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This quarterly update covers the first quarter 2017 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 overview of past and future activities of the project.

Integration Monitoring (IM)

Philippines, 7 Feb. 2017, Workshop on AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E).

The Regional Workshop on AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Workshop was held back to back with the 7th Meeting of the Committee of the Whole for the ASEAN Economic Community, in Davao City, Philippines. The objectives of the Workshop were to introduce key M&E concepts and regional integration monitoring, to present the AEC 2025 M&E Framework, to inform on the follow up steps to operationalize the AEC 2025 M&E Framework and to discuss the implications of the AEC 2025 M&E Framework at the sectoral level. The COMPASS Team Leader attended the event. COMPASS also provided support to this regional Workshop where Senior Short-Term experts provided inputs and made a communication, which dealt with Monitoring Systems – Comparisons and Lessons Learnt while second one was about the proposed Compliance Monitoring Framework for AEC 2025.

Services International Trade Statistics (SITS)

Thailand, 14-22 Feb. 2017, Technical Assistance by SITS Lead Expert.

A 2-day SITS training course was delivered at the Ministry of Commerce offices for staff of MOC, Bank of Thailand and of the National Economic and Social Development Board in Thailand. The course focused on the conceptual framework and how best to implement the SITS requirements in Thailand. The mission also reviewed the sources and methods used to compile travel estimates. The Ministry of Tourism and Sports commission a private consultancy to undertake data collection and compilation of non-resident visitors to Thailand. Several recommendations to improve the methodology were made.



In addition, a 3-day mission to the Department of Statistics (DOS) in Malaysia between 20-22 February was arranged by the SITS Lead Expert. The objective was to complete a review of the DOS plans to compile a breakdown of exports and imports of services according to mode of supply. Another aspect included a review with the plan to collect e-commerce data. The mission addressed each issue in workshop mode to gather the views of all participants. A number of recommendations emerged from the discussions for DOS to consider as they develop their plans.

Cambodia, 20-23 March 2017, National Training Workshop.



A three-day national training workshop was organized in Siem Reap (Cambodia), around a succession of presentations by the COMPASS short-term expert and practical exercises to validate the appropriation of the training material by all participants. Most of the Balance of Payment unit team of the National Bank of Cambodia took part to the entire workshop, as well as several representatives from other ministries and the National Statistical Institute. Despite the limited time available, it was possible to address all seven modules and to engage fruitful discussions with participants on many aspects as well as on the adaptations possibly required in Cambodia. The mission also had the objective to review reporting of SITS data to the ASEAN Secretariat; to review SITS data collection system and agree priorities for future missions; to analyze the use of ITRS and surveys in the production of SITS; to review work conducted in the frame of the AANZFTA project and its impact on data collection.

Institutional Building (IB)

Malaysia, 20-21 March 2017, Regional Workshop on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 M&E Framework.

A mission of the Institution Building Lead Expert took place in Putrajaya (Malaysia) to attend several sessions during a Regional Workshop on “the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 M&E Framework: Within the Context of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025” many recommendations for implementation of ACSS M&E Framework were made.





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The objective were to present the basic principles of Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) System; to highlight the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 M&E Framework; to provide a better understanding and appreciation of the ACSS on the role of statistics in outcomes-monitoring, particularly in support of the AEC 2025 M&E Framework and to discuss the next steps on the development of ACSS M&E System for ensuring the implementation and progress of ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and its annual work plans.

The workshop is conducted to help facilitate fruitful discussion on the need for formulating an output and outcome-oriented M&E system for the implementation of ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and its annual work plans.

Jakarta, 28 March – 12 April 2017, Technical Assistance to ASEC.

A mission of the Institution Building Lead Expert took place on 28 March - 12 April 2017. Among the objectives, the expert prepared a concept note on testing the cascading guidelines in two additional ASEAN Member States (AMS), followed up on the cascading pilot in the Philippines and its twinning partnership with Myanmar and provided assistance to the ASEANstats regarding the output of the data compilation-estimation STE. He also prepared a concept note on the possible continuation of COMPASS support in the alignment of the ACSS RSDS/ Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and the Myanmar NSDS.

Information Technology and Dissemination (ITD)

Jakarta, 27 Feb. – 10 March 2017, Technical Assistance to ASEC.

A technical assistance mission by the ITD Lead Expert was organized between 27 February and 10 March in ASEC. During this mission, work was done on data quality analysis (negative value, duplicates), technical work on the migration of Eurotrace to SQL server and follow up of the migration of the DTT on the new server. The expert also provided continuous support to ASEANstats for the production and dissemination as work on the conversion AHTN 2012 -2017, analysis of the structure of the existing database and data processing process. Some discussions were made about the status of the exchange of ASEAN data with EU. Finally, follow up of the development of the monitoring databases and outsourcing of the hosting of the ASEAN web site was done.

