

ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025

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A. Introduction

The first ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Strategic Plan was adopted by the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM) in 2011, which has since been reconstituted as the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee. It covered the period 2011-2015 and served as the basis to develop the Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2011 and its consecutive AWP.

The Strategic Plan 2016-2020 was prepared by the Philippine Statistics Authority together with Brunei Darussalam Department of Statistics and ASEANstats, based on their assessment through the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2011-2015. Major inputs were provided during the discussions of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC) in 2013 and 2014, the ASEAN-PARIS21-Eurostat Strategic Planning Workshop on 28-29 November 2012, and the High-Level Seminar on ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 on 17-18 June 2014, supported by PARIS21 and the ASEAN Regional Integration Support by the EU (EU-ARISE). The ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 was adopted by the Fourth Session of the ACSS Committee in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 14-16 November 2014.

During the 6th Meeting of the Committee of the Whole (CoW) for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) on 22 January 2015, the Chair of the High-Level Task Force on Economic Integration Working Group (HLTF-EI-WG) stressed the need that for the AEC pillar, all action plans would have to be for a ten-year period (2016-2025).

The draft ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 was discussed at the 9th SCPC in July 2015 which proposed that the 4 main strategies shall be maintained with the inclusion of new initiatives taking into consideration global developments and regional statistical priorities. The ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 was adopted by the ACSS Committee during its Fifth Meeting in Cyberjaya on 3-5 November 2015.

B. Achievements Under the ACSS Strategic Plan 2011-2015

The Strategic Plan 2011-2015 addressed challenges through the following three broad strategies: (1) Strengthening the institutional framework; (2) Strengthening ASEAN statistics; and (3) Narrowing the Development Gaps.

Based on the outcomes of the MTR, the ACSS has accomplished significant progress in institutional strengthening and strengthening of ASEAN statistics. Many of the results set in the Multi-Year Plan were achieved by the end of 2015. These include:

1. Strengthening the institutional framework:
 - Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics (Broad Framework Rev.1) was updated – 5 July 2011.

- AHSOM reconstituted into the ACSS Committee with recognition as the highest policy making and coordinating body on statistical matters in the ASEAN region and as a unique ASEAN body dealing with ASEAN statistics and reporting to AEM through SEOM – 5 July 2011.
- Rules of Procedures of the ACSS Committee were adopted – 3 November 2011.
- Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination to support the ACSS Committee – 3 November 2011.
- Multi Year Plan 2011-2015 and Annual Work Plans 2012, 2013 and 2014 were made available – since 2011.
- Mechanisms to monitor implementation of activities/programme at national and regional levels were made available – since 2011.
- Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, and Dissemination of ASEAN Statistics was reconvened – since 2012
- Adoption of the Code of Practice to ensure trust, accountability and highest professional standards in the development, production, dissemination and communication of ASEAN statistics – 27 September 2012.
- User producer consultation process was initiated – since 2012.
- Policies on Data Sharing, Confidentiality, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics were adopted – 12 September 2013
- ACSS Communication Strategy was adopted – 16 October 2014
- ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 was adopted – 16 October 2014

2. Strengthening ASEAN statistics

- Progress in harmonising IMTS, FDIS and SITS continued.
- ASEAN statistical report on MDGs continued.
- Statistical data processing and dissemination tools were developed (REXDBS, ASEANstats website) – since 2013.
- More statistical publications were made available - since 2012.
- ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI) framework was expanded including the ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System and ASEAN Connectivity and translated into a Consolidated Template – 16 October 2014.
- Regional statistical dissemination policy was elaborated – since 2015.
- Process of strengthening ASEANstats' organisation and human resources continued.

3. Narrowing the development gap

- Some improvements of IMTS, FDIS and SITS in the CLMVs were observed – since 2012.
- IT in support of data production of key ASEAN integration statistics in place – since 2012.
- Statistical cooperation among ASEAN Member States (ASEAN-help-ASEAN programme) was facilitated – since 2015.

C. The Mandate

During the 27th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur on 22 November 2015, the ASEAN Leaders adopted the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025.

The new ASEAN Vision 2025¹ in the three pillars of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), is the major reference in the drafting of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025. The characteristics of the AEC, ASCC, and APSC, as outlined in the ASEAN Community Blueprints², therefore, continue to serve as guidance in setting the overall prioritization.

The ASEAN Community Vision 2025 seeks to realise a community with enhanced institutional capacity through improved ASEAN work processes and coordination, increased effectiveness and efficiency in the work of ASEAN Organs and Bodies, including a strengthened ASEAN Secretariat and with increased ASEAN institutional presence at the national, regional and international levels. It resolves to realise a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN of "One Vision, One Identity, and One Community".

The overall vision articulated in the AEC Blueprint 2015 remains relevant. The goal of the AEC is to create a stable, prosperous and highly competitive ASEAN Economic Region in which there is a free flow of goods, services and investments, a freer flow of capital, equitable economic development and reduced poverty and socio-economic disparities. The AEC Blueprint 2025 builds on the AEC Blueprint 2015 consisting of five interrelated and mutually reinforcing characteristics, namely: (a) a highly integrated and cohesive economy; (b) a competitive, innovative, and dynamic ASEAN; (c) enhanced connectivity and sectoral cooperation; (d) a resilient, inclusive, people-oriented, and people-centred ASEAN; and (e) a global ASEAN. The impact and outcomes of the AEC Blueprint 2025 will be monitored, including with the support of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS).

