



Statistical Training Activities:

**A few Notes from
ASEAN Secretariat Experiences**

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Partnerships in Statistical Training in Asia
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Four Thrusts in Statistical Cooperation in ASEAN

- **Support for ASEAN initiatives**
- **Harmonization of statistics**
- **Promotion of international standards and best practices**
- **Promotion of Statistical Capacity Building**
 - **Technical Assistance**
 - **Workshop/ Training**



Coverage

- **Selected Specific Field**
 - **SITS (introduction to SITS manual)**
 - **Trade Data Analysis (its use in trade analysis and negotiation)**
 - **Leading Indicators (5 years ago)**
 - **Intermediate statistics & modeling**
- **All AMCs, except bullet point 4**
 - **Capacity building is for both AMCs and ASEC**



Main Motivation

- **Support for regional integration through strengthened capacities in data collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of comparable and quality data, and better planning and management of statistical activities**
 - **Part of programme thrusts (regional concerns)**
 - **Taking into account peculiarities at national level and international concerns**



Funding

- **External sources, including Dialogue Partner Countries**
 - **SITS: USAID & AUSAID**
 - **Trade Data Analysis: USAID**
 - **Leading Indicators: UNSD**
 - **Intermediate Stat & Modeling: APRIS**
- **DP Countries: in many other non-statistics programme (Agriculture, Science & Tech; Customs, etc)**



Strategies of Cooperation

- **International/Donor Organization**
 - Limited to development of concept and plan, and to funding
- **Project Proponent (could be AMCs or ASEC)**
 - Implement the training
- **ASEC: facilitation, resource persons**
- **AMCs: participants and resource persons**



Assessment of Training Efficiency and Effectiveness

- **The usual feedback evaluation, based on standard form**
- **Immediate impact: on the output of the workshop (if it is to support the workshop)**
- **Medium and Long-term impact: on relevant countries activities and output (webpage, Leading Indicators)**



Regional and Country Specific Factors

- **Types of development intervention**
 - Policy Initiatives
 - Establishment of Institutional mechanism
 - Human Capacity Building
- **Main thrusts:**
 - Regionalism
 - Integration
 - Competitiveness



Dedicated website

- **Not available**
- **The intention is to have all materials and information posted on the web**



Enhancing Training Activities

- **What has been observed**
 - **Issues on limited number of staff**
 - **Issues due to job turn-over and promotion**
 - **Limited and simple on-the-job training**
 - **Lack of experience and expertise to deal with practical/ implementation problems**



Enhancing Training Activities

■ Some thoughts

- Multi-tasking supported with sufficient basic training
 - Need to have a systematic and continues training programme on basic statistics (in country or sub-regionwise)
- More Practical-oriented workshops
- Special scheme (ASEAN-help-ASEAN)
- TA and workshop to develop better human-resource plan



THANK YOU