Vision & Mission

VISION

The ACSS will, by 2015, be a forward looking and reliable provider of relevant, timely and comparable statistic in support of the ASEAN Community.

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The ACSS 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.

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One Vision, One Identity, One Community

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967. The Member States of the Association are Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee

The Terms of Reference of the ACSS Committee was adopted by the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM) in Jakarta, Indonesia in July 2011 and endorsed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) through the Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) at the 43rd AEM in Manado, Indonesia, in August 2011.

About ACSS Committee

> What is the ACSS?

The ACSS is a partnership between and among the national statistical systems of the ASEAN Member States (AMSs), the ASEAN Community Councils, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

> Who are the Major Partners?

- **The ACSS Committee** as the highest regional policy-making and coordinating body on ASEAN statistics
- **The national statistical systems** of all ASEAN Member States, with the national statistical office (NSO) as country focal point on ASEAN statistics.
- **The ASEAN Secretariat**, through the **ASEANstats**, as the regional focal point of ASEAN statistics and the technical arm and secretariat of the ACSS Committee.
- **The ASEAN Community Councils**, through its ASEAN bodies, as the primary stakeholders.

> Towards an ACSS

- The ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics 2010 - 2015 was adopted by the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices **(AHSOM)** and recognised by the ASEAN Leaders at the 17th ASEAN Summit in Hanoi, in October 2011.
- Its primary objective is to strengthen the organisational framework and statistical capacity of the ASEAN Member States towards the establishment of an ASEAN Community Statistical System **(ACSS)** by 2015. An ACSS that is able to produce timely and comparable statistics in support of a rules-based ASEAN Community.

What is the ACSS Committee?

- a reconstitution of the AHSOM;
- the highest regional policy-making and coordinating body on ASEAN statistics.

To Whom Shall the Committee Report?

- to the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Meeting through the Senior Economic Official Meeting (SEOM);
- for the pillar-specific inputs and consultations, the Committee shall consult the ASEAN bodies under the respective pillars (ASEAN political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community), and report its outcome to the AEM through SEOM.

Role of Major Participants

ACSS Committee: a clearer mandate to...

- define ASEAN statistical priorities and promote wider use of regional statistics;
- promote improvement of statistical infrastructure;
- facilitate human resource and institutional capacity building;
- enhance institutional linkages with international statistical bodies.

National Statistical Offices: a crucial role to...

- coordinate the implementation of policies, development, and harmonisation of ASEAN statistics within the national statistical system;
- coordinate the provision of ASEAN statistics to stakeholders in ASEAN through the ASEANstats;
- function as the country focal point in matters related to regional cooperation in statistics;
- represent their national statistical system at the Committee meetings.

ASEANstats, as the technical arm and member of the Committee: a proactive role to...

- initiate the formulation and lead the implementation of policies, standards, methodologies for the harmonisation of ASEAN statistics;
- serve as the link between the ACSS Committee and the ASEAN Community Councils and with stakeholders including regional and international organisations;
- harmonise ASEAN statistics, administer database and develop statistical products and services;
- coordinate with donor community;
- support national statistical systems in the implementation of policies and standards.

ASEAN Community Councils: a pivotal role to ...

- provide guidance on data needs and strategic directions for statistics development in the ASEAN Community.

Organisation

- The ACSS Committee meets once a year or more, as necessary;
- Chairmanship is on a rotating basis, following the ASEAN chairmanship.

Evolution of the ASEAN regional cooperation in statistics

Establishing the ASEAN statistical cooperation: 1997-2002

■ ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM) established

1997 October: AHSOM was established and convened its inaugural meeting at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia.

■ Statistics Unit established

2000 October: Statistics Unit was established at the ASEAN Secretariat, upon AHSOM's recommendation, mainly to provide technical and secretarial support.

■ Framework of Cooperation adopted

2001: ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics along with the Plan of Action on Statistics were adopted by the AHSOM, highlighting four major thrusts:

- Support to ASEAN integration
- Harmonisation of statistics
- Promotion of international standards and best practices
- Capacity building

Laying the Foundation: 2003-2007

■ ASI adopted

2003: ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI) Framework was adopted by the AHSOM to provide reference in developing and harmonising ASEAN statistics.

■ Harmonisation of Statistics and Classifications initiated

2003: ASEAN Common Industrial Classifications (ACIC) was developed - the first attempt to harmonise statistical classifications.
2003: Harmonisation of manufacturing statistics.
2005: Harmonisation of international trade in goods and services statistics.

■ Inclusion of Statistics in the VAP

2004: Statistics was first included in the action plan of ASEAN, the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP), to provide stronger basis for development and harmonisation of ASEAN statistics.

■ AHSOM reporting through SEOM

2006: New AHSOM's reporting line was endorsed at the 13th SEOM Meeting, in which AHSOM reports to the higher body through SEOM.

Strengthening statistical cooperation: 2009-2011

■ Strategic planning initiated and the Broad Framework adopted

2009: AHSOM formalised the framework of ASEAN statistics development and harmonisation in the Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics. It was also during this year when the Broad Framework was adopted and the Task Force on Strategic Planning (TFSP) was created.

■ ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics (AFCS 2010-2015) adopted

2010: ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics 2010 - 2015 was adopted by AHSOM and acknowledged by the ASEAN Leaders at the 17th ASEAN Summit in Hanoi, Viet Nam, in October 2011. This was one major output of the TFSP.

■ ACSS Committee and Strategic Plan established

2011: The AFCS 2010-2015 called for the establishment of an ACSS by 2015 and an ACSS Committee in 2011. AHSOM adopted the Terms of Reference of the ACSS Committee in July 2011, endorsed on the 43rd AEM Meeting in August 2011 at Manado, Indonesia.

■ ACSS Committee launched

2011: The ACSS Committee 1st Session and the ACSS Committee are launched in early November 2011.

AHSOM Meeting

- Inaugural AHSOM: ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia, 9-10 October 1997
- Informal AHSOM: ADB Head Quarter, Manila, Philippines, 1-2 October 1998
- AHSOM 2: Bali, Indonesia, 5-6 January 1999
- AHSOM 3: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 24-25 September 2001
- AHSOM 4: Yangon, Myanmar, 9-10 December 2002
- AHSOM 5: Luang Phrabang, Lao PDR, 12-13 January 2004
- AHSOM 6: Manila, Philippines, 16-17 August 2005
- AHSOM 7: Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 21-22 Nov 2006
- AHSOM 8: Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 17-18 December 2007
- AHSOM 9: Singapore, 16 January 2009
- AHSOM 10: Chiang Mai, Thailand, 26-27 January 2010
- AHSOM 11: Hanoi, Viet Nam, 8-9 December 2010
- ACSS Committee 1st Session: Jakarta, Indonesia, 2-3 November 2011