

ASEAN Malaysia Chairmanship 2025

The 23rd Meeting of the Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics (WGDSA23)



The 23rd Meeting of the Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics (WGDSA23) was effectively conducted from **10 to 11 June 2025** in **Department of Statistics Malaysia, Putrajaya**. The meeting, hosted by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), gathered delegates from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the ASEAN Secretariat to strengthen statistical collaboration, enhance data governance and promote effective communication across the region.

As a mark of continued trust and recognition, **Malaysia was unanimously elected as Chair of the WGDSA for the 2026–2027 term** during the 23rd WGDSA Meeting. This significant appointment reaffirms the DOSM's leadership role in advancing regional statistical collaboration, communication and innovation within ASEAN.

WGDSA23 brought together **18 delegates from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEANstats)**, including virtual participation from Myanmar, to advance regional statistical cooperation, promote data transparency, and strengthen communication strategies under the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS).

The outcomes of WGDSA23 will directly inform the implementation of the ACSS Action Plan 2026–2030 which aligned with the broader ASEAN Community's post-2025 vision, reinforcing the role of statistics in regional integration and policy development. As Chair of ACSS15, Malaysia continues to lead by example in promoting data transparency, inclusivity and evidence-based governance across ASEAN.

"In today's world, statistics and data have become some of the most valuable assets. **When we have quality data and reliable statistics, we hold powerful tools for making informed decisions.** These resources enable us to optimise planning and ensure that every decision is guided by evidence. This is key to achieving national development goals and ensuring that no one is left behind."

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



What is

WGDSA?

The Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics, hereinafter referred to as WGDSA is a creation of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee and shall report to the ACSS Committee.

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OBJECTIVE

To establish a system of sharing, regular dissemination and communication of ASEAN Community goals-relevant statistical information, including a community mission based statistical dissemination and communication towards promoting transparency and wider use of statistics and improved governance and accountability in ASEAN through policies, guidelines, and procedures; and

To improve capacities in information development and analysis, dissemination and communication of statistics in support of policy and program implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and improved governance and accountability in ASEAN.

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KEY DELIVERABLES

- 1 Data sharing, dissemination and communication policies and guidelines, including ASEAN statistics release calendar and data transmission protocol;
- 2 ACSS Communication Plan; ACSS reporting system; initiatives to monitor progress towards the ASEAN Community; and leveraging on: ASEANstats role as regional focal point and NSO role as the national focal point; as well as on national, regional, and international events; and leveraging on the latest development of the ICT, etc., in order to establish a network of stakeholders and an established, effective user-producer forum/ advisory group;
- 3 Recommendations on a data dissemination and communication system and platform with ASEAN statistics database;
- 4 Inputs for the regular updating of ASEAN databases and statistical dissemination and communication, including the ASEAN Brief, ACPMS progress reports, ASEAN Statistical Yearbook, ASI, ASEANstats Website and high profile statistical products;
- 5 Capacity building requirements in support of programmes on statistical information development, analysis, data dissemination and communication of statistics;
- 6 Community mission-based statistical dissemination and communication products including data communication via ICT subject to the outcome of the WGDSA review on the products and related mechanisms; and
- 7 An annual/ multi-year work agenda/ programme to be endorsed to the ACSS Committee for approval.



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CHAIRMANSHIP

Chairmanship, which includes the designation of a Chair and a Vice Chair, shall be **determined by the ACSS Committee for up to two years**, with the possibility for an extension.

The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in carrying out his (her) responsibilities as outlined in this Terms of Reference and shall substitute for the Chair whenever the Chair is not available to carry out his (her) responsibilities.

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MEMBERSHIP

The WGDSA shall be composed of **experts and officers in charge of information development and analysis, data dissemination and communication from the AMS. Each AMS'** national statistical office, as the national coordinator of statistics, is to designate **at most two (2) members** to sit in the WGDSA.

Opening of WGDSA23

Opening Remarks



by **Mr. Sueka Putra**,
Senior Officer of ASEANstats

Welcoming Remarks



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



by
Mr. Fongsamout Khamvanlvongsa
(Lao PDR), Chair of WGDSA23



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MEETING AGENDA

14th Session ACSS Committee
report and 29th SCPC highlights

WGDSA Multi-Year
Work Plan

Update on ASI-CT
Data Availability

Discussion on the
ASI-CT Template
Changes

Development of ASEAN
Virtual Academy

ASEAN-Help-ASEAN
Framework (AHAF)

Statistical Awareness

Update on the Implementation
of the API for ASI-CT
data collection

Other Matters

Closing of WGDSA23 Meeting



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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NETWORKING LUNCHEON AT PULSE GRANDE HOTEL, PUTRAJAYA



