

2024 Across the Globe

A RECAP OF DOSM'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES



Reflecting on the journey of DOSM's international programmes in 2024, this recap highlights key activities, partnerships and accomplishments around the globe.

In 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) made significant strides in expanding its global footprint, solidifying its role as a key player in international collaboration. With a focus on fostering strategic partnerships, sharing expertise and embracing innovative solutions, DOSM's international programmes reached new heights this year. Throughout the year, DOSM had the privilege of hosting numerous study and working visits from international delegations, offering a platform to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and collaborate on strategic management initiatives. These visits allowed DOSM to share its expertise with global partners while also gaining valuable insights from leaders and organizations worldwide.



A notable highlight for DOSM in 2024 was the announcement of **Malaysia's 2025 ASEAN Chairmanship**, which created a significant opportunity for DOSM to lead regional statistical initiatives in the coming year.

In line with this mandate, DOSM was entrusted to lead and chair the Fifteenth Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS15), further reinforcing its role in strengthening statistical cooperation and integration across ASEAN Member States. Throughout the year, DOSM continued to build strategic linkages with renowned organisations across various sectors while supporting global initiatives aimed at advancing statistical development. These efforts underscored DOSM's commitment to promoting robust management practices and contributing to the future of strategic leadership at both regional and international levels.

Overall, DOSM's international endeavours in 2024 not only enhanced its global visibility but also fostered meaningful cross-border collaborations that are helping to shape a more informed and interconnected world.



DOSM: PIONEERING DATA EXCELLENCE SINCE 1949

The Department of Statistics, Malaysia (DOSM) was established in 1949 under the Statistics Ordinance 1949 and initially known as the Bureau of Statistics. At that time, the statistics produced were primarily limited to external trade and estate agriculture. In 1965, the Bureau of Statistics was renamed the Department of Statistics, Malaysia, and began operating under the provisions of the Statistics Act 1965. This transition marked the expansion of the Department's functions and roles, with the collection of data now encompassing broader economic and social areas.

Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia is a premier government agency entrusted with the vital responsibility of collecting, interpreting, and disseminating up-to-date and real-time statistics. These statistics play a critical role in monitoring national economic performance and social development. DOSM is dedicated to providing accurate data that supports informed decision-making at both the national and international levels.

The Department's headquarters is located in the Federal Government Administrative Center in Putrajaya, with state offices across every state in Malaysia. In addition, operational offices have been set up in several states to further strengthen data collection activities and ensure comprehensive, nationwide statistical coverage.



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In recognition of its substantial contributions, DOSM was entrusted with hosting prestigious international meetings, seminars, and capacity development programs. Moreover, DOSM maintained to hold esteemed positions such as chair, vice-chair and focal point/ member in various expert groups especially in the international field. As DOSM highlight the achievement in 2024, it continues the dedication in promoting and preserving trusted and impactful contribution towards international statistical community.



DOSM Overview

Abbreviation	DOSM
Formation	1949
Jurisdiction	Government of Malaysia
Headquarters	Block C6, Complex C, Federal Goverment Administrative Centre, 62514 Putrajaya, Malaysia
Act	Statistics Act 1965 (Revised-1989) Census Act 1960
Head	Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician
Parent ministry	Ministry of Economy
Website	dosc.gov.my

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- ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee (2015 & 2025)
- Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Sub Committee on Planning and Coordination (ACSS-SCPC) in 2015 & 2025
- Session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) 2022 & 2023 (Membership GC SIAP: 2022-2024, 2025-2027)
- Working Group on System of National Accounts (WGSSession of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), 2018 & 2019 (Ahli Tetap)
- Working Group International Merchandise Trade Statistics (WGIMTS) (2018-2020 & 2012-2013)
- IMT-GT Trade, Investment and Tourism Database Sub-Working Group (ITITD-SWG) meeting and the IMT-GT Working Group Meeting on Trade and Investment, 2019
- BIMP-EAGA Statistics and Database Working Group Meeting & Trade and Investment Facilitation Cluster Meeting 2019
- Task Force on Asia-Pacific Economic Statistics Week (APES) (2017-2019)
- Meeting of the Working Group Statistics on International Trade in Services (WGSITS) 2016 (2014-2017)
- Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of Statistics (WGDSA) (2011-2012, 2013-2014 & 2015-2017)
- Meeting of Brunei Darussalam- Indonesia-Malaysia- Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP - EAGA), 2017
- Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Project (COMPASS), 2015 - 2017

VICE CHAIRMAN

- Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee (2024)
- Session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission 2023 (Membership: 2023-2024)
- Meeting of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific 2024 (Membership: 2019-2024)
- Joint Meeting of the Steering Groups of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics, 2023- 2024 (Steering Group for the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (SGRPES), (2021-2022, 2019-2020 & 2016-2017) & the Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics)
- Regional Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting on International Comparison Program (ICP) 2021 for Asia and the Pacific, 2023 -2024)
- Bureau Members of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics (2021-2022)
- Committee on Statistics of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) (2020-2022)
- Working Group on the Development of New Strategic Vision of OIC Statistical Commission (2018-2020)
- Steering Group Members of the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (SGRPES), (2021-2022, 2019-2020 & 2016-2017)
- Friend of the Chair on Formulating the 2015 - 2019 Strategic Plan for SIAP (2013-2015)

In 2024, DOSM holds 69 active memberships in international and regional experts' groups, committees, commissions and working groups.



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DOSM's PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

