

AANZFTA



ASEAN - AUSTRALIA - NEW ZEALAND FREE TRADE AREA (AANZFTA)
ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (AECSP)



AECSP at a Glance

KEY RESULTS 2010 – 2020

As of July 2020



GOODS/RULES OF ORIGIN/ CUSTOMS

- More than 3,000 government officials and business individuals from ASEAN Member States (AMS), including other frontline actors, participated in AECSP specialised training and contributed to enhancing sustainable capacity for the important disciplines of trade in goods, in the following areas: Rules of Origin (ROO); Transposition of Tariff Reduction Schedules (TRS) and Product-Specific Rules (PSR); and Monitoring the Utilisation of Tariff Preferences and Tariff and Trade Data Analysis.
- ASEAN indicated its readiness to negotiate the Declaration of Origin (DOO) or self-certification under AANZFTA following completion of a series of in-country training on DOO which is an alternative to the Certificate of Origin (COO). The Self-certification scheme, if adopted, as an alternative to the current certificate of origin regime, enables traders to claim AANZFTA preferential treatment based on an origin declaration made by those certified to do so. Eight in-country training seminars held in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam were conducted (February – April 2019) and reached out to officials, and private sectors from all ten AMS. Workbook on Declaration of Origin was produced to enhance the understanding of the concept and benefits along with the knowledge on the importation of final goods and risk management related to the application of DOO.
- AECSP supported in-country training seminars in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam on Full Cumulation for AANZFTA ROO (November – December 2018). This new method, if adopted, would allow for the accumulation of originating costs for a good incurred in one AANZFTA Party to count in the costs of production of a subsequent good in another AANZFTA Party, regardless of whether the processing of the original good is sufficient to confer originating status. A workbook was also produced to inform AMS about the Full Cumulation concepts, documentation, potential risk, risk management strategy and its possible application in AANZFTA ROO.
- AECSP provided support in the Development of a Regional Approach to Monitoring Utilisation of AANZFTA Tariff Preferences, which aims to demonstrate the feasibility and importance of establishing a region-wide mechanism to capture, report and

monitor the utilisation data of AANZFTA tariff preferences. Indonesia and the Philippines successfully carried out pilot testing of the mechanism in 2014-2017, and together with Australia, the Philippines demonstrated the feasibility of establishing the regional mechanism to monitor utilisation of AANZFTA tariff preferences.

- Through in-country training and the development of AANZFTA transposition guidelines, AECSP supported nine AANZFTA Parties on the successful transposition of its AANZFTA TRS and PSR from the HS 2012 to HS 2017. To date, all Parties have implemented the AANZFTA TRS and PSR in HS 2017, in a collective effort to aid businesses and prevent disruption from trading.
- The regional and country-level of Training of Trainer (ToT) activities on goods matters delivered by participating AMS, demonstrated the success and sustainability of the AECSP regional ToT approach. The Regional ToT on AANZFTA Rules of Origin in 2013 was the most notable ToT where five graduates from each AMS subsequently served as Lead Trainers for workshops in their respective countries.
- AECSP facilitated the dissemination and sustainability of knowledge with a focus on the non-English speaking communities. The programme supported the publication of "Primer on AANZFTA Rules of Origin" (2009) available in English, Khmer, Laotian, Burmese, Thai and Vietnamese. The second publication "AANZFTA Rules of Origin Training Modules" (2013) is available in English, Khmer, Indonesian, Laotian, Thai, and Vietnamese. A total number of 6,800 copies of this publication were distributed widely to assist in-country knowledge sharing further.
- AECSP supported the revision of the COO form and development of transitional guidelines for traders and government officials, endorsed by Trade Ministers in 2015 to support the AANZFTA First Protocol's implementation.
- AECSP-supported research on "**AANZFTA Non-Tariff Measures**" (NTMs) came up with recommendations to Ministers in 2017, making NTMs an ongoing part of AANZFTA's work program while enforcing good regulatory practice and strengthening business engagement. The research entailed a business survey involving comprehensive consultations with 110 companies, most of which were small-and-medium enterprises.



