

# **ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020**

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## **A. Introduction**

The first ACSS Strategic Plan was adopted by the then ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM) in 2011. It covers the period 2011-2015 and serves as the basis to develop the Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2011 and its consecutive AWP.

In accordance with the ACSS Committee's Rules of Procedures, the AWP 2016 is ought to be submitted to the ACSS Committee by third quarter of 2014 i.e. 15 months before the start of the concerned year. Therefore, the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 should be made available and adopted by the ACSS Committee by third quarter of 2014.

The Strategic Plan 2016-2020 was prepared by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) 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 received from a series of meetings of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination 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, 17-18 June 2014, supported by PARIS21 and the ASEAN Regional Integration Support by the EU (EU-ARISE).

## **B. Achievements Under the ACSS Strategic Plan 2011-2015**

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

At its early stage, the ACSS has accomplished significant progress in institutional strengthening and strengthening of ASEAN statistics. Based on the outcomes of the MTR, it is expected that many of the results set in the Multi-Year Plan have been achieved and some will be achieved by the end of 2015. These include:

1. Strengthening the institutional framework:
  - Updated Broad Framework for the Sustainable Development of ASEAN Statistics (Broad Framework Rev.1) – 5 July 2011.
  - AHSOM reconstituted into the ACSS Committee with recognition as the highest policy making and coordinating body on statistical matters in the 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 adopted – 3 November 2011.
  - Establishment of the Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination to support the ACSS Committee – 3 November 2011.
  - 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.
  - Multi Year Plan 2011-2015 and Annual Work Plans 2012, 2013 and 2014 available – since 2011.

- Mechanisms to Monitor Implementation of activities/programme at national and regional levels available – since 2011.
- Policies on Data Sharing, Confidentiality, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics adopted – 12 September 2013
- User producer consultation process initiated – since 2012.
- ACSS Communication Strategy adopted – 16 October 2014
- ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 adopted – 16 October 2014

## 2. Strengthening ASEAN statistics

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

## 3. Narrowing the development gap

- Some improvements of IMTS, FDIS and SITS in the CLMVs observed – since 2012.
- IT in support of data production of key ASEAN integration statistics in place - 2012
- Ongoing cooperation from ASEAN Member States (ASEAN helps ASEAN programme) facilitated – by 2015

## C. The Mandate

The ASEAN Vision 2020 in the three pillars of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), remains to be the major reference in the drafting of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020. The characteristics of the AEC, ASCC, and APSC, as outlined in the Community Blueprints, therefore, continue to serve as guidance in setting the overall prioritization.

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 is characterised by the following: (a) single market and production base; (b) competitive economic region; (c) equitable economic development; and (d) integration into the global economy. To achieve such objectives, the Community will advance economic integration and cooperation, among others, by fully realising the ASEAN Free Trade Area, accelerating liberalisation of trade in services and investments, establishing a single market and production base, and providing a facilitating environment for business through industry development in infrastructure (transportation, information and communication technology, energy), tourism, agriculture and forestry, while promoting effective competition policy, intellectual property rights and consumer protection. It will also promote closer consultations in macroeconomic and financial policies.

Under the ASCC, as reaffirmed by the Leaders in the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Cha-am, Thailand, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009, in the Joint Declaration on the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

in ASEAN, ASEAN is committed to ensuring a continuous effort towards a balance between economic growth and social development and environmental sustainability in order to reduce and avoid creating negative impacts to the attainment of the MDGs. The broader objectives of the ASCC pillar is reflected in the following characteristics of the ASCC pillar: (a) Human Development; (b) Social Welfare and Protection; (c) Social Justice and Rights; (d) Ensuring Environmental Sustainability (e) Building the ASEAN Identity; and (f) Narrowing the Development Gap.

Meanwhile, the APSC envisions ASEAN as a Community with: (a) a Rules-based Community of shared values and norms; (b) A Cohesive, Peaceful, Stable and Resilient Region with shared responsibility for comprehensive security; and (c) A Dynamic and Outward-looking Region in an increasingly integrated and interdependent world.