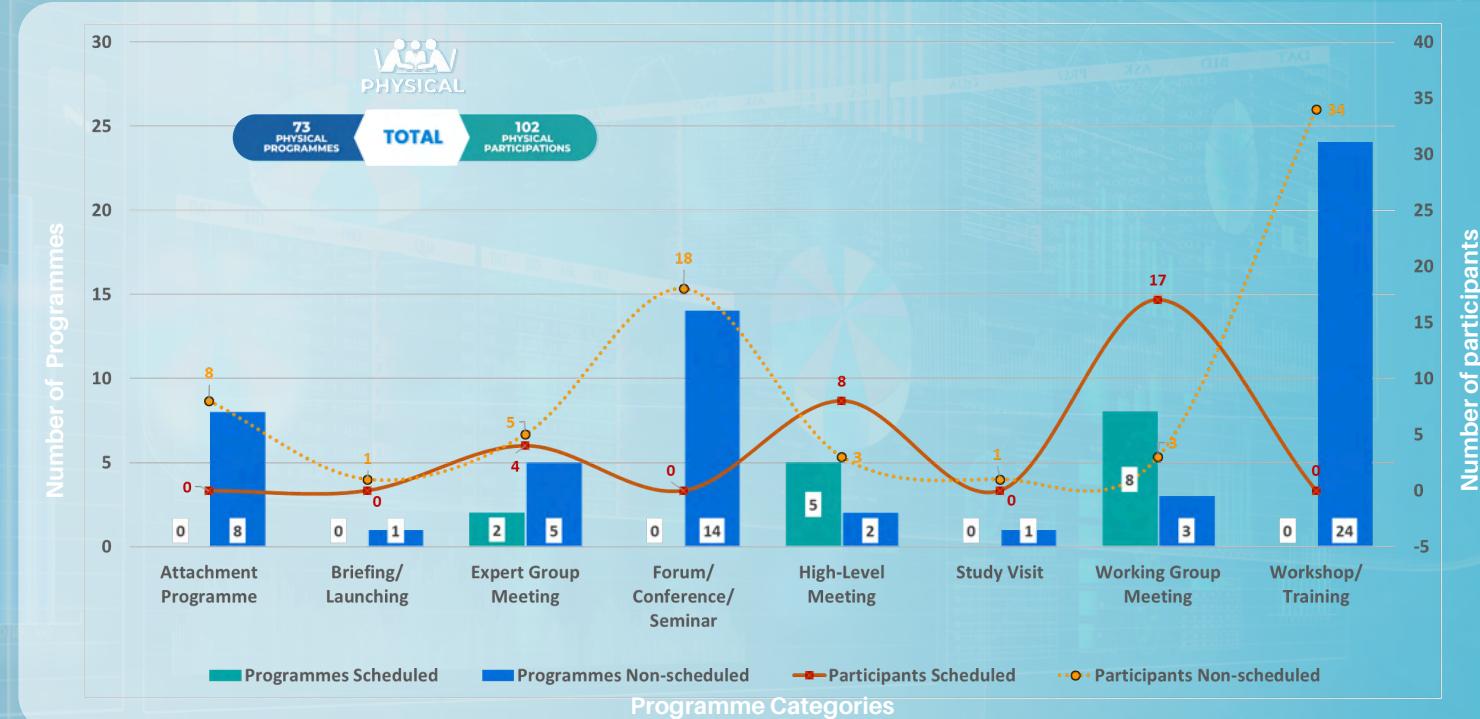


In 2024, the DOSM continued to demonstrate strong engagement with the international statistical community through both physical and virtual participation. A total of **196 international programmes** were attended, **involving 654 DOSM officers** across meetings, workshops, expert groups, seminars and conferences.

Physical participation accounted for 73 programmes (36.9%) with 102 officers (15.5%), reflecting DOSM's commitment to maintaining in-person representation at key regional and global platforms.

Meanwhile, virtual participation made up the majority, with 123 programmes (63.1%) and 552 officers (84.5%), indicating the increasing efficiency and accessibility of remote engagements. Overall, the combined physical and virtual participation underscores DOSM's active role and consistent presence in shaping international statistical development throughout 2024.

Chart 1: International Programmes and Participants by Category and Schedule, 2024



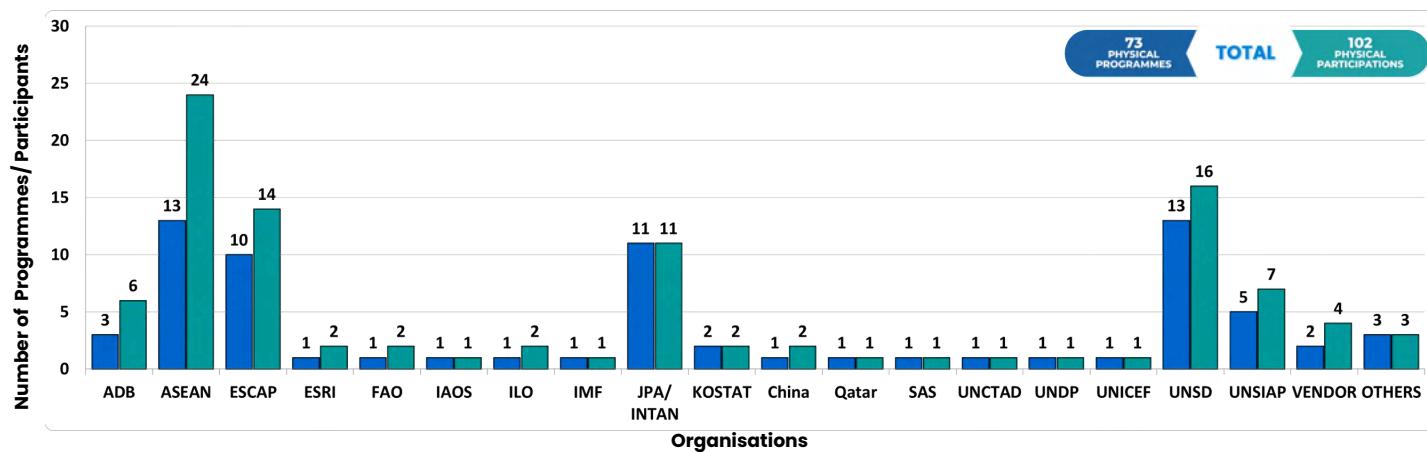
The chart illustrates the number of international programmes attended by category, distinguishing between scheduled and non-scheduled (invitation-based) engagements, as well as the corresponding number of participants. Overall, participation was largely driven by non-scheduled programmes, particularly in workshops/training and forums/conferences/seminars, which also recorded the highest number of participants. Scheduled engagements were more prominent in Working Group Meetings and High-Level Meetings/Commissions, reflecting structured and recurring international commitments. This distribution highlights DOSM's proactive engagement in both planned programmes and responsive participation in invitation-based international activities.



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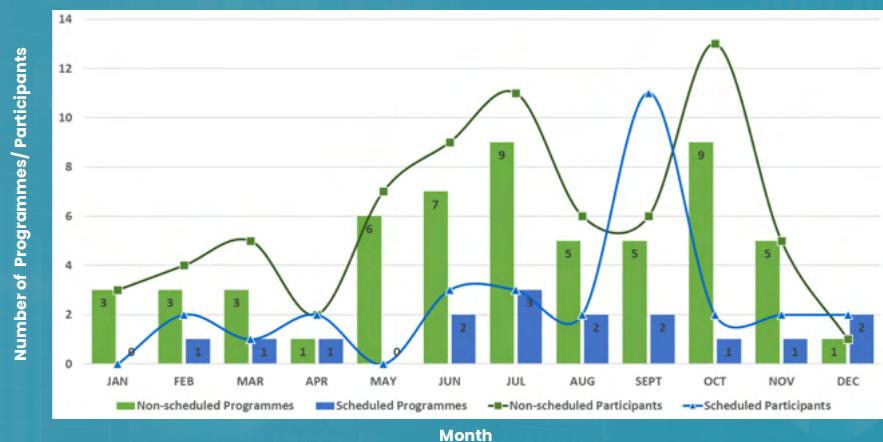
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Chart 2: Invitations and DOSM Participation by Organiser, 2024 - Physical



