

## QUARTERLY UPDATE No. 5

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### COMPASS activities implemented during 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016

#### Technical assistance missions

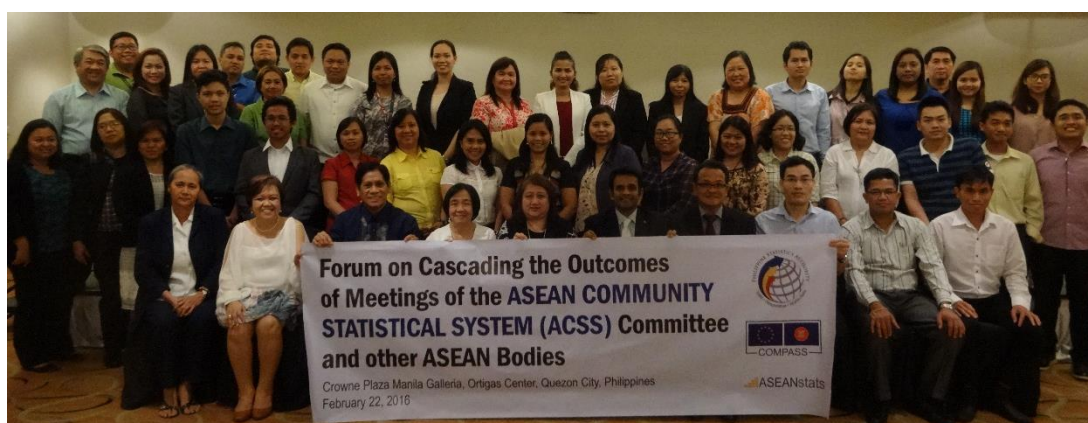
- 15-22 January 2016, Manila, Philippines IB TA for Echoing/Cascading Forum preparations (half-yearly report)
- 19-29 January 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia, IMTS TA to ASEANstats (half-yearly report)
- 25 January – 18 February 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia, ITD Technical Assistance to ASEANstats
- 1 February – 31 March 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia, ITD mission on data transmission tool
- 17 – 22 February 2016, Vientiane and Manila, Project Management mission to Lao and Philippine
- 29 February – 11 March 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia, ITD/IMTS Technical Assistance to ASEANstats
- 1 – 11 March 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia, IMTS Technical Assistance to ASEANstats
- 2 – 27 March 2016, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, FDIS Technical Assistance to Cambodia

#### Workshops & Seminar

- 28-29 January 2016, Bali, Indonesia, Workshop on Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics
- 22 February 2016, Manila, Philippine, Echoing and Cascading forum

### Institutional Building (IB)

#### IB Echoing and Cascading Forum in Manila, 22 February 2016



A “Forum on Cascading the Outcomes of Meetings of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee and other ASEAN Bodies” was held on 22, February 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ortigas Centre, Manila, Philippines. The objectives of this forum were to:

- Provide information on the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS): its legal basis, structure and composition, functions, activities and decisions, and its relationship with the Philippine Statistical System;
- Present the role of the COMPASS Project in the ACSS;
- Communicate the objectives and guidelines in cascading the outcomes of meetings of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee and other ASEAN Bodies; and
- Exchange ideas and solicit feedback and comments on the guidelines and ASEAN statistics in general.



The Forum highlighted the functions and activities of the ACSS, decisions from the annual sessions of the ACSS Committee, and its relevance to the Philippine Statistical Systems, in an effort to improve the recognition toward the ACSS among various stakeholders in the country. Philippine Statistics Authority agreed to partner with Myanmar to support the organisation of similar events in Myanmar. In total, there were 80 participants from Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board, representatives from the Permanent Representation of the Philippines to ASEAN, Office of ASEAN Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs, House Committees on Foreign Affairs and East ASEAN Growth Area, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, AMS experts members of ACSS Working Groups on IMTS, SITS, FDIS, other government agencies, media, academia, think tanks, Development Partners and the EU-COMPASS Project/ASEANstats.

## **International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS)**

### **IMTS Technical Assistance to ASEANstats, 1 – 11 March 2016**

Mr Henri Tyrman, IMTS Key expert, provided technical assistance to ASEANstats on data compilation, harmonisation and quality assurance of trade in goods data submitted by the ASEAN Member States. The IMTS Key expert together with Ms Christine Alberti, short term expert on IMTS, began the preparation of a trade indices computation and production module. This tool was requested by several ASEAN Member States. The first step consisted in defining the methodological concept related to the production of unit value indices to be implemented and to start developing the tool based on this analysis. The finalisation of the pilot version of the tool will be completed during the short term expert's next mission and the preliminary testing will be done by ASEANstats. The testing of the pilot version of the tool will be performed in an ASEAN Member States (AMS) requesting for it (Philippines or CLMV countries) before the end of 2016. In addition, the short term expert checked the content of the regional Eurotrace database in view of migrating it from the Access version to SQL Server version.

## **Information Technology and Dissemination (ITD)**

### **ITD Technical Assistance to ASEANstats, 26 January – 19 February 2016, and 1 February – 31 March 2016**

Mr Philippe Corman, the ITD Lead Expert conducted a mission to ASEAN during 25 January to 18 February 2016. Mr Corman assisted the EU Delegation to prepare the IT procurement dossier for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEANstats/ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office). Also, he provided support to the EU Delegation in Jakarta to launch and publish the regional tender.

Besides, Mr Corman provided technical assistance to ASEANstats to consolidate the data transmission system between AMS and ASEC and consolidate the ASEANstats production system for enhanced and integrated database. He uploaded the IMTS data into Eurotrace and updated the website. During his mission he facilitated dissemination of statistics and supervised the work of the Junior IT expert, Mr. Dedy Adhiewirawan, in charge of enhancing the Data Transmission Tool. The new tool should be completed during the second quarter 2016.