Under the ASCC, the 2025 Vision is for an ASEAN Community that engages and benefits all ASEAN peoples, and is inclusive, sustainable, resilient, and dynamic. It aims to realize a committed, participative, and socially-responsible community; an inclusive community that promotes high quality of life, equitable access to opportunities for all and promotes and protects human rights of women, children, youths, the elderly/older persons, persons with disabilities, migrant workers, and vulnerable and marginalized groups; a sustainable community that promotes social development and environmental protection; a resilient community with enhanced capacity and capability to adapt and respond to social and economic vulnerabilities, disasters, climate change as well as emerging threats, and challenges; and a dynamic and harmonious community that is aware and proud of the identity, culture, and heritage with the strengthened ability to innovate and proactively contribute to the global community.

¹ ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together

² ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025, and the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025,

Meanwhile, under the APSC Blueprint 2025, relevant programmes and activities under the APSC Blueprint 2009-2015 shall continue to be implemented, accompanied with a bold and forward-looking approach to ensure that the APSC Blueprint 2025 is relevant, contemporary and responsive to the challenges of the times. The APSC Blueprint 2025 has the following key characteristics: (a) rules-based, people-oriented, people-centred community; (b) peaceful, secure and stable region; (c) ASEAN centrality in a dynamic and outward-looking region and (d) strengthened ASEAN institutional capacity and presence.

The Fifth Session of the ACSS Committee noted the SDG statistical framework approved by the UN Statistical Commission in March 2016 with its 17 goals, 169 targets, and 230 unique indicators, and other important international statistical development initiatives. These include the Regional Programme for improving Economic Statistics, the Regional strategic plan for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics, the Global Strategy in Improving Data on Agriculture and Rural Sectors, and the Core Set of population and social statistics.

As stipulated in the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics, ASEAN statistics shall cover statistics produced by the national statistical systems, which include those produced by the national statistical offices and by the mandated line ministries/ departments or competent national authorities. It shall comprise broad statistical domains, priority indicators and statistics corresponding to key, relevant policy concerns in the APSC, AEC and ASCC blueprints.

The ACSS Committee has agreed to frame in the *Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics* (The Broad Framework), which is detailed in the ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI), all broad statistical domains which the ACSS Committee members are committed to produce. Since further guidance and consultation are still needed in defining the major statistical domains relevant to the APSC, the current Broad Framework has not covered statistics for APSC monitoring. The Broad Framework is, however, a living document, which can be amended as necessary.

D. The Challenges

1. The accelerated speed of the establishment of the ASEAN Community puts new demands on statistics as the harmonisation process need to be expedited and a wider variety of statistics are required. As assessed through the MTR of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2011-2015, the implementation of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2011-2015 and the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 still left some outstanding challenges. The role of the ACSS Committee as the highest regional body in statistical policy making needs to be further strengthened in order to draw greater stakeholders' involvement and coordination among the various national data-producing agencies needs to be enhanced;
2. Partnership between and among the ACSS Committee, the ASEAN bodies, and the ASEAN Member States, and ASEAN Secretariat stipulated in the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics 2010-2015, then reconfirmed in the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025, needs to be further built up, including through the development of a user-producer consultation mechanism;

3. In some ASEAN Member States, the role of the national statistical office (NSO) as the national focal point and coordinator of the development, harmonization, and provision of national statistics to the ASEAN Secretariat has yet to be recognized and promoted;
4. The National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) and the ACSS Strategic Plan, need to be aligned, and resources to be secured;
5. Efforts towards data quality assessment and monitoring have been recently initiated and more efforts are needed to advance the development of measures to assess the ACSS Code of Practice (CoP);
6. ASEANstats' limited resources and capacity has stifled its performance as the technical arm and focal point in regional statistics, in particular in its function to lead the harmonisation of ASEAN statistics and to liaise with ASEAN bodies, international organisations, development partners and dialogue partners in promoting statistical capacity building;
7. Dissemination of ASEAN statistics is still limited and available mainly in printed publication; efforts to develop an effective dissemination strategy have only begun recently; advanced release calendar for dissemination of ASEAN statistics has not been available, while access to an integrated ASEAN statistical database and implementation of confidentiality measures in aggregated data sharing have yet to be established;
8. Regional cooperation in other fields of statistics, such as the National Accounts, Labour Market Indicators, and manufacturing statistics, is at initial stages, posing additional challenges in meeting the more diverse and more detailed data needs which have emerged in line with the deepening of ASEAN integration and the increasing ASEAN initiatives on monitoring of regional integration;
9. On narrowing development gaps, more efforts need to be exerted and the ASEAN-help-ASEAN scheme needs to be further promoted;
10. ASEAN statistics have very limited visibility and the ACSS has limited presence in the ASEAN process as well as in the global arena. ASEAN statistics website has limited support in the realization of the ACSS which requires greater advocacy and political support; while effective communication strategy towards closer user-producer consultation and enhanced coordination among data producing agencies has only been recently initiated;
11. The new initiatives such as the Post-2015 SDGs, Data Revolution, and the statistical programmes in the Asia and the Pacific region will add up to the present challenges. Meanwhile, the formulation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Sustainable Development in ASEAN will entail greater commitment from the ACSS' agenda;
12. Diversity in statistical development amongst the AMSs along with the dependency on external parties in some AMSs;

13. Limited resources to respond/contribute to the regional programmes and to the discussion on Post-2015 SDGs and other initiatives at the global level;
14. Greater involvement of the concerned data producing agencies in the national statistical system remains a challenge in some AMSs; and
15. Ensuring greater investment in statistics, funding from government budget, high-level support, and active involvement of senior management remains a challenge in most AMSs.