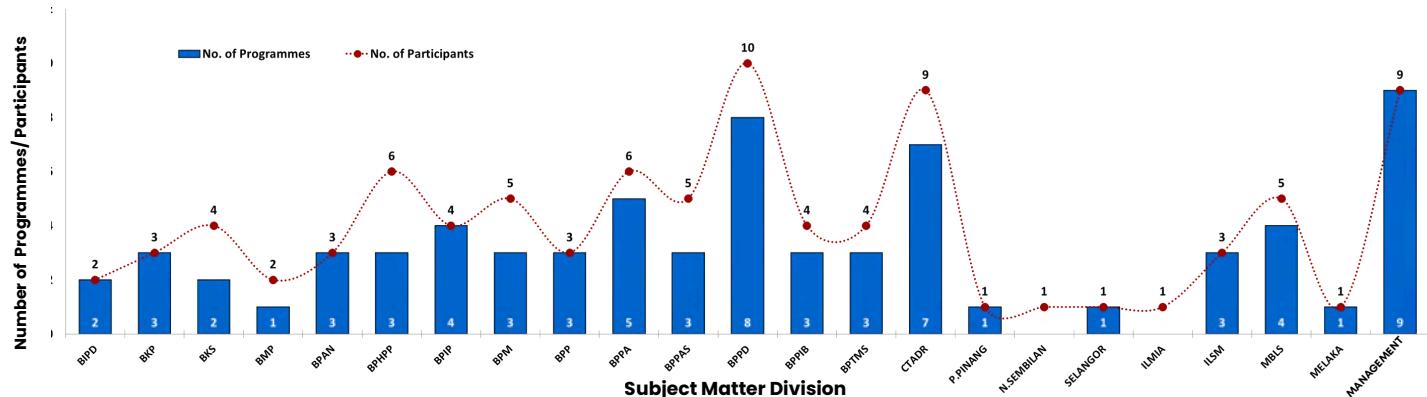
The chart shows the number of international programmes DOSM was invited to in 2024 and the officers involved. ASEAN, ESCAP, UNSD and UNSIAP extended the highest number of invitations. These organisations also recorded the largest officer participation. This highlights DOSM's strong engagement in regional and global statistical initiatives.

Chart 3: Monthly Distribution by Programmes (Scheduled vs Non- scheduled) 2024 - Physical



The chart shows DOSM's monthly participation in international programmes by scheduled and non-scheduled activities. Participation peaked in July, September and October, largely driven by an increase in non-scheduled (ad hoc) invitations, which accounted for the majority of additional officer involvement during these months. In contrast, scheduled programmes remained relatively consistent throughout the year, reflecting stable planned international engagements.

Chart 4: Participation by Subject Matter Divisions, 2024 - Physical



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Chart 5: Estimated and Actual Programme Expenditure by Organisation (RM '000)

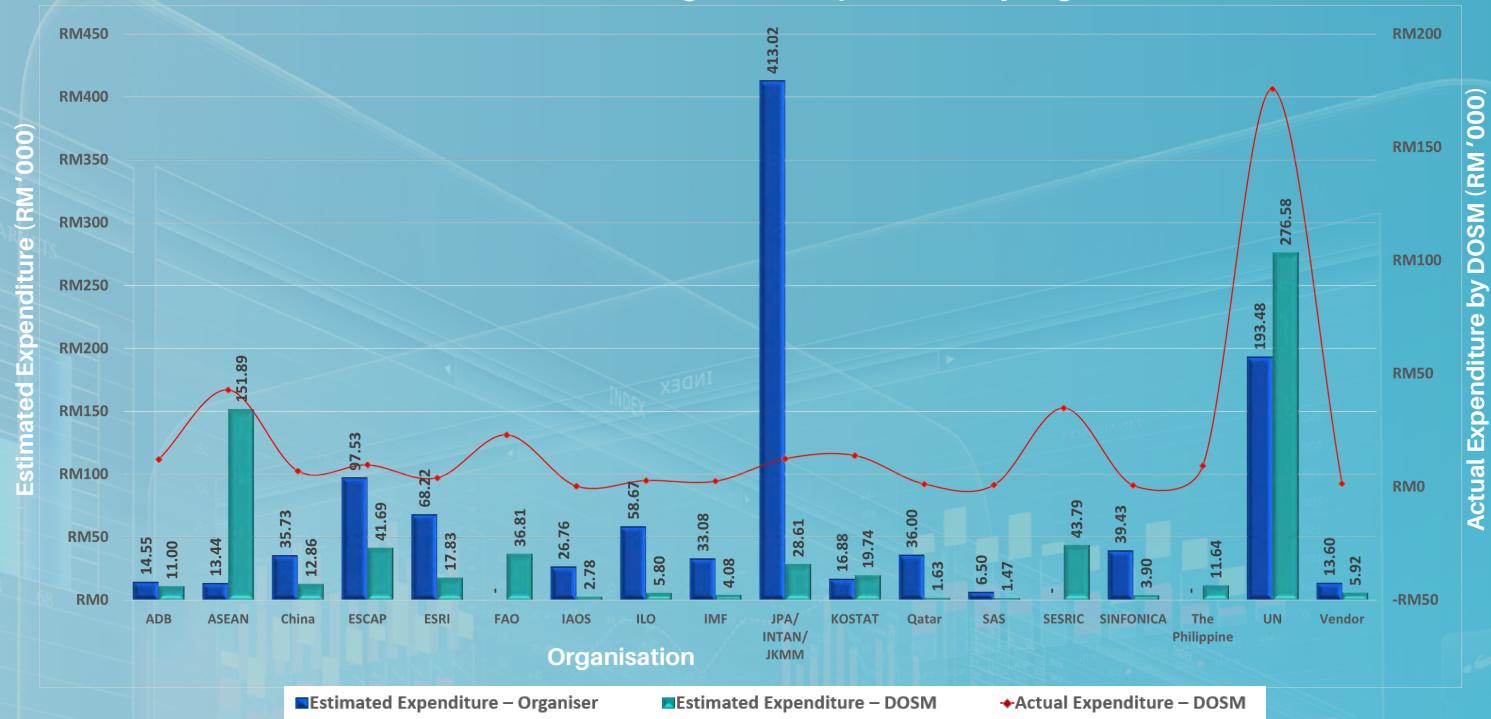
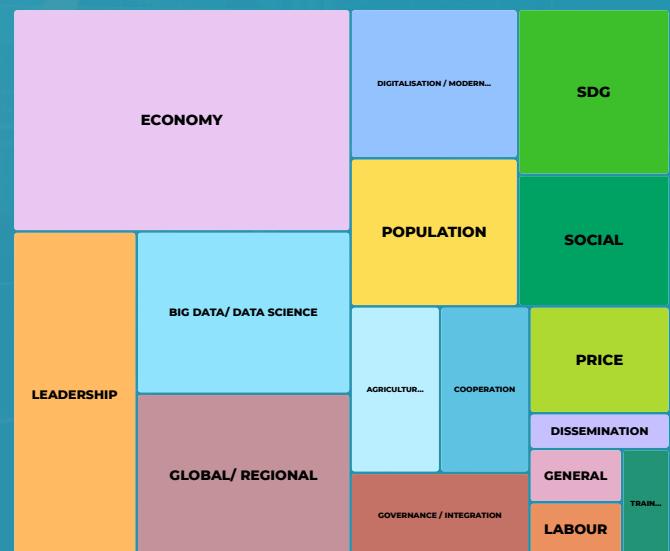


Chart 5 presents a comparison of estimated and actual programme expenditure by organisation, distinguishing between costs borne by the organising institutions and costs covered by DOSM. Estimated expenditure reflects projected costs borne by organisers as well as estimated costs to be covered by DOSM, while actual expenditure represents the realised costs incurred by DOSM. The highest programme expenditures were recorded for JPA/INTAN/JKMM, the United Nations (UN) and ASEAN. JPA/INTAN/JKMM registered the largest estimated organiser expenditure at approximately RM413.0 thousand. The UN recorded the highest estimated and actual DOSM expenditure, at about RM276.6 thousand and RM193.5 thousand respectively, while ASEAN showed the next highest estimated DOSM expenditure at around RM151.9 thousand.