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 **Implementation of WGDSA Multi-Year Plan (MYP) 2026–2030**
 ASEANstats presented the draft MYP, outlining strategic measures and related activities aligned with the ACSS Action Plan 2026–2030.
- 2 **Proposal to Update Communication Strategy/Plan**
 The Meeting acknowledged the need to review and update the Communication Strategy/Plan (endorsed at ACSS10 in 2020) to reflect recent developments and WGDSA feedback.
- 3 **Data Sharing on MSME Priority Indicators**
 The Meeting agreed that data may be shared with ASEAN Sectoral Bodies for internal use only, with prior confirmation and clarification from WGDSA.
- 4 **Discrepancies in Mid-Year Population Figures**
 ASEANstats reported inconsistencies between data submitted by WGDSA and WGSNA and will follow up bilaterally with concerned AMS to ensure alignment.
- 5 **Inconsistencies in Labour Force Data**
 The Meeting noted inconsistencies in data related to total labour force, employment, and breakdowns by industry/occupation. ASEANstats will follow up with relevant AMS for clarification and resolution.
- 6 **API Implementation and Accessibility**
 The Meeting suggested ASEANstats organize an AHAF sharing session to discuss technical and practical aspects of API implementation and explore making APIs accessible to other agencies and audiences beyond AMS.
- 7 **Statistical Awareness Programme (ACSS Annual Priority 2025)**
 The Meeting noted the initiative led by DOSM Malaysia, supported by ASEANstats and AMS, with implementation scheduled from June to December 2025.
- 8 **Web-Based Application for Needs and Expertise Mapping**
 ASEANstats introduced a new web-based platform (part of the ASEAN Virtual Academy) to replace the manual Word-file process, improving efficiency in data collection and consolidation.
- 9 **Enhancement of ASEANstats Digital Platforms**
 The Meeting commended the launch of the new ASEANstats website (December 2024) and noted the ongoing development of the mobile application. AMSs were encouraged to provide feedback and to support the development of an iOS version.
- 10 **WGDSA Chairmanship Rotation**
 The Meeting welcomed the assumption of WGDSA Chairmanship (2026–2027) by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), in accordance with WGDSA Terms of Reference, and looked forward to DOSM's leadership.



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MEDIA PICKUPS

New Straits Times

DOSM elected to chair Asean statistics working group for 2026-2027

The Star Online - June 11, 2023 (9:11:27pm)



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PUTRAJAYA: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) has been unanimously elected as chair of the Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics (WGDSA) for the 2026-2027 term.

The decision was made at the 23rd Meeting of the WGDSA (WGDSA23), which began yesterday in Putrajaya. The two-day meeting brought together 18 delegates from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the ASEAN Secretariat (Asecrstat), with Myanmar participating virtually.

The gathering aimed to strengthen regional statistical cooperation, enhance data transparency and improve communication strategies under the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS).

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He reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to fostering innovation, inclusivity and resilience in the regional statistical ecosystem while emphasising the central role of accessible, reliable and timely statistics in supporting evidence-based policymaking and ASEAN integration and development goals.

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Discussions at the meeting focused on the implementation of the WGDSA Multi-Year Plan (MYP), expansion of the ASEAN Statistical Indicators - Consolidated Template (AS-CT), integration of Application Programming Interfaces (API) for real-time data access, and increased statistical outreach through initiatives such as the ASEAN Virtual Learning Academy and targeted awareness programmes.

Mohd Uzir said the meeting also discussed enhancements to the AS-CT data collection template for indicators in areas such as micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the manufacturing sector, inflation, population and employment.

A key milestone of WGDSA23 was the presentation of Malaysia's preliminary 2025 Action Plan for the Awareness Initiative - an ACSS Annual Priority under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) reporting framework.

The initiative was previously endorsed by the Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) at the 14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS14) in Laos.

"As the lead country, Malaysia announced the formation of a dedicated Task Force on Statistical Awareness and Engagement under WGDSA to streamline its implementation," he said.

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Bernama

DOSM Elected Chair Of WGDSA Working Group For 2026-2027 Term



Laman Satu Di Muka Utu: Mahidin

11/06/2023 05:50 PM

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He said the meeting specifically discussed the enhancement of AS-CT data collection template for indicators in the areas of MSME, the manufacturing industry, inflation, population and employment.

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PUTRAJAYA TO HOST 23RD ASEAN STATISTICS WORKING GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 10-11

Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) by

07/06/2023 07:49 PM

PUTRAJAYA, June 7 (Bernama) - In line with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2025, the 23rd Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics (WGDSA23) will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday (June 10-11) in Putrajaya.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), through its social media posting today, said the WGDSA23 aims to discuss, among others, the enhancement of ASEAN data sharing, analysis, dissemination and communication of statistics by strengthening data availability and quality.

The two-day meeting will also address the implementation of the WGDSA work plan and partnership between ASEAN Member States (AMS) in implementing the ASEAN Help-ASEAN Framework (AH-AT).