Recent developments in the policy areas noted Leaders' new commitment to further enhance the third pillar of the AEC Blueprint, i.e. the Equitable Economic Development, to provide ASEAN people with equal opportunities to benefit from regional economic integration. The 2011 ASEAN framework for Equitable Economic Development highlighted that, pursuing such an equitable economic development initiative, Member States essentially also assure that regional economic integration helps alleviate poverty and narrow the development gap within ASEAN. Securing an equitable economic development would also require sound connectivity within and between ASEAN Member States in terms of physical, institutional, and people-to-people connectivity. Significant efforts have also been undertaken to implement the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC). Statistical information on physical infrastructure, human capital mobility, technology transfer, and access to markets, and poverty, therefore, is essential.

With the post-2015 development goals becoming a high priority in the agenda of international statistical organisations, the ACSS has agreed to contribute to the discussion. Related to the post-2015 development goals, ASEAN Leaders have pledged to the development of the ASEAN Community Post-2015 Vision. A few other important initiatives in statistical development at the international fora were highlighted at the ACSS Strategic Planning Seminar. 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**

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. The establishment of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO), to track progress towards ASEAN integration, reaffirmed the importance of statistics for monitoring. On the other hand,

it has also added new dimensions of data requirements, as more detailed, consistent, and coherent time series data, as well as high-frequency data and micro data are needed.

As assessed through the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2011-2015, the implementation of the ACSS Strategic Plan 2011-2015 will potentially leave some outstanding challenges. The objective of the Strategic Plan 2011-2015 is to create preconditions for a sustainable development of ASEAN Statistics. Despite its focus on creating concrete and clear mandate for regional cooperation and institutional strengthening, a number of challenges remains, such as those related to institution building, including the effective functioning of the ACSS Committee as the highest regional body in statistics, of the national statistical office (NSO) as the country focal point, and of the ASEANstats as the ACSS technical arm, and regional focal point. Mechanisms whereby users are consulted and coordination among data producing agencies also need enhancement.

The challenges related to the above developments have been identified through the MTR and the High-Level Seminar on ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 and discussed in a series of meeting of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (ACSS-SCPC).

The following are a summary of the identified challenges, in addition to challenges associated with limited availability, quality, and dissemination of ASEAN statistics:

1. 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 since coordination among the various national data-producing agencies will continue to be challenging until a regional statistical framework, guidelines and standards exist and implemented by all concerned;
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 needs to be built up, 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 Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDS), i.e., the ACSS Strategic Plan, need to be aligned, and resources to be secured;
5. Efforts towards data quality assessment and monitoring have only been recently initiated and therefore more efforts are needed to advance the development of measures to assess the ACSS Code of Practice (CoP), and commitment has yet to be demonstrated through the implementation of the quality measures;
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 statistics database and data sharing security have yet to be established;

8. Regional cooperation in other fields of statistics such as the National Accounts, Labour Market Indicators, and manufacturing statistics were stagnant, 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 needs 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 initiative towards the Post-2015 SDGs, initiative on 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 Framework for Equitable Economic Development (AFEED) 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;
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 2016-2020**

The ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020 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 2016-2020 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/ Major Components and Major Thrusts for 2016-2020**

### ***Broad Strategies/ Major Components***

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
- Catching up and Narrowing Development Gap

### ***Major Thrusts***

The major thrusts underlying the institutional strengthening and enhancement of ACSS and its sustainability have to do with the objectives of:

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, good governance, and 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 MDG indicators
2. expanding the scope of regional cooperation to better respond to emerging major ASEAN initiatives, such as ASEAN integration monitoring, ASEAN connectivity monitoring, the Post-2015 development goals, ASEAN Framework of Equitable Economic Development, 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 data accessibility and 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 Catching up and Narrowing Development Gap, 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 Mission

### Vision 2020:

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

### Mission for 2016-2020:

“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 2016-2020

(as presented in the below matrix)

ACSS Strategic Plan 2016-2020: Detailed Strategies

As of 6 October 2014

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
<b>1</b>	<b>Institutional strengthening, enhancement of ACSS and its sustainability</b>					
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Advancing commitment to ACSS work programmes among the ACSS members</b>					
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Support the finalisation /revision of the NSDS and AMSs' Annual Work Plan, incorporate major activities of the RSDS and support the process of securing budget for a minimum number of official meetings.	1	Relevant work programmes of the RSDS are reflected in the NSDS of AMSs	From 2016
		2	Promote and support the partnership and lead country approach in the implementation of the major activities/programmes under select working groups	1	Lead Country Approach implemented for major areas of the ACSS work plan	From 2016
				2	Partnership scheme for major areas of the ACSS work plan implemented	From 2017
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Support the finalisation /revision of the NSDS and AMSs' Annual Work Plan, incorporate major activities of the RSDS and support the process of securing budget for	1	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	From 2017

