AEC 2025 Compliance Monitoring Database: One of the technical assistance mission is to provide support to AIMD's capacity to systematically monitor the output of regional integration through the development of a compliance monitoring database as part of AEC 2025 M&E Framework. The objective of the technical assistance is to create a solid and functioning database on compliance monitoring for the use of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Directorate (AIMD) in its integration monitoring work. The intranet-based database will allow the AIMD and ASEAN Secretariat desk officers to update the implementation status of their sectoral work plans, and will include features such as real-time updating, upload facility for supporting documents, and downloading of data in different formats to support report generation.

Development of a consolidated statistical indicators database (Integration Monitoring Database): The objective of this second technical assistance is to carry out the recommendations outlined in the Feasibility Study towards developing a Consolidated Statistical Integration Database supported by COMPASS in September 2016. The Integration Monitoring Database will support AIMD's capacity to monitor statistics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as part of outcomes-level monitoring under the AEC 2025 M&E Framework. The database consolidated KPIs identified by sectoral bodies from ASEANstats and third-party databases, and allows for continuous monitoring and updating of the database (instead of ad hoc compilation).

Development of professional templates of the ASEAN Economic Integration Brief. The objectives of the technical assistance are to develop professional templates for the ASEAN Economic Integration Brief using Microsoft Publisher and Adobe InDesign and to provide training to AIMD staff on the use of Microsoft Publisher and Adobe InDesign to maintain and update the template. The ASEAN Economic Integration Brief will provide a periodic more detailed update on ASEAN economic integration, including the showcasing of outcomes monitoring using ASEAN statistics. The inaugural edition of the ASEAN Economic Integration Brief was officially launched on 30 June 2017.

International Merchandises Trade Statistics

Yangon, 2-3 May 2017, Fourth CLMV Workshop on IMTS data

The objective of this workshop was to identify the pending issues faced by CLMV countries in the definition and production of IMTS data and to discuss the work plan of CLMV's IMTS data quality improvements for the next two years. The CLMV's IMTS work plan should identify the activities where external support is needed either at national or at sub-regional CLMV level, as a part of IMTS Work Plan that has been agreed by Working Group on IMTS (WGIMTS). This workshop was also the opportunity to discuss the status of CLMV's IMTS data transmission to ASEANStats and possible update of the data transmission protocol, to present and discuss the use of Customs Procedures in order to define the scope of IMTS data according to international standards, to present the status of implementation of Eurotrace in CLMV countries and discuss about future developments, to discuss specific quality issues.



Nay Pyi Taw, 4 – 12 May 2017, IMTS Technical Assistance Mission to Myanmar Customs

The objectives were to discuss with Myanmar Customs on pending questions on customs procedures and other information which could be used in the production of IMTS data; to assist the CSO in checking the correct application of international standards in IMTS data produced by the CSO; to adapt the Eurotrace tool to the specific requirements of IMTS in Myanmar: including the definition of the scope (using all information available in Customs declarations), introduction of enhanced validation rules to improve credibility checks, such as outliers detection, as well as initiation on the use of mirror statistics; and to test a tool able to compute unit value indices.

Services International Trade Statistics

Vientiane, 24 – 28 April 2017, Technical assistance mission by SITS Lead Expert

The objective was to facilitate a one-day hands-on workshop to review the conceptual requirements and develop sources and methods for the three main components of SITS namely transport, travel and insurance. An additional objective was to work on the planning for the next round of SITS surveys and assess the system requirements to process the results. It was not possible to address this objective during the mission as the Lao authorities are not yet in a position to specify the IT requirements. This will only be possible when the survey instruments are finalised and the samples for each survey agreed.



Institutional Building

ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta), 10 – 24 April 2017 and 15 – 24 May 2017, two technical assistance missions by Senior Short-Term Expert.

The objective of the first mission was to prepare a first draft of the main report of the ASEAN@50 master outreach statistical publication. The publication highlights ASEAN's evolution and progress over the last half century in the following themes: economic progress, social progress, economic connectivity. The second mission was to prepare a second draft of the main report of the ASEAN@50 master outreach statistical publication. The expert also started to prepare suggested list of infographic themes derived from the ASEAN@50 master publication for data communication/media outreach.

ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta), 11 – 28 April 2017, technical assistance mission by Senior Short-Term Expert.

