Updates on ASEAN SITS

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SITS Data Collection in ASEANstats

• Data collection started in 2011
  
  *with support from the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building (EASCAB) Programme*

• Items collected:
  
  ➢ Annual - Export/Import by 11/12 headings
  ➢ Export/import for selected EBOPS details
  ➢ Export/import by partner country
  ➢ Inward FATS
SITS Data Collection in ASEANstats

• Status of the latest data collection (in 2014 for data 2005-2013):
  - 5 ASEAN Member States (AMSs) have shifted to BPM6.
    Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand
  - AMSs are able to provide data by service headings.
    Some countries are not yet able to complete the broad service headings
  - On the Extended Balance of Payments Services (EBOPS), most countries were able to provide data on a number of headings while some AMSs provided data only on their major activity (e.g., Travel, Transport, Other Business).
  - 6 AMSs were able to provide more detailed SITS by partner country including Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.
  - Only 2 AMSs were able to provide data on inward FATS: Thailand and Viet Nam
ASEAN Import in Services

- Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.
- Transport
- Travel
- Construction
- Insurance and pension services
- Financial Services
- Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e
- Telecommunications, computer, and information services
- Other business services
- Personal, cultural, and recreational services
- Government goods and services, n.i.e.
SITS Data Dissemination in ASEANstats

- Publication on SITS data is limited.
- The first SITS publication was released in November 2012 containing ASEAN aggregate data.
- ASEAN aggregate data on Trade in Services was also disseminated in ASEANstats annual publication *ASEAN Statistical Yearbook and AEC Chartbook*
- SITS data for individual countries are not disseminated yet in previous publications. Planned to be published starting 2014.
Summary of Progress

- The quality of SITS compilation has been improved in compliance with international concepts and procedures, 5 AMSs have moved to the BPM6 while 5 AMSs are still based on BPM5.
- ASEAN Member States have been more timely in submitting SITS to ASEANstats
- SITS Service Headings by AMSs will be published
- SITS metadata published in 2012 will be updated and published by end of 2014

However, data are not yet fully comparable and still vary in coverage and quality. SITS still at different stages of development; and for some, still has a long way to go.
Remaining Challenges

• Shift to BPM6 for AMSs that are still based on BPM5
• For AMSs which are already in BPM6, still need to enhance conceptual works on Manufacturing Services, FISIM, among others
• Product breakdown – to complete EBOPS or at least the Broad Service Headings
• Partner country breakdown – at least the minimum requirement, i.e. Intra- and Extra-ASEAN
• FATS – Inward FATS are compiled in 6 AMS but published in 2 AMS only. Outward FATS is compiled only by Malaysia
• Modes of Supply – not a priority for most of AMSs at the moment
On-Going Activities

• SITS Pilot Survey in Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar with support from ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area Economic Cooperation Work Programme (AANZFTA ECWP). Inception missions in Lao PDR and Myanmar were completed in August 2014, while in Cambodia is ongoing.

*The main objective is to assist CLM in designing and conducting pilot surveys (in specific sector) towards SITS compilation and to replicate the process in other sectors.*
EU-ASEAN Capacity Building Project for Monitoring Integration Progress and Statistics (COMPASS) – 2014-2018. The specific objectives of the project:

• to support the development of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS), and to build the capacity of the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO);

• to increase countries’ capacities to compile data and increase AIMO’s capacity to analyse and produce their own statistical publications;

• the programme will provide support at the regional level to both AIMO and ASEANstats.
Key Issues in the SITS field:

- Harmonise compilation to latest international standards (BPM6/MSITS 2010)
  - Manufacturing services
  - Construction
  - Financial (FISIM) and insurance services
- All AMS to at least meet standard (minimum) requirements for SITS compilation by project end
  - Compile BPM6 12 product breakdown
  - Partner country breakdown (minimum requirement)
  - Inward FATS
  - Mode of Supply (simplified approach or data collection?)
- Concentrate support on CLMV countries to close gap within ASEAN.
- Support dissemination of data and metadata (AMS and ASEANstats)
WGSITS agreed that activities from the COMPASS Programme will be incorporated in their Work Programme, which contain 4 Main Components on SITS:

- Annual Round of Data Collection – every mission will work toward the major requirements: by partner country and EBOPS;
- National-based trainings – to update the Basic Training on BPM6, especially in CLMV and other AMSs as well;
- Presentations from the regional workshops are to be delivered at the national level;
- Conduct of regional workshops on specific topics, i.e. Manufacturing, FISIM, Insurance, Construction, among others
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