

# QUARTERLY UPDATE

## 3RD QUARTER 2015

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### Activities implemented during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015

#### Technical assistance missions

- 25 June-3 July 2015, Vietnam, Lao, and Cambodia, OF Technical Assistance.
- 27 July-21 August 2015, Jakarta, ITD Technical Assistance.
- 28 July-10 August 2015, Myanmar, IMTS Technical Assistance
- 11 August 2015, Hanoi, IMTS Training on Mirror Statistics
- 17-21 August 2015, Hanoi, Technical Assistance Mission on FDIS.
- 31 August-11 September 2015, Jakarta, Technical Assistance Mission on IB.
- 7-11 September 2015, Hanoi, Technical Assistance on SITS.
- 14-18 September 2015, Jakarta, SITS Technical Assistance.

#### Workshops & Seminar

- 2nd Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Snapshot Tool Workshop in Jakarta, 28-29 July 2015.
- 10-11 August 2015, Hanoi, Sub-regional Workshop for CLMV on FDIS.
- 12-13 August 2015, Hanoi, Regional Workshop on FDIS.
- 14 August 2015, Hanoi, Working Group on International Investment Statistics.
- 17 August 2015, Manila, Launching of the Access to Higher Education Facility for CLMV countries

### Institutional Building (IB)

**Snapshot Tool Workshop for Monitoring Statistical Systems, Jakarta, 28-29 July 2015.**



A Workshop supported by EU-ASEAN COMPASS project on the "ASEAN Snapshot Tool" was held during 28 – 29 July in Jakarta. The ASEAN Snapshot tool has been developed to monitor the implementation of the ASEAN code of practice in the ASEAN Member States. The participants came from the 10 Member States and ASEANstats. The two-day workshop was facilitated by Mr. Thierry Paccoud, COMPASS Institutional Building expert.



## **EU-ASEAN COMPASS**

### **Support to the improvement of the ACSS process and support to regional strategic planning, Jakarta, 31 August – 11 September 2015**

The COMPASS Institutional Building expert prepared a concept paper to develop ACSS Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 including to review the ACSS Communication Strategy. The expert also prepared the concept note on Glossary of Laymen and Advance release calendar and High Level Advocacy Seminar for 2016.

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

#### **IMTS Training on Mirror Statistics, Hanoi, 11 August 2015.**



The EU-ASEAN COMPASS project Team Leader, Romesh PAUL, undertook a technical assistance mission to Viet Nam on 11 August 2015. He visited the General Statistical Office of Viet Nam in Hanoi to provide a training on Mirror Statistics on IMTS. The objective of this training is to gradually improve the data quality and to investigate the asymmetries observed between the mirror flows and to reconcile the figures. The target is to acknowledge the issues impacting the data reliability and to take any necessary measures aiming at avoiding them in the future. The workshop was opened by Mr Nguyen Bich Lam – Director General of General Statistics Office.

#### **Training on Eurotrace for Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Nay Pyi Taw, 28 July -10 August 2015**

The training on Eurotrace at the Central Statistical Organisation in Myanmar was held by an IMTS expert, Christine Alberti, in Nay Pyi Taw during 28 July – 10 August 2015. The training focused on introducing the basic concepts on the Eurotrace software in the compilation and validation of trade statistics.

The training objective was to support CSO Myanmar in order to use Eurotrace for the definition of the scope of IMTS data, the definition of validation rules and data dissemination. This training also involved the staff in charge of the tool used for transferring the IMTS data to ASEAN Secretariat.

#### **Technical Assistance Mission on IMTS for Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), Nay Pyi Taw, 3-7 August 2015**

A technical assistance mission supported by the IMTS key expert, Henri Tyrman, was carried out in Myanmar from 3-7 August 2015. The IMTS key expert provided CSO with assistance in order to check the correct application of international standards in IMTS data produced by CSO, to adapt the tool to the specific requirements of IMTS in Myanmar, and to prepare a draft work plan for the improvements of IMTS in Myanmar.