E. The Purpose of the Strategic Plan 2016-2025

The ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 shall provide the framework for effective facilitation, coordination, production, harmonisation, dissemination and communication of ASEAN statistics.

The strategies shall lay down priorities concerning the needs for information in support of the ASEAN Community building and integration monitoring and meeting and sustaining the capacity building needs of the ASEAN Member States, while also contributing to the statistical development at the global and regional level.

Those needs shall be weighed against the resources needed at the regional and national level to provide the required statistics and also against the response burden and associated costs.

The main purpose of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 is to strengthen the mechanisms and system established through the implementation of the preceding strategic plan, for sustainable development and flow of statistical information, better satisfaction of statistical information needs, and sustainable capacity building in the AMSs.

F. Broad Strategies and Major Thrusts for 2016-2025

Broad Strategies

The following broad strategies are formulated in order to address the above challenges.

- Institutional Strengthening, Enhancement of ACSS and its Sustainability
- Improvement of the Response to Greater ASEAN Data Needs
- Enhancement of Dissemination, Communication, Visibility, and Use of ASEAN Statistics
- Bridging Gap towards Sustainable Statistical Development

Major Thrusts

The major thrusts underlying the first broad strategy, *Institutional Strengthening and Enhancement of ACSS and its Sustainability*, are as follows:

1. recognising ACSS Committee as a prominent high-level regional body of statistics being the highest regional policy-making and coordinating body on ASEAN statistics
2. developing close partnerships and dialogue between the data producing agencies, ACSS, and users in the ASEAN bodies
3. strengthening coordination among data producing agencies
4. realising ASEANstats as the technical arm of the ACSS Committee and regional focal point and coordinator
5. aligning national strategy for the development of statistics with the regional strategy for the development of statistics
6. advocating for greater support for and investment in statistics
7. equipping the ACSS with other needed enabling mechanism, such as strategic plan, annual work plan, and effective monitoring of progress and quality

The major thrusts underlying the second broad strategy, *Improvement of the Response to Greater ASEAN Data Needs*, are as follows:

1. improving availability, timeliness, and comparability of key ASEAN integration statistics including the trade in goods, trade in services, and investment statistics, as well as SDG indicators
2. expanding the scope of regional cooperation to better respond to emerging major ASEAN initiatives, such as ASEAN integration monitoring, Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC), the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 development goals, and relevant initiatives under concerned international statistical organisations

In line with the third broad strategy, the *Enhancement of Dissemination, Communication, Visibility, and Use of ASEAN Statistics*, the regional cooperation in statistics should be driven by the following purposes:

1. strengthening and consolidating ASEAN statistics databases toward an integrated ASEAN statistics database, leveraging on the development in IT and technology
2. enhancing accessibility to ASEAN statistics and aggregated data sharing, observing data confidentiality and security
3. facilitating and promoting wider data dissemination
4. raising visibility of ASEAN statistics and statistical awareness
5. ensuring statistical support for the ASEAN bodies

The major thrusts of the fourth broad strategy, the *Bridging Gap towards Sustainable Statistical Development*, include:

1. provision of special assistance to CLMV for ensuring continuous training and transfer of knowledge and for narrowing the development gaps
2. facilitation of ASEAN-help-ASEAN mechanism, including bilateral partnerships

G. Statement of Vision and Missions

Vision:

“A responsive ASEAN Community Statistical System providing high quality statistics”

Missions:

“The ASEAN Community Statistical System will provide relevant, timely and comparable ASEAN statistics in support of evidence based policy and decision making and enhance the statistical capacity of the Member States and ASEAN Secretariat”.

Values and Principles:

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| 1. Relevance | 5. Forward Looking |
| 2. Commitment to quality | 6. Teamwork |
| 3. Professionalism | 7. Accountability |
| 4. Integrity | 8. Cost Effectiveness |

H. The Detailed Strategies of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed	Detailed Strategies	Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
1 Institutional strengthening, enhancement of ACSS and its sustainability				
1.1 Advancing commitment to ACSS work programmes among the ACSS members				
a Regional Level Implementation				
		1 Support the finalisation /revision of the NSDS and AMSs' Annual Work Plan, incorporate major activities of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and support the process of securing budget for a minimum number of official meetings.	1 Relevant work programmes of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 are reflected in the NSDS of AMSs 2 Monitoring of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the M&E System of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025	2016 -2025
		2 Promote and support the partnership and lead country approach in the implementation of the major activities/programmes under selected working groups	1 Lead country approach implemented for major areas of the ACSS work plan	2018 -2025
			2 Partnership scheme for major areas of the ACSS work plan implemented	2018-2025
b National Level Implementation				
		1 Support the finalisation /revision of the NSDS and AMSs' Annual Work Plan, incorporate major activities of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and support the process of securing budget for minimum number of official meetings.	1 NSDSs of AMS are aligned and updated with the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025, including the preparation of the required budget for the NSDS of AMS	2017-2025