Chart 6: Key Thematic Areas of DOSM's International Engagements, 2024

The bubble chart highlights the key themes of international programmes that DOSM was invited to in 2024, covering expert group meetings, working groups, workshops, seminars and conferences. The largest invitations were centred on Economy, followed by Leadership, SDG, Social, Price, Population, Big Data/Data Governance, and Digitalisation. This shows that DOSM's international engagements largely focus on core statistical domains while also expanding into emerging areas such as digital transformation and data governance. DOSM's wide thematic involvement reflects its strong recognition and active role in global and regional statistical development.



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NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES ATTENDED BY DOSM IN OTHER COUNTRIES

International programmes attended by DOSM officers were largely hosted in the ASEAN region, with Thailand (12 programmes) and Indonesia (9 programmes) recording the highest number of engagements, reflecting their roles as hosts of the ESCAP Headquarters and the ASEAN Secretariat, respectively. Participation also extended to Japan and the United States (5 programmes each) and selected countries in Europe, the Middle East and Asia, underscoring DOSM's active involvement in regional and global statistical cooperation.



Chart 7: Participation by Grade, 2024

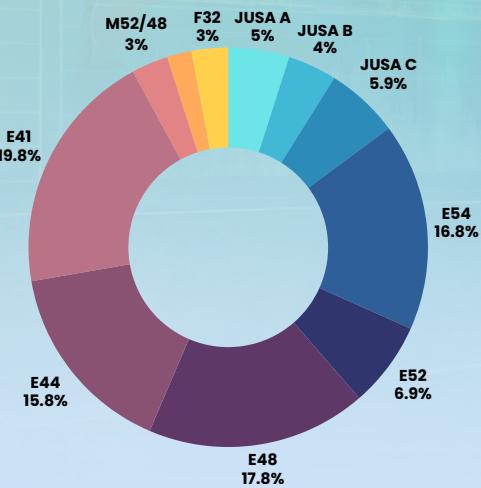
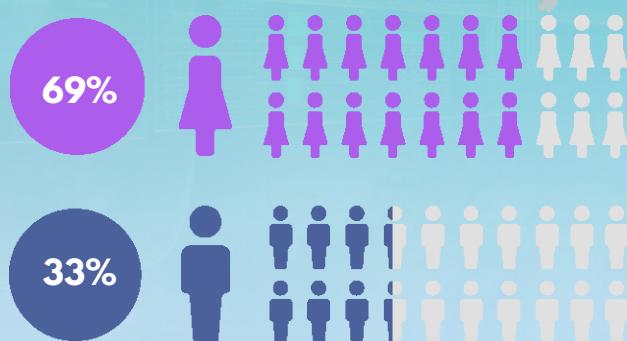


Chart 8: Participation by Gender, 2024



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Chart 9: Distribution of Virtual International Programmes by Category, 2024



Virtual international engagements in 2024 were dominated by workshops and training programmes, while forums, conferences and webinars recorded moderate participation. Expert group and working group meetings involved fewer, more specialised engagements.

Programmes Participant

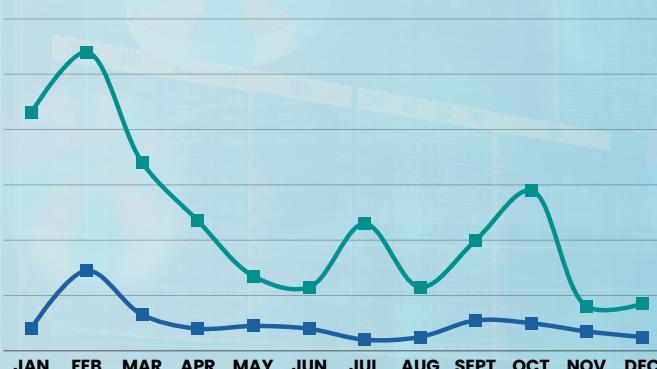
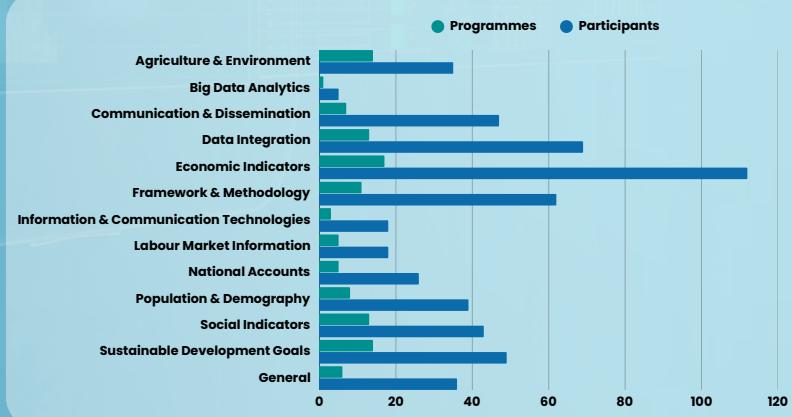


Chart 10: Monthly Participation in Virtual International Programmes, 2024

DOSM's virtual participation fluctuated throughout the year, peaking in February with more than 100 participants, largely driven by side events held in conjunction with the 56th United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC56). Participation declined during the mid-year period before increasing again in September and October, with October recording nearly 60 participants. Overall, participant trends closely mirrored programme activity across the year.

Chart 11: Participation by Key Statistical Domains (Virtual), 2024

Virtual participation was highest in economic statistics-related domains, recording the largest share of programmes and participants. This was followed by data integration and frameworks and methodology. Other domains such as communication and dissemination, big data analytics and governance-related statistics also showed notable participation, highlighting DOSM's broad expertise across core and emerging statistical areas.



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DOSM PARTICIPATION AS INVITED SPEAKERS AND RESOURCE PERSONS IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES, 2024

In 2024, DOSM officers actively participated in international programmes as presenters, panellists and guest speakers through both physical and virtual platforms. A total of 31 programmes were recorded, comprising 18 physical and 13 virtual engagements, involving 66 DOSM presenters. Study visits and learning visits accounted for the highest number of physical presenters, while virtual participation was most prominent in courses and training programmes. This reflects DOSM's strong demand as a technical resource institution across multiple international platforms.