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

#### **ITD Support to ASEANstats, Jakarta, 27 July – 21 August 2015**

The ITD expert, Mr Philippe Corman, undertook a mission to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta from 27 July to 21 August 2015 to:

- provide training and support to ASEANstats in the production of the IMTS ASEAN database
- consolidate the data transmission system between ASEAN Member States (AMSs) and ASEANstats using the REXDBS production system
- facilitate the IT procurement for ASEANstats, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) countries and AIMO.

Assistance was provided to ASEANstats in revising and updating the IMTS, SITS and FDIS templates and the production database accordingly.

## Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (FDIS)

### Sub-regional Workshop for CLMV on FDIS, Hanoi, 10 – 11 August 2015



The workshop was opened by Mr To Huy Vu – Director of Statistics and Forecast Department of State Bank of Vietnam. Mrs. Elizabeth Alarilla – Senior Officer ASEANstats and Mr. Romesh Paul – Team Leader EU-ASEAN COMPASS Project spoke during the opening session. Mr Stuart Brown, the COMPASS FDIS Lead Expert, Mr Masud Mohd Ridaudin from CSO Malaysia, and Mrs Pujiastuti Abassuni from Bank Indonesia facilitated the 2-day FDIS Workshop.

The workshop's objectives were to enhance CLMV experts in disseminating comparable annual FDI statistics covering flows / stocks and to introduce the use of FDI statistics to measure of globalization, employment, technology, and management techniques.

### Regional Workshop on FDIS, Hanoi, 12 – 13 August 2015

The EU-ASEAN COMPASS supported the FDIS Regional Workshop held on 12 – 13 of August 2015 back to back with the ASEAN Working Group meeting on International Investment Statistics (WGIIS) in Hanoi, Vietnam. The workshop and the meeting were held within the premises of the State Bank of Vietnam.



The workshop was opened by Mr. To Huy Vu – Director of Statistics and Forecast Department of State Bank of Vietnam. Mrs Elizabeth Alarilla – Senior Officer ASEANstats and Mr Romesh Paul – Team Leader EU-ASEAN COMPASS Project also spoke during the opening. Mr Stuart Brown, the COMPASS FDIS Lead Expert facilitated the 2-day FDIS Regional Workshop. Also present were Mr Jan Naplava from the Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam and Mr Stéphane GIL, the Expertise France Director for ASIA.

The workshop's main objective was to improve compilation of timely and comparable Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (FDIS) in the ASEAN

Member States based on the UN Official Principles. The participants came mainly from the Central Banks, National Statistical Authorities and the Investment Boards. In total there were more than 50 participants from the ASEAN Member States.

### 29th Meeting of WGIIS: Hanoi 14 August 2015

The meeting was held at the State Bank of Vietnam directly after the 8th Regional FDIS Workshop. The COMPASS FDI expert, Stuart Brown, participated in discussions following some of the country presentations, and contributed in two specific areas: (i) discussing the Self-Assessment Measures in the ASEAN Code of Practice relating to WGIIS and (ii) data disclosure.

The descriptions of the measures under Section B (Statistical Processes) and Section C (Statistical Output) were discussed by WGIIS following comments and suggestions received earlier from ASEANstats and the COMPASS FDI expert. The measures should be finalised by ASEANstats by end-November 2015 for implementation in 2016.





## **EU-ASEAN COMPASS**

### **Technical Assistance Mission on FDIS, Hanoi, 17 – 21 August 2015**

In addition to the meeting of WGIIS, the FDIS expert, Mr Stuart Brown, undertook a mission to the State Bank of Vietnam from 17 to 21 August 2015 to help compilation and dissemination of the Balance of Payments and FDI statistics for Vietnam. BOP statistics are published on the SBV website. The BoP Division also compiles forecasts for the forthcoming quarter and year, and prepares a quarterly full report for the State Bank Vietnam Governor and Government. A draft report is discussed with other Ministries before submission to the Governor each quarter. The BOP Division has 9 posts and is located within the Department of Statistics and Forecasting of the SBV.