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			2 AMSs fund their own participation in all regular meetings of the ACSS Committee, and at least one regular meeting of the SCPC and two other official meetings	2016-2025
			2 The chairing AMS hosts the ACSS Committee meeting and at least one of the SCPC meetings	2016-2025
1.2 Developing stronger partnerships among users and producers of ASEAN statistics				
a	Regional Level Implementation			
		1 Promote closer coordination between ACSS and users at the regional level (ASEANstats provide assistance, materials, facilitation, etc.).	1 User-producer consultation sessions regularly implemented	2018 -2025
			2 A formal User-Producer Forum established at the regional level	2018
		2 Promote closer coordination between ACSS and the ASEAN bodies through high-level forum, seminars, and advocacy activities (at both high-level and working level ASEAN bodies)	1 Concept paper on the high-level forum developed and updated	2016, 2019, 2022, 2025
			2 A high-level forum is organised once in every three years to consult users on their statistical requirements (involving ASEAN bodies, development partners, and concerned data producing agencies)	2016, 2019, 2022, 2025

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				2	Advocacy / consultative workshop/meeting on budgeting, planning, and coordination between ACSS and the ASEAN bodies is established	2016-2025
				3	Attendance of the Chair and/or Vice Chair of the ACSS Committee in ASEAN-wide coordination/ consultative meeting (such as the Committee of the Whole (COW))	2016-2025
b	National Level Implementation					
		1	Promote closer coordination among data producing agencies. (ASEANstats provides assistance, materials, facilitation, etc.).	1	Coordination mechanisms among data producing agencies in place	2017-2025
				2	Data provision is done through the NSO or in coordination with the NSO	2016-2025
				3	Inter-Agency consultation/ coordination mechanism, MoU, etc. is established at the national level in all AMSs	2017-2025
		2	Promote closer coordination between data producing agencies and users at the national level (ASEANstats provide assistance, materials, facilitation, etc.).	1	User-producer consultation sessions regularly implemented	2016-2025
1.3	Effective implementation and Enhancing monitoring of the ACSS work programmes					
a	Regional Level Implementation					

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies			Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		1	Develop, update, and monitor the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025, Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Annual Work Plans (AWPs)	1		MYP 2016-2025 timelines are monitored	By beginning of 2016
				2		AWPs for the following year and Indicative AWPs for the year following next are developed	2016- 2025
				3		AWPs of the preceding year monitored	2016 -2025
				4		The Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics reviewed to include new priorities, highlight the importance of consultation and advocacy mechanisms, and the critical role of international organizations as statistical development partners, and updated every three years	2017, 2020, 2023
				5		Midterm Review of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2025	2020
		2	Monitor AMS and ASEANstats in implementing the CoP and quality of their production (ASEANstats facilitate CoP assessment, conceptualization of the Peer Review, and its pilot test)	1		Code of Practice (CoP) self-assessment gradually implemented by ASEANstats	2016-2025
				2		Peer Review mechanism is conceptualised (starting with the dissemination of statistics)	2018
				3		Peer Review piloted for selected AMSs expressing interest in such reviews	2019-2025

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b	National Level Implementation					
		1	Monitor AMS in implementing the CoP and quality of their production	1	Code of Practice (CoP) self-assessment gradually implemented in AMSs	2016-2025
				2	Peer Review piloted for AMSs expressing interest in such reviews	2019-2025
1.4	Strengthening ASEANstats					
a	Regional Level Implementation					
		1	Support for ASEANstats in defining its organisational structure and staff requirements, upgrading ASEANstats organisation, and addressing human resources constraints	1	ASEANstats organisational structure and staff requirements endorsed by ASEC management and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR), as necessary	By 2017
				2	ASEANstats organisation is upgraded and human resources expanded	2018
				3	Staff attachment/ voluntary secondment programme implemented	2019-2025
		2	Strengthen ASEANstats statistical expertise, coordinating role and IT know-how, through training, participation in international/regional training/seminar	1	Statistical expertise enhanced / strengthened based on skill gaps identified (e.g., IT)	2016-2025

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				2	Attendance to one major international seminar/workshop at least once every two years	2016-2025
		3	Support ASEANstats in the definition of major regional framework/guidelines for harmonisation, collection, aggregation, and dissemination of ASEAN statistics	1	Recommendations on regional framework/guidelines agreed at the respective working groups, in line with new/ expanded data template/ data transmission framework	2016-2025
b	National Level Implementation					
		1	Support for ASEANstats in defining its organisational structure and staff requirements, upgrading ASEANstats organisation, and addressing human resources constraints	1	Staff attachment/ voluntary secondment programme implemented	2019-2025
1.5 Strengthening partnerships within the framework of promoting global statistical agenda						
a	Regional Level Implementation					
		1	Strive for ASEANstats participation in UNESCAP Committee on Statistics and UN Statistical Commission	1	Regular attendance and presentation by ASEANstats in the UNESCAP Committee on Statistics meeting	2018-2025
				2	Regular attendance at least once every two years and occasional presentation by ASEANstats to the UN Statistical Commission meeting	2018-2025

