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This twelfth quarterly update covers the first quarter 2018 of implementation of the Technical Cooperation for the EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (COMPASS). It aims to provide a brief presentation of past activities of the project.

International Merchandises Trade Statistics (IMTS).

Myanmar, Central Statistical Organization of Myanmar, 22 – 26 January, Technical Assistance (TA) mission.

The mission focused on solving specific issues encountered on Eurotrace in the IMTS production and dissemination process used in Central Statistical Organization (CSO), as well as on the production of trade indices and on mirror studies. The main objectives were to discuss about the issues and needs encountered by CSO regarding Eurotrace; to present and test on Myanmar data using the Excel tool producing unit Value Indices; to present the tool producing mirror tables and help in the definition of a mirror report on trade asymmetries with China and to discuss about need for future support on IMTS.

Lao PDR, Lao Statistics Bureau, 5 – 9 March 2018, TA mission.

Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB) requested a Technical Assistance mission to support the integration of international standards and recommendations into the IMTS data production system and to solve some technical issues faced in data production/dissemination process. TA mission was organised to improve quality assurance technique, to solve pending issues with new machine, to develop a new scheme for data exchange between agencies, to prepare the IMTS publication and help to the dissemination policy and to compile price indices.

Services International Trade Statistics, (SITS).

Myanmar, Customs, 15 - 17 January 2018, TA mission.

The agenda of this regional workshop focused on the priorities identified during previous workshop on compilation of manufacturing services and adjusting trade in goods to exclude goods for processing without change of ownership, compilation of transportation services, focusing on estimation of the CIF-FOB adjustment and compilation of Inward FATS variables. The workshop was followed by a technical assistance mission. The aims were to work with Central Bank of Myanmar to update and improve the existing sources and methods used to calculate the trade ratio, to review sources and methods used in the compilation of manufacturing services and goods for processing.

Lao PDR, Lao Statistics Bureau, 22 -26 January 2018, TA mission.

This was the second technical assistance mission in Lao PDR. The main objective was to continue the work with Lao Statistics Bureau, Bank of Lao and other data providing agencies to improve the coverage and quality of trade in services source data, so that it better meets the needs of users. The aims were to follow up on actions agreed during previous mission, to work with LSB to update and improve the existing sources and methods used to calculate the CIF-FOB ratio, to support LSB implement trade in services surveys in 2018, and to support development of FATS estimates.

Malaysia, Department of Statistics Malaysia of Malaysia, 20-21 February 2018, CLMV Study Visit.

This was CLMV Study Visit to Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), The objectives of the study visit are to share experience and best practices of the DOSM on the use of Survey of International Trade in Services (ITS) covers questionnaire design, sampling design, data collection and data analysis as well as how the data is used in the production of the Statistics of International Trade in Services, as well as the dissemination of the data.

ASEC, Jakarta, 18 – 24 March, TA mission

The mission took place to provide assistance to support the improvement of the ACSS process. A concept note on the BFSDAS Enabling Mechanisms which includes promotion the user-producer engagements, development of a protocol for new data request from sectoral bodies, and updating the ASI-CT based on the implementation of the new data request protocol was developed. Another issue was to elaborate a strategy to develop the ACSS multi-year plan 2020-2025 to outline the prioritisation of activities in the second half period of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 towards developing an operational guideline for conducting the Mid-Term Review of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025, covering the assessments of implementation of activities 2016-2020.

Information Technology and Dissemination, (ITD).

Myanmar, CSO, 22 – 26 January, TA mission

The main objective of this mission is to assist DICA in making the best use of the data related to the FDI questionnaires collected in 2017. A second TA mission was organised in March and coupled with a similar mission with IMTS key expert. The objective of the TA mission is to improve the capacity of the CSO to compile IMTS and reduce the gap with other AMS. The activity aims to ensure Myanmar has adapted software for the production and dissemination of IMTS data and is able to use the tool. The specific objectives were to discuss about the issues and needs encountered by CSO regarding Eurotrace; to present and test on Myanmar data the Excel tool producing unit Value Indices and to present the tool producing mirror tables and help CSO in the definition of a mirror report on trade asymmetries with China.

Lao PDR, Lao Statistics Bureau, February and March, TA Missions.

The objectives were to solve pending issues encountered by LSB with hardware/software configuration, to assist LSB in specific issues encountered in IMTS and with Eurotrace, them in the process of defining publications and provide on-the-job training and to present and test on Laos data the Excel tool producing unit Value Indices. The content of the mission was completed by specific requests of the management team. The mission aimed to better integrate Eurotrace in the new CSO network, to solve issues encountered with the Customs data, to define priorities on the quality of data and publication, to involve people from national accounts unit for the production of indices and use a nomenclature to generate the indices.