LIST OF CATEGORIES	PHYSICAL		VIRTUAL	
	Programme	Presenter	Programme	Presenter
Expert Group Meeting	3	3	2	2
Forum/ Conference/ Webinar	7	7	3	3
Meeting/ Commission	3	5	0	0
Side Events	1	1	0	0
Study Visit/ Learning Visit	2	26	0	0
Course/ Training	2	2	8	17
Grand Total	18	44	13	22

Table 1: Number of DOSM Programmes and Participants as Invited Resource Persons by Mode and Category, 2024

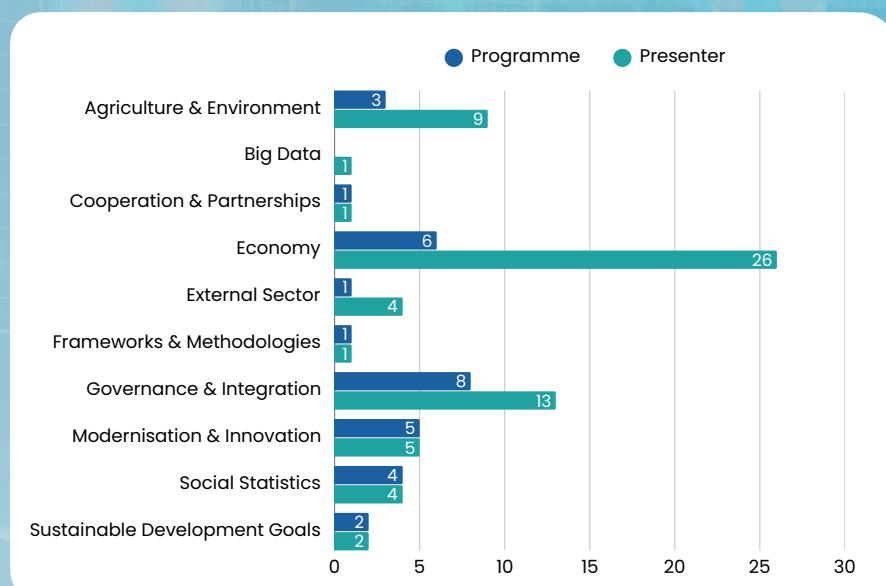


Chart 12: Areas of Expertise Contributed by DOSM in International Programmes, 2024

DOSM's expertise was most frequently invited in the areas of Economy, Governance and Integration and Agriculture & Environment. Economic statistics recorded the highest level of engagement, particularly in presenter roles, indicating strong international demand for DOSM's technical knowledge in macroeconomic and sectoral analysis. Other key areas included modernisation and innovation, social statistics, and sustainable development goals, reflecting DOSM's broad and diversified expertise in supporting international statistical discourse.



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CHART 13: DOSM'S DOMESTIC PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES



36 PROGRAMMES

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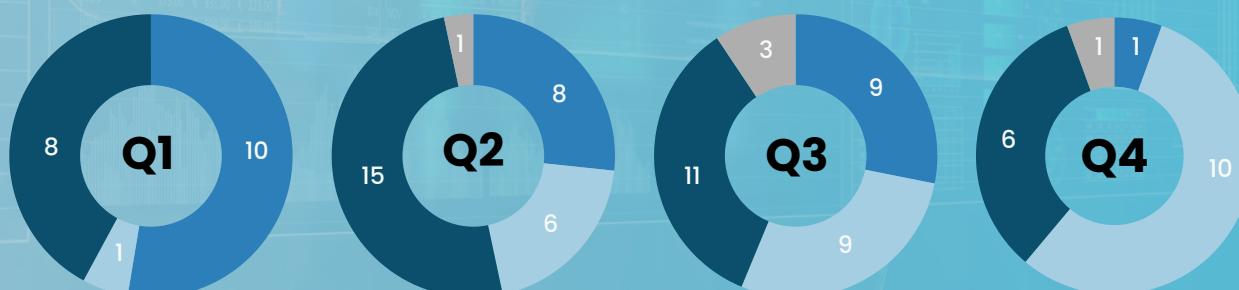
143 PARTICIPATIONS

In 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) participated in 36 international programmes conducted in Malaysia, involving a total of 143 participations. Capacity-building activities, encompassing courses, workshops and training programmes, constituted the largest segment, accounting for 18 programmes and 93 participations. This was followed by seminars, forums and conferences, with 6 programmes and 19 participations. Internal coordination meetings comprised 9 programmes with 22 participations, while briefings, launchings and meetings or commissions represented a smaller share of overall engagements.

RESPONDING TO INTERNATIONAL REQUESTS FOR STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) provided a total of 99 responses to requests from international statistical organisations. These responses covered various formats, including data and statistical submissions, surveys, technical write-ups, and contributions to international frameworks and guidelines. The distribution across quarters reflects DOSM's consistent engagement and its ongoing commitment to supporting global statistical development.

Category by quarter (Q)



- Data/ Statistics
- Survey/ Questionnaire
- Write-Up/ Feedback/ Assessment
- Framework/ Manual/ Guideline

Key Highlights

- Highest category: Write-Up/ Feedback/ Assessment
- Most active quarter: Q3
- Increase observed during mid-year (Q2-Q3)
- No recorded Queries in 2024



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New York, 26 February 2024 - In a momentous step forward in international collaboration, Malaysia and Uzbekistan formalised a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking a pivotal milestone in strengthening bilateral cooperation in official statistics. The agreement signifies a significant elevation in the partnership between both countries, aimed at fortifying statistical practices, enhancing capacity-building and advancing shared aspirations in modernising National Statistics Systems. With a focus on knowledge exchange and technical expertise, the MoU charts a five-year cooperation framework that reinforces the commitment of both Malaysia and Uzbekistan to evidence-based decision-making and sustainable development. This milestone further reflects the collective effort to strengthen the global statistical community.



The MoU was signed by **YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin**, Chief Statistician Malaysia, representing the Government of Malaysia and Mr. Bakhodir Begalov, Director of the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Statistics Agency), representing the Government of Uzbekistan.



The ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhamad, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (UN), along with His Excellency Mr. Ulugbek Lapasov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations.



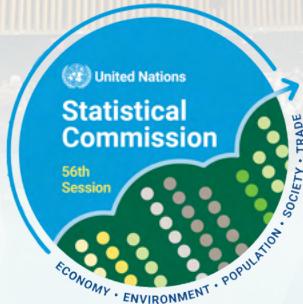
Held at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations, the signing coincided with the 55th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UN55SC), convened from 27 February to 1 March 2024.



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55TH UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION (#UN55SC)



The **United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC)** is a crucial platform for chief statisticians and leaders of national statistical systems (NSSs) globally. This year's event saw a remarkable turnout, with over 550 participants from 108 countries representing 52 agencies and non-governmental organizations. The agenda was diverse, featuring 350 written statements, 65 in-person side events, and 33 virtual side events, all dedicated to exploring the paramount importance and standardisation of statistics in our rapidly evolving world. The overarching theme of the event was '**Better Data, Better Lives**', highlighting the indispensable role of high-quality statistics in advancing global well-being.

27 February - 3 March 2024 - At the 55th United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) in New York, the Department of Statistics Malaysia showcased Malaysia's leadership in global statistical development and contributed to discussions that advanced international standards across economic, social and environmental domains.

Malaysia's participation extended beyond the formal sessions, with DOSM engaging in **high-level seminars and bilateral meetings** beginning 23 February. Through these engagements, Malaysia exchanged best practices with leading National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and reinforced its standing as an active and respected member of the global statistical community.



* Driving Change with Written Statements

DOSM submitted **33 Written Statements** supporting global efforts to improve statistical guidelines, ensuring alignment with global standards to produce reliable data and empowering nations to generate timely statistics for sustainable development.

* Voicing Malaysia's Vision

DOSM delivered **11 oral statements** that highlighted Malaysia's perspectives, advancing global statistical agendas and reinforcing the nation's role in global decision-making.