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		2		Promote sharing of information/cascading of international/regional events among the ACSS Committee members	1	The ACSS' response to the global agenda is shared - following the attendance to international meetings/ workshops	2018-2025
		3		Strengthen partnership with SIAP in addressing the training needs of the ACSS	1	Strategic partnership between the ACSS/ASEANstats and SIAP developed for the training of ACSS statisticians	2018-2025
b	National Level Implementation						
		1		Strive for AMSs participation in UNESCAP Committee on Statistics and UN Statistical Commission	1	Regular attendance by AMS in the UNESCAP Committee on Statistics meeting	2018-2025
					2	Regular attendance by AMSs in the UN Statistical Commission meeting	2018-2025
		2		Promote sharing of information/ cascading of international/regional events among the ACSS Committee members	1	The ACSS' response to the global agenda is shared - following the attendance to international meetings/ workshops	2018-2025
2	Improvement of the response to greater ASEAN data needs						
2.1	Strengthening methodology for improved availability, timeliness and comparability of key statistics for ASEAN Integration: IMTS, FDIS, SITS, System of National Accounts (SNA), MDG/SDG and ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System (ACPMS) indicators						
a	Regional Level Implementation						

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies			Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		1	Define areas of improvement/Roadmap under the IMTS, FDIS, SITS, SNA, MDG/SDG and ACPMS indicators	1		Roadmap/areas of improvement defined	2016-2025
				2		ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI) list/framework is updated, as necessary, e.g. based on user needs survey and mandate/formal request from the respective ASEAN bodies	2016-2025
		2	Support ASEANstats in the definition of major regional framework/guidelines for harmonisation, collection, aggregation, and dissemination of ASEAN statistics on IMTS, SITS, FDIS, SNA, MDGs/ SDGs and ACPMS indicators	1		Recommendations on regional framework/guidelines agreed at the respective working groups, and new/expanded data template defined	2016-2025
				2		ASEAN Statistical Report on MDG 2017	2017
				3		ASEAN SDG Framework (including ASEAN priority indicators)	2017
				4		Periodic ASEAN SDG Report	2018-2025
				5		Timely and comparable data on IMTS, SITS, FDIS, SNA, MDGs/SDGs and ACPMS indicators	2016-2025
		3	Promote the implementation of international standards and good practices; and enhance availability, timeliness and comparability of	1		Enhanced availability, timeliness and comparability in compliance with internationally-agreed frameworks, concepts	2016-2025

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		the said key ASEAN integration and ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision statistics	and standards of key ASEAN integration and AC Post 2015 Vision statistics	
			2 Documentation of good practices are available/updated	2017-2025
			3 Metadata and methodological documentation updated and improved	2017-2025
			4 Statistical Capacity Building: Regional Meetings and workshops, training and technical assistance for improved data collection, production, and quality assurance are implemented	2017-2025
b	National Level Implementation			
		1 Promote the implementation of international standards and good practices; and enhance availability, timeliness and comparability of the key ASEAN integration and ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision statistics	1 Enhanced availability, timeliness and comparability in compliance with internationally-agreed frameworks, concepts and standards on key ASEAN integration and ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision statistics	2016-2025
			2 Documentation of good practices are available/updated	2017-2025
			3 Metadata and methodological documentation are updated and improved	2017-2025
			4 Statistical capacity building: workshops, training and technical assistance for improved	2017-2025

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			data collection, production, and quality assurance are implemented	
2.2	Improving availability of timely and comparable statistics in support of emerging major ASEAN integration monitoring initiatives under the AEC			
a	Regional Level Implementation			
		1 Define the mandate, framework and mechanism of the new data/indicators needed in support of emerging major ASEAN integration monitoring initiatives under the AEC, such as the ASEAN integration monitoring report, monitoring the implementation of the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity, AFEED, the SME SAP 2016-2025, and other emerging ASEAN data needs emanating from the ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision and the AEC 2025 Blueprint	1 Protocol for new data request is developed and endorsed by ACSS Committee	2018
			2 Prioritised additional statistics/indicators included in the expanded ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI), such as in the case of ASEAN integration monitoring and connectivity indicators and other data needs emanating from the ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision and the AEC 2025 Blueprint	2018-2025
		2 Develop instrument, mechanism, and methodology on the new data/indicators needed in support of emerging major	1 Instruments/data collection template developed	2016-2025

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		ASEAN integration monitoring initiatives under the AEC, such as the ASEAN integration monitoring report, monitoring the implementation of the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity, AFEED, GOASEAN (tourism), the SME SAP 2016-2025, and other emerging ASEAN data needs emanating from the ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision and the AEC 2025 Blueprint		
			2 Methodology for compilation of the needed statistics/indicators approved by the ACSS Committee and metadata developed/updated	2018-2025
			3 Mechanism of data collection for emerging major ASEAN integration initiatives (e.g. ACPMS, Connectivity, AFEED,SDG/MDG, AEC 2025 Blueprint) strengthened (e.g. ToR/MoU available)	2018-2025
		3 Establish Working Group on ASEAN System of National Accounts	1 Working Group on ASEAN System of National Accounts (WGSNA) established	2017
			2 WGSNA Work Plan available and selected National Accounts new indicators updated	2018-2025
b	National Level Implementation			
		1 Develop instrument, mechanism, and methodology on the new data/indicators needed in support of emerging major ASEAN integration monitoring initiatives	1 Methodology for compilation of the needed statistics/indicators is developed and metadata developed/updated	2018-2025