More details can be accessed via <https://www.dosm.gov.my>, the DOSM Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StatsMalaysia> or via X (DOSM): <https://twitter.com/StatsMalaysia>.

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Harian Metro

Putrajaya tuan rumah mesyuarat Kumpulan Kerja Statistik Asean ke-23



Putrajaya sedia dengan lengkap untuk Asean dan Malaysia. Mesyuarat ke-23 Kumpulan Kerja Statistik Asean mengenai Pertukaran Data Analisis, Pengedaran dan Komunikasi Statistik (WGDSA23) akan diadakan pada 10 dan 11 Jun di Putrajaya.

Jabatan Statistik Malaysia (DOSM) melalui laman web media sosial hari ini mengumumkan WGDSA23 bertujuan membincangkan, antara lain, penerapan templat dalam pengumpulan data, analisis, penyediaan dan komunikasi statistik ASEAN dengan memperkukuh ketahanan dan kualiti data.

Mesyuarat dua hari itu juga bakal membincangkan pelaksanaan perjanjian kerja WGDSA serta kerjasama antara negara-negara Anggota Asean (ANG) dalam melaksanakan Asean Help Asean Framework (AH-AT).

Maklumat lanjut boleh didapati di <https://www.dosm.gov.my>, Facebook DOSM: <https://www.facebook.com/StatsMalaysia> atau di DOSM: <https://twitter.com/StatsMalaysia>.



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23RD MEETING OF THE ASEAN WORKING GROUP ON DATA SHARING, ANALYSIS, DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATION OF STATISTICS (WGDSA23)

ASEAN-MALAYSIA CHAIRMANSHIP 2025

10 - 11 JUNE 2025

RAFFLESIA ROOM, DOSM, PUTRAJAYA, MALAYSIA

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YBHG. DATO' SRI DR. MOHD UZIR MAHIDIN
Chief Statistician Malaysia
Chair of the 19th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS19)

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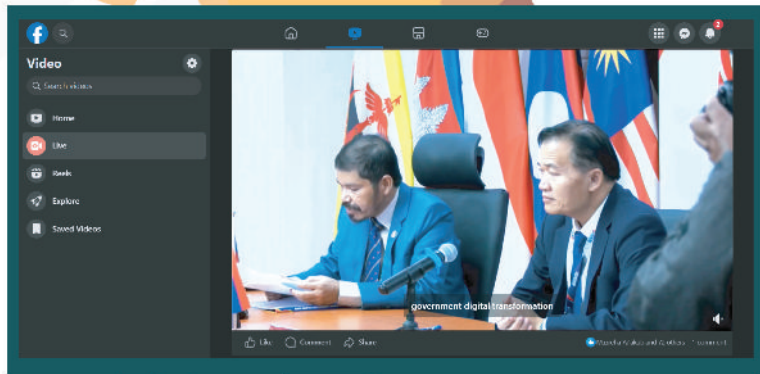
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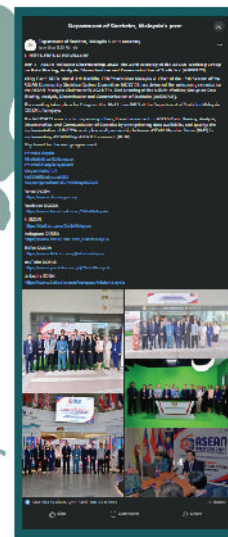
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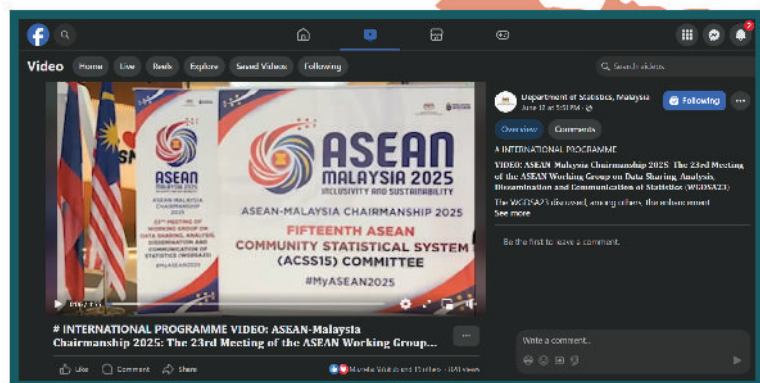
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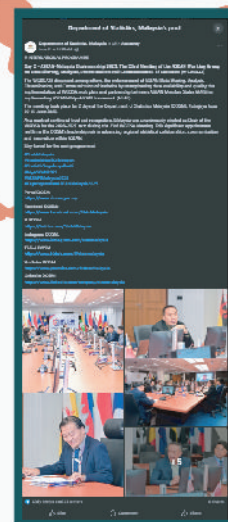
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WGDSA23 Video Recap



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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



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