SANITARY AND PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

- Around 700 AMS officials and more than 1,500 farmers benefited from various successful capacity building initiatives through streamlining and improving quarantine systems and procedures as well as harmonising international standards and regulations.
- The multi-phase '**ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network**' (ARDN) project has significantly enhanced the capacity of AMS to identify plant pests and diseases; stimulated the adoption of new diagnostic techniques; facilitated access to some key markets for agricultural products; and promoted regional collaboration and trade. Notably, the ARDN project:
 - Assists crop protection through developing skills and tools for AMS to identify plant pests of high significance to trade, to draw up scientifically credible, national and regional pest lists for particular pest groups or commodities, provide prompt notifications required under international phytosanitary obligations, bringing transparency to quarantine operations;
 - Improves market access and scientifically-based quarantine policies to ensure AMS have a strong diagnostic capacity to assess the potential risks associated with a commodity and develop robust export strategies or import requirements. Specifically, the project: (i) assisted Lao PDR in defining pest status for its corn and cassava which helped gained market access to China and Thailand for corn and to Cambodia; Thailand and Viet Nam for cassava; (ii) supported Cambodia in gaining market access to China for rice and banana exports; (iii) opened market access of the Philippines papaya to New Zealand; (iv) assisted Viet Nam to use remote microscopy to assess detections by quarantine officers of insects in imported goods and clear consignments more quickly when there is no quarantine threat; (v) initiated a national diagnostic network in Indonesia and Thailand, and (vi) assisted a diagnostic protocol for a major corn disease paving the way for the export of high-value seed corn from disease-free AMS.

- AECSP assisted AMS in their implementation of international regulatory standards to ensure their supply of safe and quality dairy products through multi-phased **Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulatory Cooperation in Dairy**. The project contributed to the set-up of a dairy cow association in Cambodia, delivered customized orientation training on proposed new dairy regulations and controls to key stakeholders and farmers in the Philippines; the revision of Myanmar's existing Animal Health and Development Law to ensure its alignment with the National Dairy Development Plan; the completion of Thailand's revision of Good Agricultural Practice checklists for dairy cattle farms and delivered training on dairy processing, Good Agricultural Practice for farmers and Good Manufacturing Practice for milk collection centers.

- AECSP enhanced AMS's technical capacity to conduct Import Risk Analysis (IRA) for the importation of animal and animal products based on the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) risk analysis framework. The project, led by Malaysia and experts from Australia and New Zealand, provided an interactive training workshop combined with field visits to 25 representatives from nine AMS. The training equipped SPS officials from AMS with better knowledge and skills in import risk analysis and the application of the Qualitative Risk Analysis Framework, narrowing the competency gap among the AMS and reducing barriers to the importation of animal and animal products in the region.

Through this multiple-phased project, AECSP supported AMS in significantly enhancing officials' understanding the WTO's SPS Agreement and the development of practical guidelines for ASEAN in their implementation of international SPS standards, meeting their international obligations under AANZFTA, WTO, ASEAN Strategic Plan of Food, Agriculture and Forestry 2016-2025 and the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025. Under Phase I, challenges currently faced by AMS in implementing their SPS international commitments were identified, in a Review Report, which also put forward key policy recommendations and a list of prioritized competencies that could be strengthened through the development of ASEAN Regional Guidelines. Phase II was completed with a comprehensive set of ASEAN SPS Guidelines, comprising: (i) Guideline 1 - International Frameworks; (ii) Guideline 2 - Pest Risk Analysis; (iii) Guideline 3 - Food Safety Risk Assessment; and (iv) Guideline 4 - Animal Import Risk Analysis.