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		under the AEC, such as the ASEAN integration monitoring report, monitoring the implementation of the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity, AFEED, GOASEAN (tourism), the SME SAP 2016-2025, and other emerging ASEAN data needs emanating from the ASEAN Community Post 2015 Vision and the AEC 2025 Blueprint		
			2 Mechanism of data collection for emerging major ASEAN integration initiatives (e.g. ACPMS, Connectivity, AFEED, SDG/MDG AEC 2025 Blueprint) strengthened (e.g. ToR/MoU available)	2018-2025
		2 Establish Working Group on ASEAN System of National Accounts	1 Participation in Working Group on ASEAN System of National Accounts (WGSNA) meeting	2018-2025
			2 WGSNA Work Plan available and select National Accounts new indicators updated	2018-2025
2.3 Improving response to initiatives under the ASCC and APSC pillars as well as global initiatives on statistics				
a	Regional Level Implementation			
		1 Support for initiatives on population, labour force, demographic and social statistics as launched by the respective ASEAN Community pillars/ concerned international organisations (ILO, UNESCAP, etc.)	1 Participation/engagement of ASEANstats/ concerned statistics working groups in the data collection initiatives under the respective ASEAN bodies (such as on education and gender statistics)	2016-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies			Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		2	Initiation of the ground works for new major initiatives on statistics, such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators, migration, health, gender statistics, and other data requirements of the ASCC 2025 and APSC 2025 Blueprints.	1	Conduct of Workshops on the MDG/SDG indicators; Work Plan developed	2016-2018	
				2	Framework of SDG indicators for ASEAN report developed	2017	
b	National Level Implementation						
		1	Support for initiatives on population, labour force, demographic and social statistics as launched by the respective ASEAN Community pillars / concerned international organisations (ILO, UNESCAP, etc.)	1	Cooperation and coordination in the AMS with the respective data producing agencies	2016 –2025	
		2	Initiation of the ground works for new major initiatives on statistics, such as SDG indicators, migration, health, gender statistics, and other data requirements of the ASCC 2025 and APSC 2025 Blueprints..	1	Participation in the Workshops on the MDG/SDG indicators	2016 - 2018	
2.4	Assessment of quality (including accessibility, timeliness and comparability) of major ASEAN statistics						
a	Regional Level Implementation						
		1	Periodic assessment of quality including accessibility, timeliness, comparability of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS, using the data submission monitoring tools	1	The IMTS, FDIS, and SITS data accessibility, timeliness and comparability assessed by the respective working groups	2016-2025	

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		2	Periodic assessment of quality including accessibility, timeliness, comparability of indicators under the ACPMS, SDG, and other frameworks under the AC Post 2015 Vision, the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and APSC 2025 Blueprints using the data submission monitoring tools.	2	The ACPMS, MDG/SDG and other Indicators accessibility, timeliness, and comparability assessed by the respective working group/ task force	2017-2025
b	National Level Implementation					
		1	Periodic assessment of quality including accessibility, timeliness, comparability of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS, using the data submission monitoring tools.	1	The IMTS, FDIS, and SITS data accessibility, timeliness and comparability assessed by AMS	2016-2025
		2	Periodic assessment of quality including accessibility, timeliness, comparability of indicators under the ACPMS, SDG, and other frameworks under the AC Post 2015 Vision, the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and APSC 2025 Blueprints using the data submission monitoring tools.	2	The ACPMS,MDG/SDG and other Indicators accessibility, timeliness, and comparability assessed by AMS	2017 –2025
2.5	Use of administrative records as data sources					
a.	Regional level implementation					
		1	Consider the use of administrative records towards improving data support to emerging concerns	1	Policy recommendations by the ACSS Committee	2018-2025
b.	National level implementation					

Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables		Time Frame
		1	Consider the use of administrative records towards improving data support to emerging concerns	1	Policy decisions by the NSS of AMS on the use of administrative records	2018-2025
				2	Increased use of administrative records to generate and disseminate official statistics	2018-2025
3 Enhancement of dissemination, communication, visibility, and use of ASEAN statistics						
3.1 Enhancing IT, database and data sharing technology						
a	Regional Level Implementation					
		1	Develop the overall architecture of ASEAN statistical database with clear separation between production database and dissemination database	1	The overall ASEAN statistics database architecture is defined	2017
		2	Strengthen, consolidate, and integrate databases on ASEAN statistics	1	ASEAN statistics consolidated template is updated based on the expanded ASI	2017-2025
				2	ASEAN integrated statistical database in place supported with appropriate technology	2017-2025
		3	Enhance data sharing mechanism and practice, allowing further standardization of statistical processes, analytics, and applications.	1	Data sharing and submission facilitated with appropriate technology and security measures	2016 - 2025
				2	Improved implementation of the Data Transmission Framework (DTF) and Data Transfer Protocol (DTP)	2017-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed	Detailed Strategies	Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
b	National Level Implementation			
	1	Strengthen, consolidate and integrate databases on ASEAN statistics	1 ASEAN statistics consolidated template is updated based on the expanded ASI	2016-2025
3.2 Enhancing data dissemination through ASEAN statistics database and websites				
a	Regional Level Implementation			
	1	Enhance statistics dissemination to facilitate accessibility and visibility, through improved webpage/websites	1 ASEAN statistics webpage/ websites improved and more data and information are populated	2017-2025
			2 Dissemination of data is carried out using appropriate technology and media as well as employing a web-based dissemination system	2017-2025
			3 Policies on and support to open data, big data, data revolution, use of GIS/geospatial data, more detailed aggregated data, and other initiatives discussed and agreed by the ACSS Committee	2018-2025
	2	Enhance the policies on data sharing, confidentiality and dissemination and communication of statistics and their implementation	1 Policies on advanced release calendar and data revisions available for all major statistical domains collected and disseminated	2017-2025
			2 Advance Release Calendar for ASEANstats developed and disseminated	2017-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed	Detailed Strategies	Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			3 Dissemination is carried out in compliance with the advanced release calendar and revision policies	2017 -2025
		3 Update and expand availability of key ASEAN integration statistics including those in support of the AC Post 2015 Vision, and the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and the APSC 2025 Blueprints in ASEAN statistics database	1 Database of IMTS, FDIS, SITS, SNA, MDG/SDG and ACPMS indicators updated and expanded	2016-2025
			2 Statistical support to the AC Post 2015 Vision, and the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and the APSC 2025 Blueprints is included in the ASEAN integrated statistical database	2017-2025
			3 Database on the newly defined statistics/indicators in the ASI, including National Accounts, are available and updated	2017-2025
			4 Improved generation of and accessibility to more detailed but aggregated data	2017-2025
b	National Level Implementation			
		1 Enhance statistics dissemination to facilitate accessibility and visibility, through improved webpage/websites	1 ASEAN statistics webpage in AMS websites improved and more data and information are populated	2016-2025
			2 Dissemination of data in AMS is carried out using appropriate technology and media as	2017-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies			Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
						well as employing a web-based dissemination system	
						3 Policies on and support to open data, big data, data revolution, use of GIS/geospatial data, more detailed aggregated data , and other by the NSS of the AMS	2018-2025
		2	Enhance the policies on data sharing, confidentiality and dissemination and communication of major statistics domain and their implementation			1 AMS advanced release calendar and policies on data revisions available for all major statistical domains	2018-2025
						2 Dissemination in AMS is carried out in compliance with the advanced release calendar and revision policies	2018-2025
		3	Update and expand availability of key ASEAN integration statistics including those in support of the AC Post 2015 Vision, and the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and the APSC 2025 Blueprints in ASEAN statistics database			1 IMTS, FDIS, SITS, SNA, MDG/SDG and ACPMS indicators including those in support of the AC Post 2015 Vision, and the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and the APSC 2025 Blueprints are provided to ASEANstats	2016-2025
						2 Newly defined statistics/indicators in the ASI, including National Accounts, are provided to ASEANstats	2018- 2025
						3 Improved generation of and accessibility to more detailed but aggregated data	2018-2025
3.3 Enhancing data dissemination through improvements of ASEAN statistical reports/publications							

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed	Detailed Strategies	Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
a	Regional Level Implementation			
		1 Disseminate ASEAN statistics through the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook, AEC Chartbook, and ASEAN Statistics Leaflet on a regular basis	1 The publication of regular/annual statistical reports are issued in accordance with the advanced release calendar	2018–2025
		2 Disseminate IMTS, FDIS, and SITS statistical reports and the ACPMS, MDGs/SDGs statistical report	1 Statistical reports on IMTS, FDIS, SITS are available and published in the ASEAN website, in accordance with the advanced release calendar	2016 -2025
			2 Core indicators of MDGs/SDGs and ACPMS are updated and issued annually through the ASEAN website, in accordance with the advanced release calendar	2016-2025
			3 Statistical reports on MDGs/SDGs and ACPMS are published once every two years, in accordance with the advanced release calendar	2017-2025
		3 Disseminate other key ASEAN statistics/ indicators relevant to the AC Post 2015 Vision, and the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and the APSC 2025 Blueprints	1 Template for other key ASEAN statistics/ indicators (such as on monitoring ASEAN integration, connectivity) are defined	2016 - 2025
			2 Other key ASEAN statistics indicators (such as on monitoring ASEAN integration, connectivity, SDG/MDG, the AC Post 2015 Vision, and the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and the APSC 2025 Blueprints) are updated and issued regularly	2017–2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed	Detailed Strategies	Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			through the ASEAN website, in accordance with the advanced release calendar	
b	National Level Implementation			
		1 Disseminate ASEAN statistics through the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook, AEC Chartbook, and ASEAN Statistics Leaflet on a regular basis	1 AMSs undertake required data provision and verification	2016–2025
		2 Disseminate IMTS, FDIS, and SITS statistical reports and the ACPMS, MDGs/SDGs statistical report	1 AMSs undertake required data provision and verification	2016 - 2025
		3 Disseminate other ASEAN key statistics/ indicators relevant to the AC Post 2015 Vision, and the AEC 2025, ASCC 2025, and the APSC 2025 Blueprints	1 AMSs undertake required data provision and verification	2016 – 2025
3.4	Enhancing communication, statistical literacy and visibility of ASEAN statistics			
a	Regional Level Implementation			
		1 Implement the the ACSS Communication Strategy towards greater visibility and statistical literacy of ASEAN statistics (e.g. through regular press releases, issuance of snapshot publications and ASEAN Headlines Statistics, use of infographics and other data dissemination tools, as well as reach-out and statistical awareness raising activities)	1 Enhanced implementation of the partnership approach in the area of capacity building on public relation and statistical press releases	2016-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies			Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
				2		Press releases on ASEAN statistics is issued at least 4 times a year, i.e. during publication reports releases.	2016-2025
				3		Press releases on selected topics of ASEAN statistics issued simultaneously in some/all AMSs and ASEANstats, at least twice a year	2016–2025
				4		Regular dissemination of ASEAN Headlines Statistics	2016-2025
				5		Regular issue of the ACPMS executive summary/snapshot disseminated to concerned ASEAN higher bodies and the general public and the media	2016–2025
				6		Regular issue of executive summary/snapshot on MDGs/SDGs disseminated to concerned ASEAN higher bodies and the general public and the Media	2016-2025
				7		Regular dissemination of ACSS information, Strategic Plan, programmes, standards, guidelines, frameworks and products among concerned data producing agencies and within the NSOs	2016 –2025
				8		Concept paper on cascading/echoing of major regional meetings developed, piloted, adopted, and updated,	2016