Foreign Direct Investment on Statistics, (FDIS).

ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, TA mission

A TA mission was organised at ASEC, to prepare the Regional Workshop on FDIS and Sub-regional Workshop on Mining and Quarrying planned from 2 to 4 April 2018 in Singapore. During this mission, the STE Lead Expert also revised the list of quality assessment measures which will be discussed during the WGIIS Meeting on 5-6 April 2018.

Integration Monitoring, (IM).

ASEC, Jakarta, 14 – 22 February, TA mission.

The main objective of this mission was to develop graphical presentation materials. The dimensions and sizes of the presentations materials were determined based on consultation between the Junior Short-Term Expert and the ASEAN Secretariat. The print-ready and digital/web-ready files, including all the graphics and raw files used for designing the presentations were submitted to ASEAN Secretariat.

Singapore, 27 February – 1 March, Support to participation to international meeting

COMPASS provided support to a Senior Officer from AIMD of ASEAN Secretariat, to attend the Senior Economic Officials Meetings (SEOM) for the 24th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Retreat (24th AEMR) and the 24th AEMR meeting to present on the two monitoring databases (i.e., Compliance Monitoring Database and Integration Monitoring Database). Graphical presentation materials prepared by an IB COMPASS junior short-term expert were used for the presentation.

Other Fields, (OF).

Lao PDR, 30 January – 6 February, TA mission to support and assessment of country-level capacity for regional ASEAN Reporting in 2018 of SDG indicators

The objective has been on building capacity and ensuring dissemination through technical work and on-the-job training on the program of reporting on the MDGs and planning for the SDG process. This gave a clear focus first for building capacity and support the production of the *ASEAN Statistical Report on Millennium Development Goals 2017* and then to assess and strengthen the capacity of the CLMV countries and prepare for the next step being the first ASEAN SDG Statistical Report. There seem to be a general commitment to include the SDGs in the national development plans.

Project Management, (PM).

ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 30 January 2018, 7th Project Steering Committee.

The 30th January 2018, the 7th Project Steering Committee was organized back to back with the SCPC15 Meeting 31 January - 1 February 2018, Jakarta, Indonesia. The Team Leader as well as representatives of Expertise France and of European Union Delegation attended it.



During the 7th PSC, a presentation of all implemented activities was made. Also, a discussion was opened following the presentation, by the team leader of the Annual Work Plan 4 for 2018. A total of 798.5 expertise days have been used for the second semester 2017. 15 workshops were organised, and 53 technical assistance missions were implemented, which is quite encouraging. The implementation rate in comparison to what was planned under AWP2 is significant, as 76% of planned expertise days and 50% of budgeted incidentals were used.

Myanmar, Nay Piy Day, 7 February, Cascading Forum on ACSS.

The Team Leader attended the "Forum on Cascading the Outcomes of Meetings of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee and other ASEAN Sectoral Bodies to Myanmar Statistics Society hosted by CSO and Ministry of Planning and Finance. The main objectives were to communicate the objectives and guidelines in cascading the outcomes of the meetings of ACSS Committee and other ASEAN Bodies, to exchange ideas and to obtain feedback and comments on the Guidelines and ASEAN statistics and to share the role of Sectoral Statistical Coordination Group in Statistical Development of Myanmar, as well as Myanmar's Recent Statistical Development.

Summary of COMPASS activities implemented during 1st Quarter 2018

Technical assistance missions:

- IMTS technical mission, Yangon, Myanmar, 22 – 26 January.
- IMTS technical mission, Hanoi, Vietnam, 29 January – 2 February.
- SITS technical mission, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 10 – 17 February.
- IM technical mission, Jakarta, 14 – 22 February.
- ITD technical mission, Myanmar, 26 February – 2 March.
- IMTS technical mission, Lao PDR, 5 – 9 March,
- ITD technical mission, Lao PDR, 5 – 9 March,
- IB technical assistance mission, Jakarta, 18 – 23 March.
- FDIS technical assistance mission, Jakarta, 21 March - 1 April,

Workshops and Seminars

- Workshop on SITS, Yangon, Myanmar, 15 – 17 January.
- 7th PSC Meeting, Jakarta, 30 January.
- CLMV Study Visit on SITS, Putra Jaya, Malaysia, 20 – 21 February.

Forecasted technical assistance missions:

- SITS technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 7 – 10 April,
- IB technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 8 – 21 April,
- FDIS technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 9 – 13 April,
- IMTS technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 16 – 26 April,
- ITD technical mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 16 – 26 April,

Forecasted Workshops and Seminars

- Workshop on FDIS, Singapore, 2-4 April.
- Workshop on ASI-CT Enhancement, Jakarta, Indonesia, 24-25 April.

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