STANDARDS, TECHNICAL REGULATION AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

- To date, AECSP has been supporting the multi-year **'STRACAP Workplan Implementation**

Program' (SWIP). This program aims to: (i) improve the understanding and arrangements for implementing and advancing Good Regulatory Practice, (ii) enhance cooperation in international standards engagement; and (iii) build technical capacity for standards and conformance technical infrastructure to address capacity and policy gaps and needs in the targeted sectors. Food and beverage, cosmetics and health supplements have been the focus of the program, thus far. As part of the SWIP, in 2017, New Zealand led a successful initiative on Good Regulatory Practice in the food and beverage sector, which improved Parties' understanding of the innovative practice models from various regulatory systems and successfully paved the way for more in-depth engagement in Good Regulatory Practice.

- Regulatory officials from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar gained better understanding of important and relevant initiatives in standards and conformance being conducted by other AANZFTA Parties and a broader region of APEC, through their AECSP-supported participation in the APEC Sub-Committee Meeting on Standards and Conformance as well as technical conferences on Good Regulatory Practices and enhancing regulators on the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

- AECSP assists Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the AANZFTA region to augment their practical knowledge and technical expertise in the international standards of prepared food. AECSP assistance has focused on marking and labelling, authorisation of food ingredients, contaminant limits and analytical methods in order to enhance MSME expertise in these standards and to enable their greater market access and integration into the global supply chains. Phase I concluded with the completion of Capacity Needs Assessment based on which a Regional Capacity Building Program for MSMEs was developed, focusing on key areas including food safety management systems, technical requirements on labelling, i.e. nutritional labelling, allergens, nutrition claims and information on import/export requirements of AANZFTA Parties. A Catalogue of Regulations and Food Standards, contact points and relevant training materials were also developed to ensure that businesses and the public have easy access to the right information and knowledge about food standards in the AANZFTA region.



SERVICES

- AECSP has been instrumental in assisting the development of the **'ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework' (AQRF)**, endorsed by ASEAN Ministers in 2014 and 2015, the institutionalisation of the AQRF governance in 2017 and the successful completion of referencing national qualifications frameworks to the AQRF by Malaysia and

the Philippines in 2019. Through a multi-phase project, AECSP has been supporting AMS in referencing national qualifications frameworks against the AQRF criteria, underpinned by quality assurance principles and standards, towards enabling comparisons of education qualifications across all AMS. The robustness of the referencing process raises the level of transparency and trust in ASEAN qualifications within the international community, promoting greater mobility of students and workers within ASEAN.

- AECSP supported technical assistance in building surveying and compilation capacity in Statistics in Trade in Services (SITS), as well as strengthened inter-agency coordination between AMS' statistical agencies through a three-phase program from 2011-2017. Pilot sectors have included transportation, manufacturing, travel and tourism. Around 300 AMS officials and enumerators were trained to design and conduct pilot surveys towards SITS compilation, thereby supporting the development of statistical infrastructure on international trade in services for the AMS.

- AECSP has supported analytical studies to facilitate ASEAN policy-making process at both regional and domestic levels. The 2017 AECSP report "AANZFTA Health and Education Policy Review" highlighted the barriers to trading health and education services and the benefits of international cooperation in these services. Similarly, AECSP has amplified the awareness of the benefits of services liberalisation through a report 'Impact of Services Liberation: Case Studies of Five Countries' commissioned in 2017 looked into the various aspects of services liberation and showcased the successes of Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam in undertaking liberalisation measures in the sectors of business services, financial services, logistics, telecommunications and tourism.

- AECSP supported the reviews of transport and logistics policies and institutional arrangements for Malaysia and the Philippines and the development of Policy Institutional Framework (PIF) and Strategic Action Plan (SAP), as well as the monitoring and evaluation tool to monitor their implementation. The comprehensive reviews mapped out the laws and regulations affecting trade and investment in transport and logistics services in the two countries, and identified parameters for a coherent and well-functioning transport system. The Frameworks and Strategic Action Plans consist of options available to policymakers wishing to enhance transport and logistics services regulations, requirements and means of implementing each option. The Country PIF on transport and logistic services and the SAP to implement such a framework, which was developed for Malaysia and the Philippines, would contribute to improving domestic regulations in logistics and transport for the two countries.