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			minimum number of official meetings.		official meetings	
				2	The chairing AMS hosts the ACSS Committee meeting and at least one of the SCPC meetings	From 2016
<b>1.2 Developing stronger partnerships among users and producers of ASEAN statistics</b>						
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Promote closer coordination between ACSS and users at the regional level (ASEANstats provide assistance, materials, facilitation, etc.).	1	User consultation sessions regularly implemented	From 2016
				2	A formal User-Producer Forum established at the Regional level	By 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	A high-level forum is organised once in every two years (start of the 5-year plan and during the midterm review) to consult users on their statistical requirements (involving ASEAN bodies and concerned data producing agencies)	From 2016
				2	Advocacy / consultative workshop/meeting on budgeting, planning, and coordination between ACSS and the ASEAN bodies is established	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
				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))	From 2016
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Promote closer coordination among data producing agencies. (ASEANstats provides assistance, materials, facilitation, etc.).	1	Simple/non-formal coordination mechanisms among data producing agencies in place	From 2016
				2	Data provision is done through the NSO or in coordination with the NSO	2016
				3	Inter-Agency consultation/Formal coordination mechanism, MoU, etc. is established at the national level in all AMSs	From 2016
		2	Promote closer coordination between data producing agencies and users at the national level (ASEANstats provide assistance, materials, facilitation, etc.).	1	User consultation sessions regularly implemented	From 2016
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Effective implementation and Enhancing monitoring of the ACSS work programmes</b>					
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Develop, update, and monitor the ACSS Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and AWP	1	MYP 2016-2020 and AWP are developed	By 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
				2	MYP 2016-2020 and AWP are revised	2017-2020
				3	AWPs monitored	From 2016
		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	From 2016
				2	Peer Review mechanism is conceptualised (starting with the dissemination of statistics)	2016-2017
				3	Peer Review piloted for selected AMSs expressing interest in such reviews	From 2018
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Monitor AMS in implementing the CoP and quality of their production	1	Code of Practice (CoP) self-assessment gradually implemented in AMSs	From 2016
				2	Peer Review piloted for AMSs expressing interest in such reviews	From 2018
<b>1.4 Strengthening ASEANstats</b>						
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		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	2017
				3	Staff attachment/ voluntary secondment programme implemented	From 2016
		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)	From 2016
				2	Attendance to one major international seminar/workshop at least once every two years	From 2016
		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
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Support for ASEANstats in defining its	1	Staff attachment/ voluntary secondment	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			organisational structure and staff requirements, upgrading ASEANstats organisation, and addressing human resources constraints		programme implemented	
<b>1.5 Strengthening partnerships within the framework of promoting global statistical agenda</b>						
<b>a Regional Level Implementation</b>						
		1	Strive for ASEANstats participation in UNESCAP Committee on Statistics and UN Statistical Commission	1	Regular attendance by ASEANstats in the UNESCAP Committee on Statistics meeting	From 2016
				2	Regular attendance by ASEANstats to the UN Statistical Commission meeting at least once every two years	From 2016
		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	From 2016
<b>b National Level Implementation</b>						
		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	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
				2	Regular attendance by AMSs in the UN Statistical Commission meeting at least once every two years	From 2016
		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	From 2016
<b>2 Improvement of the Response to greater ASEAN Data Needs</b>						
<b>2.1 Strengthening methodology for improved availability, timeliness and comparability of key statistics for ASEAN Integration: IMTS, FDIS, SITS, as well as MDG/SDG and ACPMS indicators</b>						
<b>a Regional Level Implementation</b>						
		1	Define areas of improvement/Roadmap under the IMTS, FDIS, SITS, as well as the MDG/SDG and ACPMS indicators	1	Roadmap/areas of improvement defined	2016-2020
				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	2016-2020
		2	Support ASEANstats in the definition of major regional framework/guidelines for harmonisation, collection, aggregation, and dissemination of ASEAN statistics on IMTS,	1	Recommendations on regional framework/ guidelines agreed at the respective working groups, and new/expanded data template	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			SITS, FDIS, as well as MDGs/SDGs and ACPMS indicators		defined	
		3	Promote the implementation of international standards and good practices; and enhance availability, timeliness and comparability of the said key ASEAN integration statistics	1	Enhanced availability, timeliness and comparability in compliance with internationally-agreed frameworks, concepts and standards	2016-2020
				2	Documentation of good practices are available/updated	From 2017
				3	Metadata and methodological documentation updated and improved	2016-2020
				4	Statistical Capacity Building: Regional Meetings and workshops, training and technical assistance for improved data collection, production, and quality assurance are implemented	2016-2020
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Promote the implementation of international standards and good practices; and enhance availability, timeliness and comparability of the said key ASEAN integration statistics	1	Enhanced availability, timeliness and comparability in compliance with internationally-agreed frameworks, concepts and standards	2016-2020
				2	Documentation of good practices are available/updated	From 2017