Foreign Direct Investment on Statistics (FDIS)

Myanmar, 13-25 March 2017, Technical Assistance to DICA.

The 4th TA mission since the beginning of COMPASS was organized by the FDIS Lead Expert to DICA (Yangon, Myanmar) between 13-25 March 2017. The Short-term expert provided follow-up to DICA in the constitution of a register of FDI enterprises. The expert also assisted DICA in the launching of a questionnaire to all or a sample of FDI enterprises and helped DICA in drawing the sample to be surveyed. Lastly, the STE followed up on DICA activities in the data treatment of the answers to the questionnaire. Although the objectives of the mission had changed, the mission could be carried out with success.

Other Field (OF)

Jakarta, 21 Feb. – 3 March 2017, Technical Assistance on MDG/SDGs to ACSS.

A Technical Assistance mission was organized between 21 February to 3 March at ASEC, on providing support to the ASEAN work on the final MDG reporting and first steps of the SDG reporting. The mission was to work with the ASEAN Statistical Office and by e-mail with the national representatives on the MDG/SDG Indicators on technical issues, coordination, dissemination and capacity building. This working group is coordinated by the ASEAN statistical office and includes the links to the NSOs of all the ASEAN countries. The objective was 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 for the mission and the follow up work, to build capacity for and support the production of the ASEAN stats report: ASEAN MDG/SDG 1990-2015 Statistical Report and planning for the next step being the first ASEAN SDG Statistical Report.

During this mission, a MDGs/SDGs Indicators Workshop was organized on the 27th March. The main mean for the capacity building process as well as for the preparation of the planned ASEAN 1990-2015 MDG/SDG report was a workshop for the complete ASEAN Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals (ASEAN WGSDGI). The main mean was to present, review and discuss all contributions from both the key expert, the ASEAN Stats Office and the country representatives of the ASEAN WGSDGI and then be able to agree upon the necessary further steps. The workshop was also planned to serve as deadline for various contributions and updates.

Project Management (PM)

Malaysia, 21 March 2017, 4th Project Steering Committee.

The 21st, March 2017, the 4th Project Steering Committee was organized back to back to a Regional workshop on AEC 2025 M&E Workshop Framework in the context of ACSS Strategic Plan. The Team Leader and IB Lead Expert as well as representatives of Expertise France and of European Union Delegation attend it. During the 4th 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 3 for 2017. Total of 764.5 expertise days for the second semester 2016, compared to 472 expertise days for the first semester 2016 were implemented, which is quite encouraging. The implementation rate in comparison to what was planned under AWP2 is significant, as 87.4% of planned expertise days and 67.5% of budgeted incidentals were used.



Summary of COMPASS activities implemented during 1st Quarter 2017

Technical assistance missions

- IM mission, Davao City, Philippines, 7 February.
- SITS mission to Bangkok, Thailand, 13-17 February.
- SITS mission to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20-24 February.
- OF mission to Jakarta, Indonesia, 21 February – 3 March.
- ITD mission to Jakarta, Indonesia, 27 February – 10 March 2017.
- FDIS mission, Yangon, Myanmar, 13 – 24 March.
- IB mission, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 20-21 March.
- PM mission, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 20-21 March.

Workshops & seminars

- Workshop on AEC 2025 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), Davao City, Philippines, 7 February.
- MDGs/SDGs Indicators Workshop, Jakarta, Indonesia, 27 February – 1 March.
- Regional Workshop on AEC 2025 M&E Framework in the context of ACSS Strategic Plan, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 20th -21st March.
- PSC, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 21st March.
- National Workshop on SITS, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 20-23 March.

What's new during the next quarter

Technical assistance missions

- IM mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 3-4 April.
- IMTS mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 3 -7 April.
- IB mission, ASEC Jakarta, Indonesia, 10 – 25 April.
- FDIS mission, Hanoi, Vietnam, 24 – 28 April.
- SITS mission, Vientiane, Lao, 24 – 28 April.
- ITD mission, Vientiane, Lao, 24 – 28 April.
- PM mission, Vietnam, Lao, Cambodia, 25 April – 4 May.
- IMTS mission, Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 2 – 12 May.
- ITD mission, Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 4 – 12 May.
- ITD mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 8 – 19 May.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 14 – 27 May.
- ITD mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 – 19 May.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 – 29 May.
- IB mission, ASEC, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15 may – 20 June.
- PM mission, Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 17 – 24 May.
- ITD mission, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 22 – 26 May.
- PM mission, Manilla, Philippines, 22 June.

Workshops & seminars

- National Workshop on FDIS – Survey Results, Hanoi, Vietnam, 26 April.
- CLMV Workshop on customs procedure analysis, Yangon, Myanmar, 2 – 3 May.

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