- AECSP supported a pilot program to assist AMS in their preparation and negotiation for negative list commitments in services sectors, through a series of in-country technical assistance workshops for Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Thailand and a Regional Dialogue. 70 draft reservations were identified by the participants during the Technical Assistance Workshops, many of which were refined at the workshop with the assistance of the project experts. The Project also made available (i) the “Best Practice Guidelines for Preparing a Negative List”, intended to be a practical guide for officials including policy officers and negotiators to develop, refine and negotiate their country’s negative list; and (ii) a collection of training materials containing useful information and resources such as sectoral classification lists and scheduling guidelines. These materials aim to build and sustain the capacity within participant countries in their preparation and negotiation of negative list schedules.



INVESTMENT

- More than 1,100 officials mainly from ASEAN investment promotion agencies have benefited from various AECSP capacity building activities focusing on reservation list scheduling; market access; streamlining business licensing procedures; and investment disputes resolution and prevention, as part of all Parties’ effort to address impediments to expanding investment in the AANZFTA region.

- With technical assistance from the OECD, AECSP supported the *‘Investment Policy Reviews’ (IPRs) for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam*, contributing to improvement on investment climates at the national and regional levels. These reviews provided comprehensive analyses of each country’s investment environment and supported the process of policy formulation and adjustment as well as promoting inter-governmental and public-private dialogue in removing barriers to foreign investments as follows:

- **Lao PDR:** Implemented the recommendations from the Lao Investment Policy Review, completed in 2017, to improve the country’s investment environment, particularly reducing domestic restrictions on investment such as the elimination of minimum capital requirements for investors in some sectors.
- **Myanmar:** Addressed key recommendations from its 2014 Investment Policy Review to ameliorate its investment climate. These included enacting the Myanmar Investment Law in 2016, promulgating the Myanmar Notifications Rules in 2017 and issuing notifications to facilitate the implementation of the law. The Myanmar Companies Law also came into effect

in 2018, aiming to ease the business registration process.

- **the Philippines:** Following its first Investment Policy Review in 2016, the Philippines amended its Anti Red Tape Act of 2007 through the passage of Republic Act No. 11032 otherwise known as the “Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services Act of 2018” to promote transparency and simplify the requirements and procedures to reduce red tape and expedite business and non-business-related transactions in the government.
- **Viet Nam:** Completed the Viet Nam’s Investment Policy Review in late 2018. The review recommended Viet Nam to (i) further improve its investment climate, and coordination on investment promotion and facilitation; (ii) enhance corporate governance, transparency and predictability of legal frameworks and enforcement, and (iii) mainstream responsible business conduct and promote green growth. Viet Nam is in the process of revising its Investment and Corporate Law.
- **Cambodia:** The First Investment Policy Review for Cambodia in 2018 recommended Cambodia use Official Development Aid to expand its infrastructure and diversify the economy, refine the investment climate, promotion efforts, public and corporate governance, promote entrepreneurship MSMEs, investor protection, improving capacity and regulatory quality, competition policy and the application of technologies, as well as explore green growth sectors.

- Regional Forum on Investment Policy Reviews, held back-to-back with the Investment Policy Workshop for ASEAN Policymakers in 2019, provided an opportunity for investment policy makers in the AANZFTA region, the OECD, and business associations to review the achievements including lessons learned from the IPRs, the challenges and ways forward to further strengthen ASEAN economic integration through improved investment climates, to raise awareness on modern investment policymaking, as well as good practices in investment promotion and facilitation.

- An AECSP-supported *‘Regional Forum on Investment Disputes, Resolution and Prevention’*, organised in late 2018, enhanced Parties’ knowledge and understanding about the latest developments on investor-state dispute settlement. This further improved AMS capacity on dispute prevention and resolution in the context of implementing the Investment Chapter of the AANZFTA. At this Forum, AANZFTA government representatives gained a deeper understanding of key

issues encompassing dispute prevention and resolution, investment retention, and an awareness of typical challenges faced by member states. AANZFTA officials also discussed possible measures and tools for adequate investor-state disputes settlement which can elevate investor confidence in AANZFTA investment environment and government confidence in investment policy-making.

