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## **ASEAN MALAYSIA CHAIRMANSHIP 2025** Advancing Asean statistical cooperation as chair of 15TH SESSION OF THE ASEAN COMMUNITY STATISTICAL SYSTEM (ACSS15)

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## 29<sup>™</sup> MEETING OF THE ACSS SUB-COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND COORDINATION (SCPC29) CONVENED IN KUALA LUMPUR

19 - 20 February 2025 - The 29th Meeting of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC29) was successfully held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event organised by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) brought together over 40 participants from all ASEAN Member States (AMS). The meeting was a vital platform to foster innovation, strengthen regional collaboration, and advance data-driven development across the region.

SCPC29 played a crucial role in reviewing ongoing initiatives and shaping the future direction of ASEAN's statistical development. Key discussions included the ASEAN SDG Indicators Progress Report 2025, the expansion of the ASEAN Statistics Virtual Academy (ASVA) to enhance regional capacity, the ACSS Action Plan 2026-2030 and its corresponding KPIs and the ACSS Annual Priority 2025.

Along with the ASEAN Chairmanship and the upcoming World Statistics Day 2025, efforts are being undertaken across ASEAN to enhance statistical governance, build data promote innovation capacity and through diaital transformation. A regional awareness campaign on the importance of statistics is being spearheaded in collaboration with AMS and ASEANstats. This initiative includes a Data Dissemination and Communication Programme, using infographics and digital media to make statistical information more accessible, engaging and impactful for the general public.

#### **EMPOWERING ASEAN'S FUTURE:** STRENGTHENING STATISTICAL **CAPACITY FOR A COMPETITIVE REGION**

"As we navigate an evolving global landscape, robust statistical capacity and collaboration are vital to ensuring ASEAN remains competitive and wellprepared to emerging challenges. Through the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework, we are committed to advancing regional statistical capabilities, bridging capacity gaps and enhancing data governance to support ASEAN's economic, social, and political aspirations," said Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin.





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### **TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)**



#### WHAT IS SCPC? THE GUIDE TO ASEAN'S STATISTICAL COORDINATOR

SCPC was established during the inaugural session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee on 2–3 November 2011 in Jakarta. SCPC plays a key role in helping the ACSS Committee make informed decisions. It serves as the main coordination point between national statistical offices across ASEAN. Essentially, SCPC helps plan, align and follow up on statistical activities to ensure the region speaks a common "statistical language."

SCPC is tasked with planning, reviewing, and following up on statistical activities that align with ASEAN's regional integration goals. It ensures that data shared within the ASEAN Community is harmonised, reliable and timely—making it a cornerstone for evidence-based decision-making across the region.

Additionally, SCPC serves as the main communication bridge between national statistical systems and the ACSS Committee. Its responsibilities also include facilitating the endorsement of policies, guidelines and strategic plans while promoting collaboration among ASEAN Member States.

#### What Does SCPC Do?

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- **Coordinates** planning for regional statistical programs and initiatives.
- Reviews documents and proposals before they are presented to the ACSS Committee.
- **Follows** up on decisions made by the ACSS Committee and facilitates implementation at the national level.
- **Provides** feedback and advice to ASEANstats on new ideas, plans, and statistical frameworks.
- **Works** with ACSS Working Groups to finalise and elevate proposals to the ACSS Committee.
- **Supports** communication between the ACSS Committee and national statistical offices across ASEAN.

#### How Is It Organised?

- **Chair:** The country holding the current ACSS Committee Chairmanship leads the SCPC.
- Vice-Chairs: Represent the previous and upcoming Chairs of the ACSS Committee.
- Secretariat: ASEANstats provides administrative and technical support.

#### How Often Does It Meet?

- SCPC meets twice a year.
- The first meeting will be hosted in person by the chair country, while the second meeting will be conducted virtually, following the Sub-Committee's latest decision.
- Between formal meetings, SCPC stays connected through virtual discussions and email coordination.

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#### Who Are the Members?

- **SCPC** is made up of senior officials from national statistical offices in each ASEAN Member State (AMS).
- **Each** representative is appointed by the Head of the National Statistics Office (NSO) of their country.
- Members are authorised to coordinate with various data-producing agencies and government ministries within their own country.
- Play a key role in ensuring their national statistical efforts align with regional goals and ACSS directives.

#### Who Does SCPC Report To?

- SCPC reports directly to the ACSS Committee, which is the top regional body responsible for statistical development in ASEAN.
- By fulfilling these responsibilities, SCPC ensures that statistical cooperation in ASEAN is efficient, inclusive and in line with the region's development goals.



