





The 12th Meeting of the Working Group on Statistics of International Trade in Services (WGSITS12) was successfully held on 8–9 September 2025 in Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan, hosted by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). The meeting gathered 22 participants from ASEAN Member States (AMS), Malaysian representatives, and the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEANstats) to exchange best practices, discuss methodological developments, and strengthen cooperation in international trade in services statistics.

STATISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES (WGSITS12)

WGSITS12 provided ASEAN with a platform to review past initiatives and set future directions for the next five years. Delegates discussed achievements, challenges, and data practices in trade in services, while also preparing the 2026–2030 work plan to align with ASEAN's economic goals. The meeting further exchanged views on enhancing cooperation under the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF) and received updates on **new international guidelines** shaping the future of services trade statistics.

As part of Malaysia's chairmanship, DOSM shared its national work plan and experience in compiling Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS), highlighting initiatives to improve data quality, timeliness, and coverage, integrate survey systems, strengthen collaboration with key stakeholders, and address challenges through innovation to ensure Malaysia's services trade statistics remain robust, comprehensive, and responsive to new and emerging economic activities.



In today's rapidly evolving global economy, statistics on international trade in services must adapt to digitalisation, new business models, and shifting investment flows. Through WGSITS, we ensure ASEAN's statistical systems remain relevant, comparable, and trusted to drive evidence-based decisions and sustainable regional growth,



- YBhg. Dato' Sri. Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia & Chair of the 15th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15)



















WGSITS BACKGROUND

The original Terms of Reference (ToR) of the **Task Force on Statistics on International Trade in Services (TFSITS)** were adopted on 26-27 January 2010 at the Tenth ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

During the Second Meeting of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC) in July 2012, it was proposed that the TFSITS **be converted into the Working Group on SITS (WGSITS)** for the following reasons:

- 1) To reflect its permanent status within the decision making framework of the ACSS Committee;
- 2) To take account that the initiative on the harmonisation of SITS is no longer completely new; and
- 3) To address the emerging needs for more detailed, more comparable, and more comprehensive SITS in various forms.

Thus, the proposed **WGSITS ToR was founded on the originally approved TFSITS ToR,** incorporating the necessary amendments to establish the new status of the Working Group.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- 1. The main purpose of establishing The Working Group on Statistics on International Trade in Services, hereinafter referred to as WGSITS, is **to promote the development and harmonization of SITS in support of the ASEAN evidence-based policy in monitoring the free flow of services** within the ASEAN Economic Community as well as between ASEAN and the global economy.
- 2. The WGSITS shall carry out its functions and activities under the purview of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee in the statistical domain of international trade in services (SITS), including foreign affiliates statistics (FATS).

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- **3.** The WGSITS aims, in particular to identify issues in the current system of collecting, producing and disseminating SITS in ASEAN, and recommend appropriate measures towards more regular:
 - a. collection and dissemination of timely, high quality and comparable SITS, including FATS;
 - b. Assist the ASEAN Secretariat in the development and enhancement of the minimum requirements/regional standards/common references of the national and regional databases on SITS within the context of international standards;
 - c. Monitor adherence to and recommend measures to improve compliance with agreed international methodological standards and/or agreed regional frameworks and standards, and specifications in the compilation and reporting of SITS by the ASEAN Member States; and
 - d. Promote and facilitate the sharing of knowledge/experiences/best practices in the compilation of SITS.



















WELCOMING REMARKS



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REMARKS



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Chief Statistician Malaysia &
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MEETING AGENDA

AGENDA 1

14th Session ACSS Committee report & 29th SCPC highlights

AGENDA 2

WGSITS Multi-Year Work Plan (MYP)

AGENDA 3

SITS-related indicators in the list of Key Outcome Indicators (KOIs)

AGENDA 4

SITS Data Status Report

AGENDA 5

National Work Plan on SITS

AGENDA 6

Sharing of AMS' good practices on SITS-related issues

AGENDA 7

Release of International Standards related to SITS

AGENDA 8

ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF)

AGENDA 9

Other matters



















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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

12th Meeting of the ASEAN Work

(WGSITS12)

the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) will deliver remarks for the 12th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Statistics of International Trade in Services (WGSITS12). The meeting will take place for 2 days on 8-9 September 2025 at Klana Beach Resort Port Dickson Negerl Semblish, Malaysia.

The meeting aims to discuss, among others, the implementation and the review of the WGSITS Multi-Vear Work Plan. the results of self-assessment on Code of Practice (CoP) Section B. Statistica Process and C. Statistical Output, the SITS data submission and dissemination status as well as the implementation of ASEAN Help ASEAN Framework (AHAF).

Stay tuned for the next programmes!

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

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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