### **Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS)**

#### **Technical Assistance on SITS, Hanoi, 7-11 September 2015**



This training was hosted by the General Statistics Office (GSO) and included participants from the State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) and the Customs Information Technology and Statistics Department (GDC). The training was attended by over 20 participants and facilitated by Simon Humphries, lead SITS expert on the COMPASS project.

The training set out the change to the treatment of goods for processing (with no change of ownership) and manufacturing services introduced by the new Balance of Payments (BPM6) and national accounts (SNA2008) international standards. It went on to consider options for compiling data in line with the new standards, taking account of international best practices, but focusing on information available to the Vietnam authorities. The GDC

introduced their procedures for identifying goods for processing and the GSO introduced their initial plans to introduce a pilot survey to collect data.

The training established a Technical Group consisting of representatives of GSO, SBV and Customs which will take forward the work to compile data in line with the new standards. The first meeting of the Technical Group took place the same week, allowing the participation of the COMPASS expert.

#### **Technical Assistance to ASEANstats on SITS, Jakarta, 14-18 September 2015**

The SITS expert, Simon Humphries, undertook a mission to the ASEANstats from 14 to 18 August 2015. The mission aimed to assist ASEANstats on focusing on SITS production and dissemination of the 2014 dataset.

### **Other Fields**

#### **Launching of the Access to Higher Education Facility for CLMV countries, Manila, 17 August 2015**



The launching of the EU-ASEAN COMPASS Formal Higher Education Facility at the Diliman University, Manila was opened by Ms. Josie B. Perez, Deputy Statistician of the Philippines Statistical Authority. Mr. Dennis Mapa the Dean of UP Diliman Schools of Statistics, Mr. Romesh Paul COMPASS Team Leader, Mr. Candido Astrologo and Ms. Gina Alvaro Perido of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Dr. Romulo Virola (COMPASS Institutional Building Expert) and the 8 scholars from Cambodia, Lao, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV) were present at the official launch held at the PSA premises in Manila on 17th August 2015.

The objective of this facility is to support the strengthening of CLMV countries human resources in statistics to strengthen the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS). The strengthening of the statistical capacity of CLMV countries itself aims at narrowing the statistical development gap in the region. The added value of this activity at the regional level is mainly to complement the available basic education and formal training in statistics at the country level (universities, specialised schools).

## Project Management

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Snapshot Tool Workshop, Jakarta, 28-29 July 2015**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> PSC meeting was held in Jakarta on 28 July 2015 to present the progress made by COMPASS during the first six-month implementation of the Annual Work Plan 1 and other upcoming activities. A workshop on the “Snapshot tool” for monitoring Part A: Institutional Environment of the ACSS Code of Practice was held during 28-29 July 2015 back-to-back with the 2<sup>nd</sup> PSC meeting.



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Asean Member States, ASEANstats, and COMPASS team

## Upcoming Activities

- 28 September – 23 October 2015, ITD Technical Assistance to ASEANstats
- 7 October 2015, Second CLMV Workshop on IMTS, Putrajaya, Malaysia
- 8-9 October 2015, Working Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics
- 12-14 October 2015, National Training on IMTS, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 15-23 October, IB Technical Assistance to ASEANstats
- 27 October, IB Launching Cascading, Manila
- 24-25 November 2015, Millennium Development Goals / Sustainable Development Goals Workshop, Thailand
- November 2015, FDIS Technical Assistance to ASEANstats, Cambodia, and Myanmar
- November 2015, ITD Technical Assistance to ASEANstats
- December 2015, IB Echoing Cascading, Myanmar
- December 2015, Nay Pyi Taw, National Training and Technical Assistance Mission on SITS
- 9-11 December 2015, CLMV Workshop on FDIS, Lao
- December, FDIS Technical Assistance to ASEANstats
- January 2016, 3rd Programme Steering Committee Meeting, Bali, Indonesia

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