* Leading the Digital Trade Revolution

As a **guest speaker** at the side event "**Measuring Digital Trade**", DOSM shared Malaysia's best practices in e-commerce measurement, encouraging global innovation in digital trade tracking.

* Building Bridges Through Collaboration

DOSM also signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between **Malaysia and Uzbekistan**, fostering bilateral ties and enhancing statistical practices.



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MALAYSIA AT THE 55TH UNSC: CAPTURING KEY MOMENTS



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ASIA-PACIFIC STATISTICS WEEK 2024: THEME “THE POWER OF DATA”.



9-13 December 2024 — The Department of Statistics Malaysia attended the Asia-Pacific Statistics Week 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. This annual event, organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), was conducted under the theme **“The Power of Data”**. The event brought together heads of national statistical offices and international statistical experts to strengthen cooperation and strategies for agile and inclusive statistical development.



Representing Malaysia were Ms. Norhayati Jantan, Senior Director, National Accounts Statistics Division, and Mr. Mohd Sofi bin Ali, Director of the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute. The delegation participated in policy dialogues, technical sessions, and leadership discussions, sharing Malaysia's perspectives and best practices to strengthen regional statistical capacity.

The programme was comprehensive, featuring policy dialogues, technical discussions, and specialised side events that addressed key priorities, including modernising statistical systems, strengthening data governance, enhancing population and social statistics, expanding the use of administrative and big data, and reinforcing partnerships for capacity development.

The 2024 session demonstrated exceptional regional engagement, bringing together over 170 participants from national statistical offices (NSOs) and 37 representatives from international organisations, UN agencies, intergovernmental bodies, and development partners, amounting to a total of 209 participants.



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- The Ninth Session of the Committee on Statistics (CST9)
- The Twentieth Session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (GCSISAP)
- The Nineteenth Session of the Management Seminar for Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific, and
- The Ninth Session of the ESCAP Statistics Working Group



As part of the programme, CST-9 took place from 11 to 13 December, marking a critical moment for regional statistical governance. Delegates reviewed progress under the region-wide **“Declaration on Navigating Policy with Data to Leave No One Behind,”** reinforcing the commitment of member States to build data-driven, inclusive and modern statistical systems.

Through active participation, Malaysia contributed to shaping the regional statistical agenda. The delegation shared experiences and best practices in areas including modern data infrastructure, capacity-building, and statistical harmonisation. Discussions underscored the need for agile statistical systems capable of responding to emerging data demands, particularly in big data, machine learning and artificial intelligence, aligning closely with regional efforts to modernise national statistical systems and improve data quality and accessibility.

As a member of the SIAP Governing Council, Malaysia contributed directly to discussions shaping the SIAP Strategic Plan 2025-2029, the SIAP Finance Plan, and the SIAP Work Programme for 2025, with a focus on AI, big data, and climate-related statistics. .



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13TH SESSION OF THE OIC-STATISTICAL COMMISSION (OIC-STATCOM)

15 -16 October 2024 - The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), organised the 13th Session of the OIC-StatCom in a hybrid format at its Headquarters in Ankara, Republic of Türkiye, in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group. It was attended by a total of **68 participants from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 38 OIC member countries, along with representatives from nine international and regional organisations**, namely the Statistical Centre for the Cooperation Council for the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-Stat), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Istanbul Centre, PARIS21, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia (UNESWA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), United Nations Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries and the World Bank.

The working sessions of the 13th Session of the OIC-StatCom focused on key areas of vital to the statistical development of OIC member countries. As the Commission's Secretariat, **SESRIC delivered two presentations on: (1) the implementation of the Resolutions of the 12th Session of the OIC-StatCom, and (2) the implementation of the OIC-StatCom Programme of Action for 2021-2025**. These were followed by discussions on a range of technical topics, including **Inclusive Data Collection in Social Protection, Ethics for New Data Sources and Technologies, Sustainable Development Goals: Monitoring and Reporting SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) Indicators, Embracing Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Official Statistics, 2020 Round of the World Population and Housing Census Programme: Lessons Learnt and The Way Forward**.

Representing Malaysia were Mr. Mohd Sofi Ali, Director of the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute (ILSM) and Mr. Mohd Sawal Shakimon, Director of the DOSM State Office of Negeri Sembilan. They demonstrated their full commitment by **sharing their experiences and best practices**, particularly in **Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence**, as well as the **2020 Round of the World Population and Housing Census**.





14TH SESSION OF THE ASEAN COMMUNITY STATISTICAL SYSTEM (ACSS14) COMMITTEE

26 - 28 November 2024 - Since its inception in 2011, the ACSS has remained dedicated to fulfilling its mandate by continuously providing high-quality, timely, and comparable statistics to support ASEAN integration efforts and informed policymaking across the region, particularly by supporting ASEAN integration monitoring and evidence-based policy and decision-making. The ACSS has also been consistently strengthening its cooperation to enhance the statistical capacities of ASEAN Member States (AMS) and the ASEAN Secretariat.

This commitment was prominently reflected at the Fourteenth Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS14), hosted by the Lao Statistics Bureau from 26 to 28 November 2024. The session was chaired by Ms. Phonesaly Souksavath, Head of the Lao Statistics Bureau, with YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia, serving as Co-Chairperson.

Malaysia, represented by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), played an influential role in advancing the regional statistical agenda. YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir was accompanied by Ms. Ezatul Nisha Abdul Rahman, Director of the Change Management Office and Member of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (ACSS-SCPC). Together, they contributed Malaysia's perspectives and shared best practices across several priority areas.

Key topics highlighted by the Malaysian delegation included the presentation of the Handbook for Mirror Analysis on Merchandise Trade Statistics; progress updates on data harmonisation initiatives under Malaysia's leadership of the Working Group on the System of National Accounts (WGSNA) from 2021-2024; and insights into national developments in data governance, data stewardship and data integration. The delegation also briefed the Committee on Malaysia's preparations for ACSS15, as the country assumes the ACSS Chairmanship in 2025 under its broader ASEAN Chairmanship mandate.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

JANUARY



17-18 January 2024 — The **Retreat Pembangunan Intelektual Ahli-Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Melaka Tahun 2024** was held in Batam, Indonesia. The programme was organised by the Melaka Chief Minister's Department to strengthen leadership competencies, enhance governance insight, and support evidence-based policymaking among members of the Melaka State Legislative Assembly. DOSM contributed to discussions on data-driven decision-making, improving statistical literacy, and the role of statistics in supporting state development, reaffirming its commitment to empowering state governments through capacity-building and sound statistical practices.

Represented by Mr. Abang Saifulhadi Abang Hj Ibrahim, Director of the DOSM State Office of Melaka (E52)

22-24 January 2024 - The **International Seminar on Data Science for the Statistical and Transport Communities**, held in Dubai, UAE, focused on integrating data science into official statistics to improve policy decisions in the transport sector. Organised by the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), UN Statistics Division (UNSD), UN-CEBD, and the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre (FCSC), the seminar featured a playbook for incorporating data science into national statistical offices and shared practical examples of data applications in transportation from various countries.

Represented by Ms. Fatin Ezzati Mohd Aris, Assistant Director, Big Data Analytics Core Team (CTADR).