- In early 2019, AECSP supported short-term technical assistance provided to Myanmar Investment Commission to assist in the implementation of its international investment commitments, including AANZFTA. This short-term technical assistance helped Myanmar with their preparation of market access investment offers and enhanced officials’ understanding of their investment obligations in international treaties, particularly the Investor-State Dispute Settlement and its implications, improving Myanmar officials’ ability to avoid and better manage investment disputes.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Since 2010, through multiple sustainable capacity development activities, AECSP has enhanced knowledge for over 1,300 officials and supported AMS in strengthening their organisational capabilities in the process of creation, utilisation, protection, and enforcement of intellectual property rights, contributing to the objective of supporting the development of sound and balanced intellectual property systems in the AANZFTA region.

- From 2011 to 2017, AECSP assisted AMS in their accession to and implementation of the Protocol Relating to The Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration Marks (or the Madrid Protocol), facilitating trademark protection for businesses in the region and achieving the AEC 2025 goal of ASEAN’s complete access to the Madrid Protocol. Key results from this support project include:

- The successful accession to the Madrid Protocol by Cambodia (in 2015), Lao PDR (in 2016), Brunei Darussalam and Thailand (in 2017) and Indonesia (in 2018);
- Technical assistance to Myanmar aiding future accession by facilitating the development of its national legislative and organisational capability;
- Provision of post-accession support to the Philippines and Viet Nam for their implementation of the Protocol.

- The *‘Regional Patent Examination Training’ (RPET)* project, run from 2013 to 2018, has trained 45 examiners from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam to the international standards of

the Patent Cooperation Treaty. RPET has enabled participating officials to consistently conduct patent search and examinations by adopting international best practices and Patent Cooperation Treaty standards. In addition, trainees from this two-year training programme have participated in an online Community of Practice to share experiences and progress among the AMS.

Complementing the RPET, an **'Ideal Patent Examination Training' (IPET)** model was developed for an online learning management system as a sustainable approach to high-quality patent examination training in the region. The complex Learning Management System has served as an effective interactive learning platform and an open-source depository for training resources covering critical areas identified in the curricula under IPET and RPET programmes. Participating AMS has received technical backing in customising training materials on this system to suit their national circumstances.

The ongoing **'RPET Mentoring Program'**, funded by AECSP, has assisted AMS in adapting RPET's competency-based training models and materials from RPET and IPET to national practices and legislation. Under RPET Mentoring, experienced Australian mentors have conducted in-country consultations in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam and subsequently developed a work plan for capacity development for each participating Intellectual Property Office. Set in motion by 'RPET Mentoring', the Philippines and Viet Nam have successfully piloted the first phase of the competency-based training programme with new patent examiners. Other intellectual property offices are planning to pilot such programme to their new trainees later in 2019.

The **'Regional Intellectual Property Public Education and Awareness Strategy'** equips AMS with knowledge and toolkits through the development of IP informational materials and digital distribution platform, raising awareness of their respective business communities and IP creators about strategic IP management. This project supported the development of an "IP for Business" webpage, available under the IP Sectoral Portal on the AANZFTA Website. Key publications on the website included: (i) Regional IP Public Education And Awareness Strategy: Raising Awareness And Practical Knowledge of Strategic IP Management (completed in 2015), for both IP Offices and Stakeholders in ASEAN; (ii) A Business Guide to Intellectual Property Institutions, Laws and Filing Processes in AANZFTA Parties and (iii) A Handbook on Intellectual Property Commercialisation: Strategies for Managing Intellectual Property Rights and Maximising Value. These publications aim to help businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises reap the benefits AANZFTA through applying for and using their intellectual property rights.

COMPETITION

Through various projects since 2010, AECSP has contributed to the exchange of information between and the development of competition policies, laws, and institutions within AANZFTA Parties. They are benefiting over 3,700 officials mainly from ASEAN national competition agencies.