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
				3	Metadata and methodological documentation are updated and improved	2016-2020
				4	Statistical Capacity Building: workshops, training and technical assistance for improved data collection, production, and quality assurance are implemented	2016-2020
<b>2.2 Improving availability of timely and comparable statistics in support of emerging major ASEAN integration monitoring initiatives under the AEC</b>						
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		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 and monitoring the implementation of the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity	1	Initiatives for new data collection are approved by the ACSS Committee – based on the mandate/request from the concerned ASEAN bodies/Summit	2016-2020
				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	2016-2020

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		2	Develop instrument, mechanism, and methodology	1	Instruments/template developed	2016-2020
				2	Methodology for compilation of the needed statistics/indicators approved by the ACSS Committee and metadata developed/updated	2016-2020
				3	Mechanism of data collection for emerging major ASEAN integration initiatives (e.g. ACPMS, Connectivity, SDG/MDG) strengthened (e.g. ToR/MoU available)	From 2016
		3	Facilitation of SNA Forum and initiation of the ground works for regional cooperation in SNA	1	System of National Accounts Forum regularly conducted and ASEAN Advisory Group on the SNA (AAGSNA) meeting re-convened	From 2016
				2	SNA Work Plan available and select National Accounts new indicators updated	From 2016
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Develop instrument, mechanism, and methodology	1	Methodology for compilation of the needed statistics/indicators is developed and metadata developed/updated	2016-2020
				2	Mechanism of data collection for emerging major ASEAN integration initiatives (e.g. ACPMS, Connectivity, SDG/MDG) strengthened (e.g. ToR/MoU available)	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		2	Facilitation of SNA Forum and initiation of the ground works for regional cooperation in SNA	1	Participation in the System of National Accounts Forum and ASEAN Advisory Group on the SNA (AAGSNA) meeting	From 2016
				2	SNA Work Plan available and select National Accounts new indicators updated	From 2016
<b>2.3 Improving response to initiatives under the ASCC and APSC pillars as well as global initiatives on statistics</b>						
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		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)	From 2016
		2	Initiation of the ground works for new major initiatives on statistics, such as Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators, migration, and gender statistics.	1	Creation of a Task Force on the MDG/SDG indicators; Work Plan developed	2016
				2	Framework of SDG indicators for ASEAN report developed	2016-2017
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Support for initiatives on population, labour force, demographic and social statistics as	1	Cooperation and coordination in the AMS with the respective data producing agencies	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			launched by the respective ASEAN Community pillars / concerned international organisations (ILO, UNESCAP, etc.)			
		2	Initiation of the ground works for new major initiatives on statistics, such as SDG indicators, migration, and gender statistics.	1	Participation in the Task Force on the MDG/SDG indicators	2016
<b>2.4 Assessment of quality (including accessibility, timeliness and comparability) of major ASEAN statistics</b>						
<b>a Regional Level Implementation</b>						
		1	Assessment of quality including accessibility, timeliness, comparability of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS	1	The IMTS, FDIS, and SITS data accessibility, timeliness and comparability assessed by the respective working groups	2016-2020
				2	The ACPMS and MDG/SDG Indicators accessibility, timeliness, and comparability assessed by the respective working group/ task force	From 2017
<b>b National Level Implementation</b>						
		1	Assessment of quality including accessibility, timeliness, comparability of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS	1	The IMTS, FDIS, and SITS data accessibility, timeliness and comparability assessed by AMS	2016-2020
				2	The ACPMS and MDG/SDG Indicators accessibility, timeliness, and comparability	From 2017