22-24 January 2024 - The **Inaugural Meeting: Revision of the United Nations Handbooks on Household Surveys** was held in Shenzhen, China, organised by the UN Statistics Division and the National Bureau of Statistics, China. The meeting aimed to update the Household Surveys Handbook, expanding on the 1984 version, to improve its usability and accessibility. Key recommendations included aligning it with the GSBPM phases, addressing project management, and integrating surveys into national data systems. The revision also focused on incorporating web platforms and AI ChatBot for broader use.

Represented by Mr. Masrol Hafizal Ismail, Principal Assistant Director, Integration & Data Management Division.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

FEBRUARY



14-16 February 2024 - The UNICEF Technical Consultation on the **Measurement of Sexual Violence in Childhood** was held at the Tarrytown House Estate in Tarrytown, New York, USA and was organised by UNICEF. The meeting focused on reviewing and agreeing on proposed questions about sexual violence in childhood for further testing and validation. Participants discussed key implementation considerations, made recommendations for validation work, and established reference groups to support various workstreams.

Represented by **Ms. Siti Fairuz Mohd Zukri, Principal Assistant Director, Manpower and Social Statistics Division.**

25 - 29 February 2024 - The Maipu Networking Technology Training Course

Course took place at Maipu, Chengdu, China, organised by FK Technology Sdn. Bhd. The training successfully enhanced participants' skills and knowledge in operating and managing ICT network equipment. Additionally, participants had the opportunity to earn a network and security certification recognized at the Asian level.

Represented by **Ms. Khairum Anisa Ahmad Samuri, Senior Assistant Director, Information Management Division and Ms. Haidabaizura Mohamad Zamri, Assistant Information Technology Officer, Information Management Division.**



28-29 February 2024 - The **27th Meeting of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC27)** took place in Vang Vieng, Lao PDR. The meeting was jointly organised by the Lao Statistics Bureau and ASEANStats. The meeting successfully met its objectives, with active contributions from all ASEAN Member States. Discussions focused on reviewing and responding to recommendations from the 13th Session of the ACSS Committee (ACSS13), as well as on evaluating progress and plans to deliver the ACSS Annual Priorities for 2024.

Represented by **Ms. Muliani Binti Mohamad Taha, Assistant Director from the Strategic Communication and International Statistics Division**

20 February 2024 — DOSM participated in the **ASEAN Digital Integration Index (ADII) Continuity Workshop** held in Singapore, organised under the ASEAN-USAID IGNITE initiative. The workshop introduced the ADII Continuity Mechanism, a framework designed to ensure that the ADII methodology remains relevant and impactful for ASEAN Member States. The mechanism supports the sustainability, enhancement, and expansion of the index, enabling it to evolve in line with AMS' changing priorities and the challenges of increasingly digitalised societies.

Represented by **Mrs. Norazlin Muharam, Principal Assistant Director, Services Statistics Division**



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

MARCH

4-6 March 2024 - **Sangfor Firewall Technical Training Course** took place at Sangfor, Shenzhen, China, and was facilitated by Prima Integrated Solutions Sdn Bhd. The training successfully enhanced participants' skills and knowledge in managing and operating ICT network equipment. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to pursue a network and security certification recognised across Asia, further strengthening their technical competencies.

Represented by Mr. Nikmat Ismail, Assistant Information Technology Officers, Information Management Division; and Mr. Razman Hashim, Assistant Information Technology Officers, Information Management Division.



2-21 March 2024 - **Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Statistics - Intermediate (BPIIPSM)** took place in Washington D.C., USA and organised by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The programme enriched participants' understanding through expert insights on Balance of Payments (BOP) and International Investment Position (IIP), while also offering valuable opportunities for networking with other IMF member countries. It provided a platform to exchange experiences and best practices, particularly in preparation for the transition from BPM6 to BPM7.

Represented by Mrs. Shafizaermawaty Shafei, Director, Balance of Payments Statistics Division.

18 -21 March 2024 - **Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Implementing Guidance on Inclusive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems with a Focus on Forced Displacement, Statelessness, and Children on the Move** was held in Bangkok, Thailand, and was co-organised by ESCAP, UNICEF, UNHCR, EGRIS and IDAC. The workshop aimed to strengthen Member States' CRVS systems by introducing relevant tools and resources, encouraging the exchange of experiences, addressing key gaps related to statelessness and displacement, and fostering regional collaboration through inclusive and innovative approaches.

Represented by Ms Nur Azmina Ahmad Zuhkhori, Senior Assistant Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division; and Ms Noorhayati Ismail, Senior Assistant Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

APRIL

22-26 April 2024 - **The Measuring Informality: Introducing the New Statistical Standards on the Informal Economy Course** took place from at the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC ILO) in Turin, Italy which was organised by ILO. The course focused on understanding the new statistical standards adopted by the 21st ICLS in 2023, which involve operational definitions of the informal sector and informal employment, effective data collection mechanisms, frameworks for analysis, as well as essential indicators of persons, jobs and work activities.

Represented by Ms. Masriyanti Rekkeman, Principal Assistant Director, Methodology and Research Division; and Mr. Muhammad Shafiq Harun, Statistics Officer Malaysian Bureau of Labour Statistics.



24 April 2024 - **The 2021 International Comparison Program for Asia and the Pacific Meeting of the Regional Advisory Board (RAB)** took place in Bangkok, Thailand and was organised by the Asia Development Bank (ADB). Malaysia is a member of the ICP Governing Board, and Mrs. Nazaria was elected as co-chair. The meeting focused on sharing the final results of the ICP Cycle 2021 with the Regional Advisory Board (RAB) members and Heads of National Statistics Offices in the Asia-Pacific region. The regional results were endorsed by RAB members and are scheduled for publication by 2Q 2024.

Represented by Mrs. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician of Social & Technical Development Programme; and Ms. Maslina Samsudin, Senior Deputy Director, Prices, Income & Expenditure Statistics Division.

MAY

6-17 May 2024 — The 17th **Malaysia-Singapore Senior Executive Development Programme (SEDP)** was held in Singapore and Malaysia, co-organised by the Civil Service College Singapore and INTAN. Under the theme "Building Our Future Together," senior public officers from both countries exchanged insights on governance, sustainability, and leadership, and participated in learning visits such as Our Tampines Hub, ITE College West, and the Institute of Biodiversity. The programme also strengthened professional networks and fostered lasting cross-country friendships.

Represented by Mr Azra Nuhairi bin Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director, Management Services Division.



7-9 May 2024 - **The Tenth Meeting of the Regional Steering Group (RSG) for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in Asia and the Pacific** was held in Bangkok, Thailand, organised by ESCAP. The meeting focused on reviewing country achievements, discussing preparations for the 2025 Ministerial Conference, launching the 2024 review questionnaire, and identifying the support countries need to complete it.

Represented by Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam bin Wan Mohd Najuri, Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

MAY

9 May 2024 - **SAS Innovate on Tour 2024 Unlocking Insights: Diving into Data** took place in Singapore and organised by the SAS Institute. This global event brought together business leaders, data scientists, engineers, and analysts for a rich learning experience focused on AI, analytics, and cloud transformation. Attendees explored future technology trends, engaged in hands-on sessions with generative AI, and learned from SAS experts, customers, and partners. The event also provided valuable opportunities to enhance SAS skills, share best practices, and connect with peers from across industries.