Nearly 1,300 participants, mostly from ASEAN national competition agencies and the private sector, participated in seven **'ASEAN Competition Conferences'**, forming part of regional acceptance on the importance of competition policy. The annual thematic ASEAN Competition Conferences have served as an effective forum for ASEAN competition officials, practitioners and academicians in and outside the region to discuss challenges in the implementation of their respective competition policy and law, exchange of experiences and strategic discussions, drawing lessons from one another.

Since 2014 the **'Competition Law Implementation Programme' (CLIP)** has contributed to the implementation of the AANZFTA chapter on competition as well as achieving the strategic goals of ASEAN in establishing a competitive, innovative, and dynamic ASEAN with effective and progressive competition policy. CLIP has supported AMS with an array of capacity-building activities: regional and sub-regional training workshops; expert placements; secondments; study programmes; and e-learning modules. Results from these activities include:

- CLIP supported the enactment of national competition laws of Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, provided technical assistance for Cambodia in drafting its competition laws and provided technical assistance and advocacy support to Thailand and Viet Nam.
- CLIP strengthens capacities of competition-related agencies to enforce competition policy and law effectively. CLIP-designed activities have reached around 2,300 officials, helping AMS build effective practices to identify and enforce contraventions of competition laws. CLIP eLearning modules on topics including competition law, economics, enforcement and investigations have helped extend and sustain learning outcomes. In collaboration with the Federal Court of Australia and the OECD, CLIP has also delivered enduring tools such as the Competition Primers for ASEAN Judges.
- CLIP continued to promote regional collaboration and skills building to provide support and mentorship to AMS officials and commissioners in the most

relevant and timely way, through expert placements and resident advisors for Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand; and a secondments programme with Australia and New Zealand.

- CLIP has been fostering advocacy efforts towards a competition-aware ASEAN region. The CLIPPINGS online newsletter reaches a wide audience sharing highlights of competition development and cooperation in the region. CLIP also produces other communication materials to support its advocacy efforts: media releases, videos, posters and pamphlets
- CLIP facilitates regional cooperation arrangements on Competition Policy and Law. CLIP has supported regional cooperation including through delivering the AANZFTA Heads of Agency Roundtable (2018) and Commissioners' Retreat (2019), ASEAN Capacity Building Roadmap for Competition (2017-2020), and ASEAN Regional Cooperation Framework (ARCF).

AECSP supported the **'Consumer Protection Scoping Project'**, designed to foster strengthened interface between consumer protection and competition law in the AANZFTA and exploring the potential for ongoing cooperation on consumer protection under the AANZFTA. The Project delivered (i) an information paper, which includes information on CP administration of AMS, potential areas of cooperation under AANZFTA and preparation for review and upgrade of Competition Chapter under FTA; (ii) study visit to Australia to learn from Australian and New Zealand experience in implementing competition and consumer protection law and to identify possible cooperation to complement and strengthen competition law implementation in AANZFTA region; and (iii) report on Cooperation on Consumer Protection under AANZFTA - a Proposed Way Forward (2021-2025), regulator-to-regulator technical cooperation on consumer protection.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

AECSP supported the AANZFTA 2019 **'Sustainable Procurement Symposium'**, held in November 2019, which served as a collaborative forum, to provide participating officials with the opportunity to share their experiences on sustainable procurement, increase knowledge on international best practices and explore strategic issues relating to sustainable government procurement. The symposium also served as a forum aim to assist AANZFTA Parties in further collaboration towards future negotiations and the development of AANZFTA Government Procurement Chapter.