During this mission, the COMPASS expert provided advice on the implementation of a revised M&E System for the ACSS, entailing closer alignment to the AEC 2025 M&E Framework, with more emphasis on outcomes-level key performance indicators (KPIs). The expert also carried out technical assistance on the implementation of the Code of Practice (CoP) self-assessment for the WGDSA; drafted a concept note with recommendations on follow-up activities for consideration by stakeholders, and initiated preparatory contacts with UNSIAP. In addition, the expert started to plan and to prepare of future activities on user-producer engagement in consultation with ASEANstats staff; to support the WGDSA with the implementation of dissemination strategies, and to provide advice to the WGDSA on the implementation of the snapshot tool for CoP.

ASEAN Secretariat (Jakarta), 14 – 27 April 2017, technical assistance mission by IB Lead Expert.

The objectives of the mission were to support a one-day workshop and test the Guidelines on "how to echo/cascade the outcomes of meetings of the ACSS bodies meetings" in two additional AMS (preferably one ASEAN6 and one CLMV), to support ASEANstats in the preparation and conduct of statistical activities/publications to celebrate the 50th Year of ASEAN, including the conduct of a High-Level Advocacy Forum, to support the CSO, Myanmar in the implementation of the NSDS, to assist the CSO Myanmar in the alignment, coherence and consistency between the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and the NSDS, to assist the ASEANstats in the preparation for the Working Group on the System of National Accounts (WGSNA) Workshop and to provide updates on the status of the 8 CLMV scholars who are expected to finish their Master's Degrees at the University of the Philippines School of Statistics in June 2017 under the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN (AHA) initiative.

Information Technology and Dissemination

Several technical Assistance missions were done by ITD experts to ASEC between 30 March until 19 May 2017.

The targeted results of those missions are to provide a continuous support to ASEANStats for the production and dissemination of statistical database, to finalise the development the bridging application according to the functional analysis developed after two previous joined mission of ITD experts in July and August 2016. The bridging application will work from both Eurotrace Access and Microsoft SQL server platforms. Another technical assistance mission was aiming to ensure the compilation of ASEAN Member States' IMTS monthly data (including data inputs) for the period of 2010-2015 in the new revised structure; to update the existing job user manual and technical documentation manual developed by the ITD lead expert if necessary, and to help ASEANstats in checking of IMTS data consistencies between AMSs' submitted data and the uploaded data in Eurotrace. Another objective was to follow up the setting in production of the Data Transmission Tool.

Lao Statistical Bureau, 24 – 28 May 2017, technical assistance mission by ITD short term expert.

During this period, the ITD expert provided on-the job training on Eurotrace for IMTS field, in particular for the staff in charge of production/dissemination of IMTS data in Customs authorities and Statistical Offices of CLMV countries. Among other activities, he provided assistance in order to use Eurotrace for the definition of the scope of IMTS, for the definition of validation rules, update of new nomenclatures and correlation tables, and data dissemination, he organised a training session on the use of the Data Transmission Tool, he prepared a draft work plan for the improvement of use of IT tools for the production of IMTS data in CLMV countries, he solved specific issues encountered. Lastly, the COMPASS expert participated to the definition of the needs in SITS fields for supporting the development/update of a database of travel, transport, and insurance surveys, taking into account the results from the SITS Pilot Survey. This was done together with the SITS expert.

Cambodia, 22 – 26 Mai, 2017. Technical Assistance Mission by ITD short term expert to National Bank of Cambodia in FDIS fields.

For the ITD assistance in FDIS fields, the output was to develop the specifications for the development of ad hoc tools needed for data processing. The objective of the technical assistance mission was to reduce the gap with other ASEAN Member States by improving the capacity of the National Bank of Cambodia to compile statistics based on the International Transactions Reporting System for the Cambodian Banking Sector.



Overlapping this previous period, a mission on International Transactions Reporting Systems (ITRS), which is usually defined as an international transaction reporting system through containing flow of funds of banks and customer transaction was completed by an expert from the Department of Statistics of the Bank of Indonesia between 22 – 25 May 2017, under the facility “ASEAN helps ASEAN”. During this mission, the expert provided support to the National Bank of Cambodia in developing ITRS, creating the validation procedure to ensure the accuracy of ITRS data, and how to use the output of ITRS. The COMPASS ITD expert joined the mission. This activity was following two study visits that had been conducted under the EU-ASEAN COMPASS Program to Bank Indonesia on ITRS in December 2015 and March 2017.

Cambodia, 29 May – 2 June 2017, ITD Technical Assistance Mission on IMTS to Cambodian Customs

This COMPASS ITD expert continued his mission by additional supports on IMTS to improve the capacity of Cambodia Customs Authorities and Statistical Offices to compile IMTS and reduce the gap with other ASEAN Member States. The activity aims to ensure that CLMV have adapted software for the production and dissemination of IMTS data and are able to use the tools.