## **Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (FDIS)**

### **FDIS Technical Assistance to Cambodia, 2 – 27 March 2016**

The COMPASS FDIS expert, Mr. Christie Richards conducted a four-week mission from 2 -29 March 2016 to the National Bank of Cambodia to assess the results of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Survey for the years 2013 and 2014, in particular to enhance the response by resorting to use of data available from financial reports of companies, administrative data and media sources.



The mission assessed the inward foreign direct investment (FDI) survey for the years 2013 and 2014 of a selected 128 FDI enterprises which was jointly conducted by the National Institute of Statistics (NIS) and the NBC to ascertain (a) whether the results mirrored the geographical origins and industrial characteristics of these investments as currently reflected in the balance of payments (BOP) and international investment position (IIP) statistics of Cambodia; (b) to what extent the results obtained from this survey could be grossed up to reflect the total FDI in Cambodia reflecting the industrial and geographical characteristics of the origin of these investments.

The expert made an assessment on the basis of each industry and checked if any validation rules had been instituted by the NIS to process the reported data and whether follow up actions had been taken for misreported data. He prepared a preliminary report on the stock of FDI in Cambodia grossing up data obtained on the Joint NBC- NIS FDI Survey for 2013 and 2014, using administrative data obtained from various government ministries, partial data from a survey of casinos and garments factories carried out by the NBC, data from the international transactions reporting survey (ITRS) submitted by the commercial banks to the NBC, financial reports submitted by the commercial banks for regulatory purposes to the NBC, and media information.

## **Project Management**

### **3rd COMPASS Project Steering Committee back to back with Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics in Indonesia, 28 January 2016**



The third EU-ASEAN COMPASS Project Steering Committee (PSC 3) was held in Indonesia on the 28th January 2016. Delegates from the 10 AMS Statistical Offices, ASEAN Secretariat, EU Delegation, and COMPASS team took part in this meeting. The meeting discussed the progress made and issues faced in the implementation of the first year (January to December 2015) activities of the Project. The members of the PSC expressed their appreciation to the COMPASS team for the excellent work performed during the first year of the project. Moreover, the Project Steering Committee approved the second annual work plan 2016.

### **Team Leader's Technical Assistance to Lao PDR and Philippines, 17 – 22 February 2016**

Mr. Romesh Paul (Team Leader of COMPASS) together with Ms Lan Anh (COMPASS local coordinator for Cambodia, Lao P.D.R. and Vietnam) undertook a mission to Vientiane, Lao PDR from 18 to 19 February 2016.

The mission enabled to address the following issues:

- Review of the 1st Annual Work Plan (AWP1) activities with Lao PDR (regional and national activities).
- Implementation of AWP2 national activities in Lao PDR, 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.
- Coordination with other support activities in statistics provided to the National Statistical System in the programme key fields. Improvement of the communication and coordination between COMPASS Project and the partner countries, and specification of the role of the COMPASS National Programme Coordinator
- Update on the provision of IT equipment.



- Identification of local resources available to support the project implementation (national consultants, training resources, etc).

Mr. Romesh Paul together with Dr Virola (COMPASS IB Expert) and Mr Puguh Irawan (Senior Officer ASEANstats) undertook a mission to Manila Philippines to participate in the echoing and cascading forum facilitated by the PSA on the 22nd February 2016 (see above). Also, during this visit to Manila a meeting was organised on the 23rd February 2016 to meet with the University of the Philippines' staff and the eight CLMV scholars from the COMPASS' programme 'Facilitating Access to High Education'.

## **Upcoming Activities**

- Project Management mission to Jakarta, 29 March – 8 April 2016
- IMTS Technical Assistance in Vientiane, Lao, 18 – 28 April 2016
- IMTS CLMV workshop in Vientiane, Lao, 19-20 April 2016
- Advisory Group on System National Account (SNA) in ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, 19 – 20 April 2016
- IB Technical Assistance to support the Echoing and Cascading forum in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 28 – 30 April 2016
- Project Management Technical Assistance to Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 27 – 30 April 2016
- Project Management mission to Jakarta, 26 April – 4 May 2016
- ITD Technical Assistance in Vientiane, Lao, 25 – 29 April 2016
- ITD Technical Assistance in ASEANstats, Indonesia, 2 – 20 May 2016
- IB Technical Assistance to support the Echoing and Cascading forum in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 9 – 13 May 2016
- Project Management mission on Echoing and Cascading forum in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 13 May 2016
- IB Echoing and Cascading forum in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 13 May 2016
- IB Technical Assistance in ASEANstats, Indonesia, 16 – 20 May 2016
- FDIS CLMV workshop in ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, 16 – 17 May 2016
- FDIS Technical Assistance in ASEANstats, Indonesia, 16 – 20 May 2016
- FDIS Technical Assistance in Hanoi, Vietnam, 23 – 27 May 2016
- IB Study Visit to Netherlands and Norway, 23 – 27 May 2016
- SITS Technical Assistance in Hanoi, Vietnam, 23 May – 3 June 2016
- SITS Technical Assistance in Hanoi, Vietnam, 30 May – 3 June 2016
- SITS CLMV and Regional workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam, 1 – 3 June 2016
- SITS Technical Assistance in ASEANstats, Jakarta, 6 – 10 June 2016
- OF Technical Assistance in ASEANstats, Jakarta, 7 – 17 June 2016
- OF MDG's/SDG's workshop in ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, 9 – 10 June 2016
- PM Technical Assistance to Jakarta, 27 June – 1 July 2016

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