PROGRAMME BREAKDOWN 2010 – 2020

As of July 2020



RULES OF ORIGIN AND OTHER ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF TARIFF COMMITMENTS

- ✓ Workshop on Chemicals and Plastics Production Process Rules for the AANZFTA Rules of Origin
- ✓ Capacity building on Monitoring the Utilization of AANZFTA Tariff Preferences
- ✓ Development of Training Modules and Training for Trainers on AANZFTA Rules of Origin
- ✓ Workshop on Streamlining of Certificate of Origin Application and Issuance Procedures
- ✓ Workshop on AANZFTA Self-Certification of Origin
- ✓ Developing a Regional Approach to Monitoring Utilisation of AANZFTA Tariff Preferences
- ✓ Policy Dialogue on Future Transposition of the HS of the AANZFTA Tariff Reduction Schedules and Rules of Origin Product Specific Rules
- ✓ Training on Tariff and Trade Data Analysis for Government Officials
- ✓ Joint Session to Discuss Implementation of the First Protocol to Amend the AANZFTA Agreement
- ✓ Transposition of AANZFTA Tariff Reduction Schedules and Product Specific Rules from Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) 2012 into HS 2017 Nomenclature
- ✓ Capacity Building to Support the Negotiation of Pilot Programs on Full Cumulation and Declaration of Origin for AANZFTA Rules of Origin
- ✓ Enhancing SMEs' Awareness and Participation in AANZFTA – Capacity Building for Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar
- ✓ Rapid Response: Training on Transposition of AANZFTA Tariff Reduction Schedules from Harmonised System 2007 to 2012 for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam
- ✓ Rapid Response: Training on Trade and Tariff Analysis for Cambodia and Indonesia
- ✓ Rapid Response: Training on AANZFTA Rules of Origin for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and the Philippines



SANITARY & PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

- ... ASEAN Regional Guideline for the implementation of International Standards related to Sanitary and Phytosanitary
- ✓ ASEAN Regional Diagnostic Network (Phase I and II)
- ✓ ASEAN Import Health Standard: Priority Line and Capacity Development
- ✓ Sanitary and Phytosanitary Regulatory Cooperation in Dairy
- ✓ Capacity Building Program for the Development of Skills in Import Risk Analysis for Importation of Animal and Animal Products



STANDARDS, TECHNICAL REGULATION AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

- ... STRACAP Work Plan Implementation Program – Work Stream 1: Good Regulatory Practice – Cosmetics Sector
- ✓ AANZFTA Parties' Participation in the APEC Workshop on Harmonised Electrical Equipment Regulatory Risk Assessment Tools
- ✓ Workshop on International Standards Development Best Practices
- ✓ Workshop on Priority Setting for AANZFTA Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures
- ✓ STRACAP Work Plan Implementation Program – Work Stream 1: Good Regulatory Practice – Beverage Sector
- ✓ Capacity Building Programme for MSME on International Prepared Food Standards
- ✓ Rapid Response: Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar participation at APEC Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance



CUSTOMS

- ✓ Review of Non-Tariff Measures
- ✓ Capacity Building and Technical Assistance in Advance Rulings on Rules of Origin, Tariff Nomenclature and Customs Valuation
- ✓ Capacity Building on Risk Management



SERVICES

- ✓ Education and Health Services Policy Review
- ✓ ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework: Capacity Building for National Qualifications Frameworks (Phases I, II III and IV)
- ✓ Capacity Building on Collection and Management of Statistics of International Trade in Services (Phases I, II and III)
- ✓ Technical Assistance: ASEAN Logistics in Services Sector
- ✓ Workshop on Enhancing Domestic Regulations in Services
- ✓ Case Study on the Benefits of Services Liberalisation
- ✓ Enhancing ASEAN Logistics and Transport Services: Policy, Institutional and Regulatory Review
- ✓ Preparatory Work on Transitioning to Negative List Schedules (Pilot Phase)



INVESTMENT

- ... Handbook for Implementing International Investment Commitments – Stage One: Pilot in Viet Nam
- ✓ Seminar on Two-Annex Approach in the Scheduling of Reservation Lists under the Investment Chapter
- ✓ Investment Facilitation and Technical Assistance for Newer ASEAN Member States
- ✓ Study on Investment Trends, Issues, and Prospects in AANZFTA
- ✓ Workshop on Investment Commitments in International Agreements
- ✓ Workshop on Investment Disputes, Resolution, and Prevention
- ✓ Workshop on Non-Mode 3 Investment in Services
- ✓ Capacity Building for CLMV to Facilitate the Implementation and Business Utilization of AANZFTA
- ✓ Investment Policy Reviews of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam
- ✓ Investment Policy Workshop for ASEAN Policy Makers
- ✓ Regional Forum on Investment Disputes, Resolution and Prevention
- ✓ Rapid Response: Knowledge exchange on Investment Treaty Handbooks as a tool for Investor-State Dispute Prevention