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
					assessed by AMS	
<b>3 Enhancement of Dissemination, Communication, Visibility, and Use of ASEAN statistics</b>						
<b>3.1 Enhancing IT, database and data sharing technology</b>						
<b>a Regional Level Implementation</b>						
		1	Develop the overall architecture of ASEAN statistics database with clear separation between production database and dissemination database	1	The overall ASEAN statistics database architecture is defined	2016
		2	Strengthen, consolidate and integrate databases on ASEAN statistics	1	ASEAN statistics consolidated template is updated based on the expanded ASI	2016-2020
				2	ASEAN integrated statistical database in place supported with appropriate technology	2016-2017
		3	Enhance data sharing mechanism and practice	1	Data sharing and submission facilitated with appropriate technology and security measures	2016
				2	Improved implementation of the Data Transmission Framework (DTF) and Data Transfer Protocol (DTP)	From 2016
<b>b National Level Implementation</b>						
		1	Strengthen, consolidate and integrate	1	ASEAN statistics consolidated template is	2016-2020

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			databases on ASEAN statistics		updated based on the expanded ASI	
<b>3.2 Enhancing data dissemination through ASEAN statistics database and websites</b>						
<b>a Regional Level Implementation</b>						
		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	2016
				2	Dissemination of data is carried out using appropriate technology and media as well as employing a web-based dissemination system	2017
		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	2016
				2	Dissemination is carried out in compliance with the advanced release calendar and revision policies	From 2016
		3	Update and expand availability of key ASEAN integration statistics in ASEAN statistics database	1	Database of IMTS, FDIS, SITS, as well as MDG and ACPMS indicators updated and expanded	2016-2020
				2	Database on the newly defined statistics/indicators in the ASI, including	From 2017

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
					National Accounts, are available and updated	
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		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	2016
				2	Dissemination of data is carried out using appropriate technology and media as well as employing a web-based dissemination system	2017
		2	Enhance the policies on data sharing, confidentiality and dissemination and communication of major statistics domain and their implementation	1	Policies on advanced release calendar and data revisions available for all major statistical domains	2016
				2	Dissemination is carried out in compliance with the advanced release calendar and revision policies	From 2016
		3	Update and expand availability of key ASEAN integration statistics in ASEAN statistics database	1	IMTS, FDIS, SITS, as well as MDG and ACPMS indicators are provided to ASEANstats	2016-2020
				2	Newly defined statistics/indicators in the ASI, including National Accounts, are provided to ASEANstats	From 2017