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies			Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
						9 Cascading practice of major regional meetings (ACSS Committee, SCPC, and major meetings of WGs) in place in ASEANstats	2016–2025
						10 Statistical awareness materials produced and disseminated	2016-2025
						11 User needs and satisfaction survey for ASEAN bodies implemented and expanded	2016-2025
						12 Concept paper on the Statistical Glossary developed and updated	2016-2025
						13 Statistical Glossary for Laymen available and disseminated through the ASEANstats webpage	2016-2025
						14 Regional training on infographics and other data dissemination tools provided to ACSS statisticians	2016-2025
b	National Level Implementation						
		1	Implement the ACSS Communication Strategy towards greater visibility and statistical literacy of ASEAN statistics (e.g. through regular press releases, issuance of snapshot publications and Headlines Statistics, use of infographics and other data dissemination tools, reach-out and statistical awareness raising activities)			1 Enhanced implementation in the AMS of the Partnership approach in the area of capacity building on public relation and statistical press releases	2016 - 2025

Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables		Time Frame
				2	Press releases on selected topics of ASEAN statistics issued simultaneously in some/all AMSs and ASEANstats, at least twice a year	2016 - 2025
				3	Regular dissemination of ASEAN Headlines Statistics	2016 - 2025
				4	Regular dissemination of ACSS information, Strategic Plan, programmes, standards, guidelines, frameworks and products among concerned data producing agencies and within the NSOs	2016 - 2025
				5	Cascading practice of major regional meetings (ACSS Committee, SCPC, and major meetings of WGs) in place in at least 2 AMS per year	2016 - 2025
				6	Statistical Glossary for Laymen adopted by AMS	2016-2025
				7	Participation in Training on infographics and other data dissemination tools	2016-2025
4 Bridging the Gaps towards Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics						
4.1 Improving ICT support for CLMV for ACSS initiatives						
a Regional Level Implementation						
		1	Assess and improve IT and capacity in support of the data production and dissemination of IMTS, FDIS and SITS with priority assistance to CLMV	1	Databases at the national level and coordination mechanism on data collection (from major data-providing government agencies) are in place	2016-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed			Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
						2 ICT hardware, software and related training programs are provided/upgraded, with priority to CLMV	2017-2025
b	National Level Implementation						
		1		Assess and improve IT and capacity in support of the data production and dissemination of IMTS, FDIS and SITS		1 Databases at the national level and coordination mechanism on data collection (from major data-providing government agencies) are in place	2016-2025
						2 ICT hardware, software and related training programs are provided/upgraded	2017-2025
4.2	Ensuring continuous provision of capacity building programs in CLMV						
a	Regional Level Implementation						
		1		Capacity building on IT and Database in general to CLMV		1 TA/training/workshop on improvement of IT skills and database implemented in CLMV	2018-2025
		2		Provision of long-term training/higher degree courses on statistics and computing skills to CLMV		1 Training needs for CLMV assessed and updated	2018-2025
						2 Official long-term Training/Post graduate degree in Statistics and scholarship made available for CLMV in accordance with the results of the training needs assessment	2018-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		3	Provision of special TA/capacity building in specific subjects of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS to CLMV to catch up with other AMSs	1	Technical assistance on IMTS, FDIS, SITS, on specific subjects provided to CLMV	2016-2025
b	National Level Implementation					
		1	Capacity building on IT and Database in general	1	TA/training/workshop on improvement of IT skills and database implemented in CLMV	2018-2025
		2	Provision of long-term training/higher degree courses on statistics and computing skills	1	Training needs for CLMV assessed and updated	2018-2025
				2	Official long-term Training/Post graduate degree in Statistics and scholarship made available for CLMV in accordance with the results of the training needs assessment	2018-2025
		3	Provision of special TA/capacity building in specific subjects of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS to CLMV to catch up with other AMSs	1	Technical assistance on IMTS, FDIS, SITS, on specific subjects provided to CLMV	2016-2025
4.3	Promoting ASEAN-help-ASEAN cooperation					
a	Regional Level Implementation					
		1	Promote activities to facilitate ASEAN-help-ASEAN mechanism to address relevant statistics working group programme/agenda	1	Pool of ASEAN experts on statistics developed, expanded, and updated	2016-2025
				2	Study visits / exchange programmes / internship / voluntary secondment among AMSs and ASEANstats	2016-2025

	Major Components & Major Thrust Addressed			Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
					3	Partnership scheme is implemented in key areas of statistics and database development	2017-2025
					4	Partnership scheme in cascading of major ACSS/ASEAN decisions is implemented	2016-2025
					5	Partnership scheme in the monitoring of AWP/NSDS is implemented	2018-2025
b	National Level Implementation						
		1		Promote activities to facilitate ASEAN-help-ASEAN mechanism to address relevant statistics working group programme/agenda	1	Pool of ASEAN experts on statistics developed, expanded, and updated	2016-2025
					2	Study visits / exchange programmes / internship / voluntary secondment among AMSs and ASEANstats	2016-2025
					3	Partnership scheme is implemented in key areas of statistics	2017-2025