... ongoing

✓ completed



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- ... Intellectual Property Public Education and Awareness (Phase II) – Regional Information Campaign and Supporting Campaign Materials
- ... Regional Patent Examination Training Mentoring Program
- ... Comparative Study on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Traditional Cultural Expressions (Phase I)
- ✓ AANZFTA Intellectual Property Crime Conference
- ✓ Workshop on Accession to the Madrid Protocol
- ✓ Intellectual Property Training for Small to Medium-Sized Enterprises
- ✓ Intellectual Property Experts supporting the implementation of the AANZFTA IP Committee Work Program
- ✓ Accession to the Madrid Protocol (Phases I, II and III)
- ✓ Regional Patent Examination Training
- ✓ Ideal Patent Examination Training
- ✓ IP Public Education and Awareness – Community of Practice and Strategy
- ✓ Policy workshops on IP and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge, and Traditional Cultural Expressions



COMPETITION

- ✓ Competition Law Implementation Program (Phases I, II and III)
- ✓ Workshops I and II on Competition Policy and Law
- ✓ Building Competition Law Enforcement Capability through Investigation Skills Training
- ✓ Competition Regulatory Experts Secondment to Malaysia and Viet Nam
- ✓ 1st to 7th ASEAN Competition Conferences
- ✓ AANZFTA Scoping Project on Consumer Protection

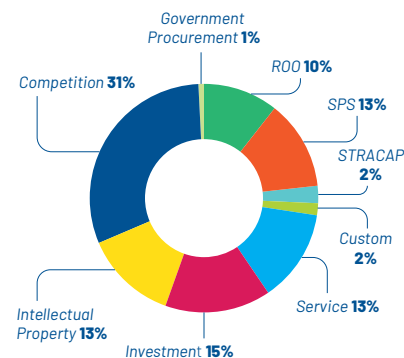


GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

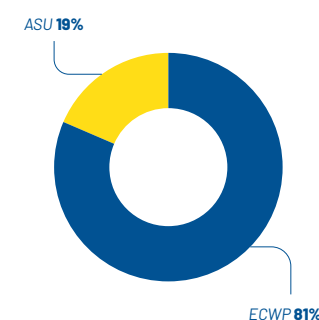
- ✓ 2019 Sustainable Procurement Symposium

PROGRAMME BREAKDOWN GRAPHS AND CHARTS

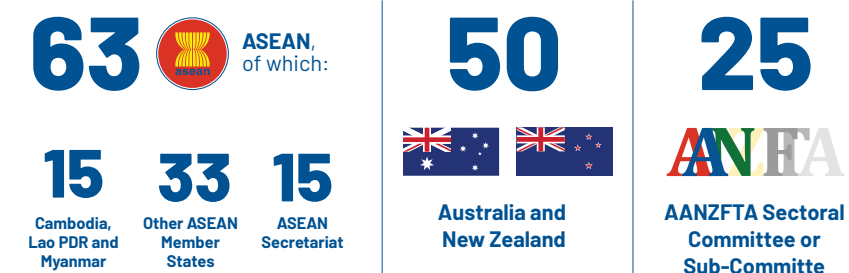
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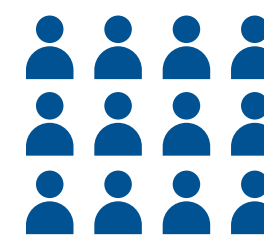
AECSP Disbursement (As of July 2020)



AECSP Projects by Initiating Party (As of July 2020)

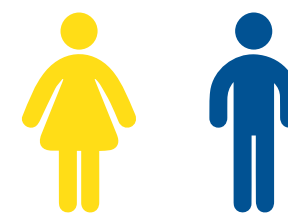


Number of People Reached



11.995 person

Participants based on Gender



51% female
49% male



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