As decided in the latest SCPC session, the 30th SCPC meeting will now be conducted **virtually** on 16-17 September 2025

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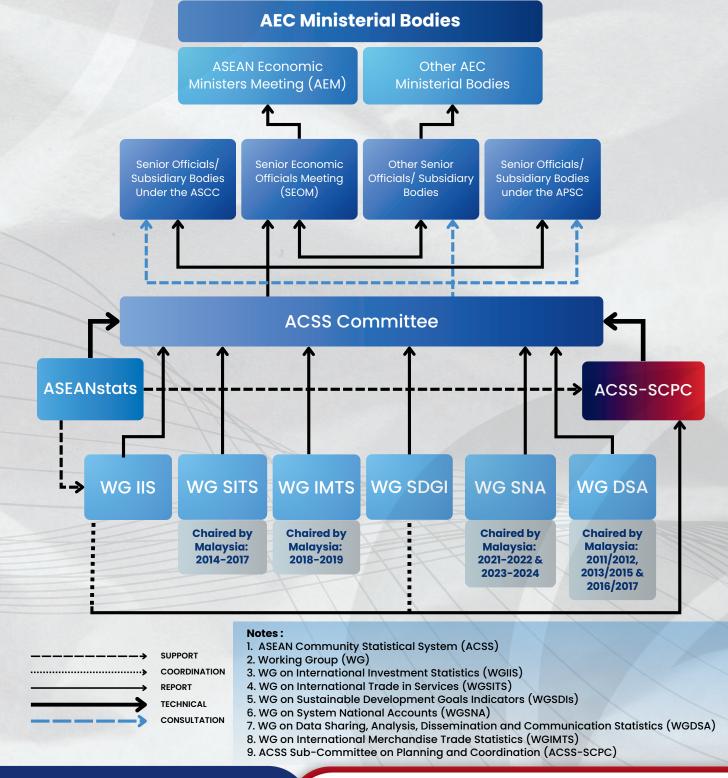


#### ACSS COMMITTEE RECOGNISED UNDER THE ASEAN CHARTER

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In strengthening the institutional role of statistics within ASEAN, the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) have endorsed the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee and approved its inclusion in Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter. This formal recognition establishes the ACSS Committee as a sectoral body reporting directly to the AEM through the Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM).

This development reinforces the ACSS Committee's mandate to coordinate the production and dissemination of timely, relevant, and comparable statistics that support the ASEAN Community's three pillars: Political security, economic development, and Socio-Cultural development. It also highlights the strategic importance of statistics in evidence-based policy and regional integration.



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## **KEY FIGURES, PRIORITIES &** PATHWAYS



#### **OPENING OF SCPC29**

#### **CHAIR SCPC29**



**MR. ABANG SAIFULHADI ABANG HAJI IBRAHIM** 

**Director of Strategic Communication and International** Statistics Division, DOSM

"Remarks from SCPC Chair"

#### **CHAIR ACSS15**



**DR. MOHD UZIR MAHIDIN** 

**Chief Statistician Malaysia** "Welcoming remarks from Chief Statistician Malaysia"

#### DIRECTOR ASEANSTATS



**MR. ANANG LAKSANO** 

Assistant Director of the Statistics **Division, ASEAN Secretariat** 

"Remarks from ASEANStats"





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SCPC29 marked a significant step in strengthening the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS). The meeting reviewed and advanced several key initiatives aligned with ASEAN's vision for a data-driven, cohesive and future-ready statistical community, Among the key decisions were:

- **ASEAN SDG Indicators Progress Report 2025:** Endorsed the timeline and quality framework, with a recommendation for its presentation at ministerial-level ASEAN platforms.
- ASEAN Statistics Virtual Academy (ASVA): Supported proof-of-concept development, user requirements, and a collaborative framework to guide implementation.
- **Regional Awareness Initiative:** Agreed to launch a campaign highlighting the value of official statistics, with outcomes to be presented at ACSS15.
- Data Governance: Initiated a Concept Note on Data Governance for ASEAN Member States (AMS), spearheaded by Malaysia and coordinated by ASEANstats.
- ACSS Code of Practice: Scheduled a self-assessment of Section A for mid-2025, with results to be presented at SCPC30 and ACSS15.
- ACSS Action Plan 2026–2030: Refined and trialled the draft plan, incorporating new KPIs that reflect digitalisation and inter-agency collaboration.
- ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Strategic Plan 2026–2030: Reviewed and aligned Key Outcome Indicators (KOIs) with statistical priorities.
- ACSS Annual Work Plan 2024: Noted progress and strong engagement across ASEANstats platforms in implementing the Work Plan and monitoring KPIs.
- API and ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI): Received updates, including pilot implementation cases with Singapore and Indonesia.
- ASEAN Digital Index (ADIX): Discussed its role as a regional tool for digital monitoring and benchmarking.
- **Regional Cooperation and Capacity-Building**: Reinforced commitment under the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF), launched a Focus Group on Big Data, and acknowledged ongoing international support.