Foreign Direct Investment on Statistics

Vietnam, 24 – 28 April 2017, Technical Assistance Mission at the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV)

The current COMPASS mission aimed to follow up on a first mission conducted during 23-27 May 2016. The main focus for the mission was the analysis and presentation of the results of FDI enterprise survey recently carried out by the SBV. The main tasks were to review current progress on the FDI survey: for example the questionnaire, sample size, response, data input, validation; to agree processes for dealing with non-response and grossing up: broad approaches had been discussed in previous missions, to discuss analyses and presentation of the survey results: outline of the rows and columns of the results tables, review any graphs, charts or diagrams which would help to summarize and present the results; to plan the structure, content and distribution of the survey report: outline chapter and section headings, with a note on the content of each part, and discuss who should receive a copy of the report and to contribute as needed and as appropriate to a national seminar held to present the FDI survey and results to users (and data suppliers if possible) of FDI statistics in Vietnam.

Other Fields

Manila, 22 June 2017, Graduation Ceremony for CLMV scholars at University of Philippines.

The COMPASS Team Leader, jointly with the IB Lead Expert attended on the 22 June 2017, the Ceremonial Graduation Ceremony for the Statistics Master’s CLMV Scholars at the University Diliman in Manilla (Philippines). During this Ceremony, attended by officials, lecturers, as well as the IB LE, the project team leader and representative of EU Delegation in Philippines, six scholars from National Statistical institutions of Cambodia, Lao and Myanmar supported by the COMPASS project received their Diploma of Master of Statistics, from the University of Philippines-Diliman. This event thus completed an important COMPASS activity and fulfilled the ASEAN-help-ASEAN agenda by conducting this scholar facility within ASEAN.



COMPASS achieved one of its deliverables to facilitate access to higher Formal education for CLMV Statisticians, which is in line with the “ASEAN-Help-ASEAN” agenda.

This activity aimed at strengthening CLMV countries human resources in statistics to strengthen the ASEAN Community Statistical System and to narrow the statistical development gap in the region. Formally, one can have considered that the CLMV national statistical systems have improved their capacity as a consequence of increased access to higher formal education in statistics for staff members already working in the key statistical areas. Congratulations to all of them.

Project Management

Vietnam, Lao, Cambodia and Myanmar 25 April - 3 May, 2017, PM missions.

The main objectives are to review the 2nd Annual Work Plan (AWP2) activities with the partners (regional and national activities) of each country and each public administration, to discuss the implementation of AWP3 national activities in each country and each administration, in the key fields (IMTS, SITS, FDIS, and IB): definition of the terms of reference and provisional schedule of the technical support missions in each field and to ensure, if necessary coordination with the other statistics supports provided to the National Statistical System, in the programme key fields.

What's next ?

Technical assistance missions:

- Institutional Building technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 3 – 7 July.
- Institutional Building technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 4 – 15 July.
- IM technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 10 – 30 July.
- ITD technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 17 July – 5 August.
- IMTS technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, 24 – 28 July.
- PM mission on Monitoring and Evaluation, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, July.
- IMTS technical assistance to Lao PDR, Vientiane, Lao PDR, 7 – 11 July.
- FDIS technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 7 – 11 August.
- ITD technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 - 19 August.
- Institutional Building technical assistance Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 28 August – 1 September.
- PM technical assistance by COMPASS Team Leader, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 28 August – 1 September.
- ITD technical assistance for FDIS, Yangon, Myanmar, 15 - 30 September.
- SITS technical assistance, Bali, Indonesia, 5 September
- IMTS technical assistance to ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 18 – 22 September.
- IMTS mission on data validation, Manila, Philippines, 18 - 22 September.

Workshops and Seminars

- Regional Workshop on FDIS, Manila, Philippines, 14 -16 August.
- Regional Workshop on ASEAN SNA on roadmap 2008 SNA implementation in AMS and ASEAN, Jakarta, Indonesia, 26-29 September
- Regional Workshop on SITS, Bali, Indonesia, 6-8 September.
- Regional Workshop on IMTS, Jakarta, 19 - 20 September.

Save the date

On the month of August 2017, and specifically on the ASEAN Day Celebration in the 11th of August, there will be a statistical exhibit at the ASEAN Secretariat, displaying various ASEAN@50 outreach statistical publications. These include a master publication on “Celebrating ASEAN: 50 years of evolution and progress”, with its derivative materials, i.e. infographic leaflets, posters, standing banners and video, showcasing half a century of ASEAN progress.

All those materials will be distributed during the statistical exhibit, and will support the visibility of ASEAN statistical cooperation, through COMPASS support.

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