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Enhancing data dissemination through improvements of ASEAN statistical reports/publications</b>					
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Disseminate ASEAN statistics through the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook, ASEAN Community in Figures (ACIF), 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	From 2016
		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	From 2016
				2	Core indicators of MDGs/SDGs and ACPMS are updated and issued annually through the ASEAN website, in accordance with the advanced release calendar	From 2016
				3	Statistical reports on MDGs/SDGs and ACPMS are published once every two years, in accordance with the advanced release calendar	From 2017
		3	Disseminate other key ASEAN statistics/ indicators	1	Template for other key ASEAN statistics/ indicators (such as on monitoring ASEAN integration, connectivity) are defined	2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
				2	Other key ASEAN statistics indicators (such as on monitoring ASEAN integration, connectivity, SDG/MDG) are updated and issued regularly through the ASEAN website, in accordance with the advanced release calendar	From 2017
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Disseminate ASEAN statistics through the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook, ASEAN Community in Figures (ACIF), AEC Chartbook, and ASEAN Statistics Leaflet on a regular basis	1	AMSs undertake required data provision and verification	From 2016
		2	Disseminate IMTS, FDIS, and SITS statistical reports and the ACPMS, MDGs/SDGs statistical report	1	AMSs undertake required data provision and verification	From 2016
		3	Disseminate other ASEAN key statistics/ indicators	1	AMSs undertake required data provision and verification	2016
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Enhancing communication, statistical literacy and visibility of ASEAN statistics</b>					
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Implement relevant Communication Strategy towards greater visibility and statistical literacy of ASEAN statistics (e.g. through regular press releases, issuance of snapshot	1	Enhanced implementation of the Partnership approach in the area of capacity building on public relation and statistical press releases	2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			publications and ASEAN Headlines Statistics, as well as reach-out and statistical awareness raising activities)			
				2	Press releases on ASEAN statistics is issued at least 4 times a year	From 2016
				3	Press releases on selected topics of ASEAN statistics issued simultaneously in some/all AMSs and ASEANstats, at least twice a year	From 2016
				4	Regular dissemination of ASEAN Headlines Statistics	From 2016
				5	Regular issue of the ACPMS executive summary/snapshot disseminated to concerned ASEAN higher bodies and the general public and the Media	From 2016
				6	Regular issue of executive summary/snapshot on MDGs/SDGs disseminated to concerned ASEAN higher bodies and the general public and the Media	From 2016
				7	Regular dissemination of ACSS information, Strategic Plan, programmes, standards, guidelines, frameworks and products among concerned data producing agencies and within	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
					the NSOs	
				8	Cascading practice of major regional meetings (ACSS Committee, SCPC, and major meetings of WGs) in place	From 2016
				9	Statistical awareness materials produced and disseminated	From 2016
				10	User needs and satisfaction survey for ASEAN bodies implemented and expanded	From 2016
				11	Lay-men Statistical Glossary available	From 2016
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Implement the Communication Strategy towards greater visibility and statistical literacy of ASEAN statistics (e.g. through regular press releases, issuance of snapshot publications and Headlines Statistics, 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
				2	Press releases on selected topics of ASEAN statistics issued simultaneously in some/all AMSs and ASEANstats, at least twice a year	From 2016
				3	Regular dissemination of ASEAN Headlines	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
					Statistics	
				4	Regular dissemination of ACSS information, Strategic Plan, programmes, standards, guidelines, frameworks and products among concerned data producing agencies and within the NSOs	From 2016
				5	Cascading practice of major regional meetings (ACSS Committee, SCPC, and major meetings of WGs) in place	From 2016
<b>4 Catching up and Narrowing Development Gap</b>						
<b>4.1 Improving ICT support for CLMV for ACSS initiatives</b>						
<b>a Regional Level Implementation</b>						
		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	From 2016
				2	ICT hardware, software and related training programs are provided/upgraded	From 2017
<b>b National Level Implementation</b>						
		1	Assess and improve IT and capacity in support of the data production and	1	Databases at the national level and coordination mechanism on data collection	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
			dissemination of IMTS, FDIS and SITS		(from major data-providing government agencies) are in place	
				2	ICT hardware, software and related training programs are provided/upgraded	From 2017
<b>4.2 Ensuring continuous provision of capacity building programs in CLMV</b>						
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Capacity building on IT and Database in general	1	TA/training/workshop on improvement of IT skills and database implemented in CLMV	From 2017
		2	Provision of long-term training/higher degree courses on statistics and computing skills	1	Training needs for CLMV assessed and updated	From 2016
				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	From 2016
		3	Provision of special TA/capacity building in specific subjects of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS to catch up with other AMSs	1	Technical assistance on IMTS, FDIS, SITS, on specific subjects provided	From 2016
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					
		1	Capacity building on IT and Database in general	1	TA/training/workshop on improvement of IT skills and database implemented in CLMV	From 2016

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		2	Provision of long-term training/higher degree courses on statistics and computing skills	1	Training needs for CLMV assessed and updated	From 2016
				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	From 2016
		3	Provision of special TA/capacity building in specific subjects of IMTS, FDIS, and SITS to catch up with other AMSs	1	Technical assistance on IMTS, FDIS, SITS, on specific subjects provided	From 2016
<b>4.3 Promoting ASEAN-help-ASEAN cooperation</b>						
<b>a</b>	<b>Regional Level Implementation</b>					
		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 and expanded	2016
				2	Study visits / exchange programmes / internship / secondment among AMSs and ASEANstats	From 2016
				3	Partnership scheme is implemented in key areas of statistics and Database	From 2017
<b>b</b>	<b>National Level Implementation</b>					

	Major Components		Detailed Strategies		Key Outputs / Deliverables	Time Frame
		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 and expanded	2016
				2	Study visits / exchange programmes / internship / secondment among AMSs and ASEANstats	From 2016
				3	Partnership scheme is implemented in key areas of statistics	From 2017