These outcomes demonstrate the Sub-Committee's strong commitment to enhancing statistical governance, regional capacity and data accessibility in ASEAN.





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## A GLIMPSE THROUGH THE LENS: REVIEWING SCPC29 HIGHLIGHTS







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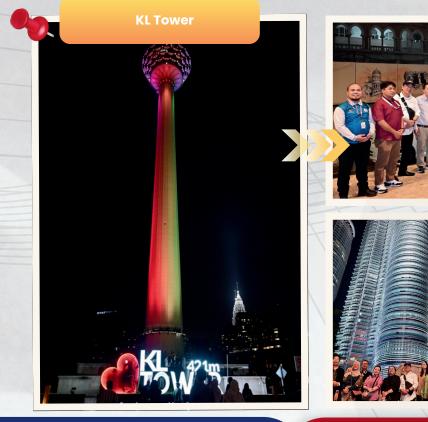
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#### Media Statement of SCPC29

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SCPC29 provided a strategic platform to review progress and set action plans for ASEAN's statistical community. Discussions focused on strengthening the monitoring mechanisms for the ASEAN SOS Indicators Progress Report 2025, advancing the implementation of the ASEAN Statistics Virtual Academy to enhance statistical capacity.

through the Concept Note on Data Governance for AMS. Additionally, members worked on defining the strategic direction for ASEAV's statistical development through the ACSS Action Plan 2026-2030, with a strong emphasis on digital transformation, involution, and regional integration. The ASEAV-Hety-ASEAV Framework (AVAF2) was also integrated as a key initiative to enhance capacity-building efforts and leverage regional expertise.

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#### KENYATAAN MEDIA (J)

Kopengerusian ASEAN Malaysia 2025 Malaysia Mengutuhkan Kerjasama Statistik ASEAN sebagai Pengerusi ACSS15 Malaysia menjadi tuan rumah Meyarati K-29 Jawatankasa Kecil Perancangan dan Penyelarasan (SCPC29) Sistem Statistik Komuniti ASEAN (ACSS)

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Februari 2025 – Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Kecil Perancangan dan Penyelarasan ACSS Ke-29 (SCPC29) telah berjaya diadakan dari 19 hingga 20 Februari 2025 di Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia. Mesyuarat ini dianjurkan oleh Jabatan Perangkaan Malapisai (DOSM) yang menghimpunkan waki danjada Negara Anggota ASEAN (AMS) dan Sekretariat ASEAN bagi membincangkan keutamaan statistik utama serta usaha kolaboratif dalam memperkukuh pembuatan keputusan berasaskan data di seluruh rantau ini.

Dalam ucapan perasmiannya, Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia, Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahdin, menegaskan komimen Malaysia sebagai Pengerusi Sistem Satistik Komunit ASEAN keci JACSS15 gada tatun 2025 dala memperkuku kerjasama serantau, memacu kecemengan satistik serta memastikan penyediaan data yang berkualit, tepat pada maanya dan boldi dipercayai bagi meryokong pembangunan mangan ASEAN.

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uarat ini dihadiri oleh 40 peserta dari AMS serta wakil Malaysia daripada Ahli dan Kumpulan Kerja ACSS secara fizikal, bersama satu negara AMS yang ertai secara dalam talian.

SCPC29 berfungsi sebagai platform strategik untuk menilai kemajuan serta merangka pelan tindakan bagi komunli statistik ASEAN. Perbincangan dalam mesyuarat ini memberi tumpuan kepada usaha menperkukuh mekanisme penantuana bagi Laporan Kemajuan Petunjuk SDG ASEAN 2025, mengukuhkan pelaksanana Akademi Statistik Maya ASEAN dalam meningkatan kapasiti statistik di seluruh MaKs, serta

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Statistics Bloom in Harmony

Doesn't matter far or near Strength in numbers we don't live in fear

Birds of feather flock together Statistics our form of adour We, will always live it up

#### Prechorus

So let us live in solidarity And in the world arena we'll succeed It is statistics that will come to be The reason we will bloom in harmony

Chorus

Everybody undivided Data's where our hearts reside in There will always be a bind Just like fire that ignites That's how brightly lit our dreams are We'll reach higher than the stars

Sending love to one another Leaving no one in a slumber We will stand with unity

Mustering our courage while Embracing our disparities We'll achieve our victory

One dream with unity One love with harmony





Thank you