Represented by Ms. Nur Aziha Mansor @ Noordin, Deputy Director, Data Management and Integration Division.



14 May 2024 - **The IAOS-ISI RSC 2024 Mexico Conference - Training Course on AI and Machine Learning** took place in Mexico City which organised by Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), IAOS, and ISI. The workshop provided a comprehensive understanding of machine learning (ML) and natural language processing (NLP), covering essential data pre-processing techniques such as cleaning, transformation, and normalization. Participants gained hands-on experience in building classifiers, particularly for real estate data, and learned practical implementation skills using popular ML libraries like Scikit-learn and TensorFlow. Expert guidance from Statistics Poland made the workshop more valuable and also helped participants connect and collaborate with other statisticians, methodologists, and data analysts.

Representative: Ms. Malathi Ponnusamy, Deputy Executive Director, Malaysia Bureau of Labour Statistics.



15-17 May 2024 - **AOS-ISI RSC 2024 Mexico Conference - Building a National Data Infrastructure for Malaysia's Future: A Focus on Data Production & Innovation** was held in Mexico City and organised by INEGI, IAOS, and ISI. The conference highlighted the importance of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) working closely with citizens and stakeholders to improve data production and governance. It stressed the need for collaboration with new data sources and technologies to keep up with innovation. The idea of building a new social contract around data—focusing on trust and value—was also discussed.

Representative: Ms. Malathi Ponnusamy, Deputy Executive Director, Malaysia Bureau of Labour Statistics.



19-24 May 2024 - **The Thirtieth Session of the Asia and Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics (APCAS30)** was held in Kathmandu, Nepal and organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. On 20 May, a side event focused on improving the reporting of farm-based SDG indicators. Key strategies discussed included enhancing policy guidance for clearer data standards, forming virtual expert groups, piloting crowd-sourced "flash" statistics for real-time insights and developing sustainable fishery indicators to support environmental and economic goals.

Represented by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia; and Ms. Siti Salwani Ismail, Deputy Director, Agricultural and Environment Statistics Division.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

MAY

20 May -19 November 2024 - **Accelerated Course for Competency Excellence (ACE): Navigating Digital Frontier for Smart Government** is a sponsored program running which held at MMU Cyberjaya and China (Shenzhen, Shanghai, Xi An, Nanjing, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Beijing). Organised by the Public Service Department (JPA), MMU and ZTE Corporation, the program offered in-depth exposure to AI, digital transformation and cybersecurity through lectures, industry attachments, and visits to over 20 top tech companies in China. It emphasised the need for DOSM to adopt emerging technologies such as AI, machine learning, and large language models, while highlighted the value of diverse data sources and advanced analytics in improving the accuracy and timeliness of official statistics, providing strategic insights for DOSM's digital transformation journey.



Represented by Ms. Nur Hurriyatul Huda Abdullah Sani, Principal Assistant Director, Malaysian Bureau of Labour Statistics.



29-31 May 2024 - **The 5th International Seminar on Big Data for Official Statistics - Measuring the Digital Economy** was held in Xiamen, China. Organised by UNSD, UNCTAD, NBS China, and the Global Hub on Big Data in Hangzhou, the seminar discussed the conceptual framework for measuring the digital economy, highlighting its defining feature the intensive use of ICT by businesses for data-related functions and explored how statistical tools can capture key components of its supply and demand.

Represented by Ms. Siti Hajar Mohamad, Senior Assistant Director of the International Trade Statistics Division.

JUNE

4-6 June 2024 - **Inter-regional Expert Meeting on the Measurement of South-South Cooperation** was held at Sharq Village, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Doha, Qatar, organised by UNCTAD in collaboration with ESCWA, ECLAC, ESCAP, and ECA. The event provided Malaysia with a valuable platform to share its experience and learn from other developing countries. Through collaborative discussions and technical capacity-building, Malaysia gained insights, best practices, and innovative approaches. This exchange of knowledge reinforces Malaysia's role as a pilot country in advancing South-South Cooperation in support of the 2030 Agenda.



Represented by Ms. Nur Atikah binti Abdul Aziz, Assistant Director, Industrial Production and Construction Statistics Division.



5-6 June 2024 - **The 38th Meeting of the Working Group on International Investment Statistics (WGIIS)** was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR and organised by the ASEAN Secretariat. The meeting featured productive discussions on key areas such as the review and implementation of the WGIIS Multi-Year Work Plan, the status of FDI data submission and dissemination, and strengthening regional cooperation through the ASEAN Help ASEAN Framework.

Represented by Ms. Kumutha Shanmugam, Senior Assistant Director, Balance of Payments Statistics Division.

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JUNE

10-13 June 2024 - **The Regional Workshop on SDGs Data Disaggregation Using Small Area Estimation and Machine Learning Techniques** took place in Jakarta, Indonesia, organised by the Asian Development Bank's Strategy, Policy, with support from the Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific and the ASEAN Secretariat. The workshop highlighted the importance of detailed SDG data for informed policymaking and introduced participants to the fundamental principles of Small Area Estimation and Machine Learning Techniques as innovative ways to improve data granularity without significantly increasing survey sample sizes.



Represented by Ms. Fuziah Md. Amin, Director, Manpower and Social Statistics Division; and Ms Latifah Mohamed Shah, Senior Assistant Director, Agricultural and Environment Statistics Division.



10-14 June 2024 - **The 8th International Conference on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics** held in Bilbao, Spain, hosted by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). Themed "Informing Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies with Integrated Data", the conference highlighted the growing use of mobile phone data (MPD) to produce official statistics, particularly in tracking mobility patterns for transport planning and policy evaluation. Discussions covered the use of ground truth data for validation, creating synthetic datasets using techniques like Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), and correcting biases in mobility indicators from Call Detail Records (CDRs).

Represented by Dr. Nur Syazwin Mansor, Assistant Director, Big Data Analytics Core Team; and Ms. Wan Aznie Fatihah Wan Abd Jalil, Assistant Director, Big Data Analytics Core Team.

10-14 June 2024 - **The Meeting of the Task Team on International Trade Statistics** took place in Ankara, Türkiye, hosted by the United Nations Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, with support from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT). The meeting focused on revising and updating the recommendations for compiling international trade statistics and related methodological documents, while addressing complex issues to ensure the materials remain current and relevant.

Represented by Ms Siti Haslinda Mohd Din, Director, International Trade Statistics Division; and Ms Pameza Abdul Harip, Assistant Director, Balance of Payments Statistics Division.



16-19 June 2024 - **The Regional Workshop on Agile Statistical System Fit for the Future** was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, hosted by UNESCAP. Key discussions highlighted the importance of administrative and alternative data sources; the development of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA); legislative enhancements; modernised business processes; ICT investments; and capacity building, particularly in new skills and in administrative data integration. Outcomes from this workshop will inform the ESCAP Committee on Statistics' 9th Session in December 2024.

Represented by Mrs. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician of the Social & Technical Development Programme.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

JUNE



24 June to 5 July 2024 - **The Executive Development Program (EDP) Supporting the National Human Resources Development Institute (NHI)**, held in the Republic of Korea. Organised by the National Human Resources Development Institute (NHI), the program featured modules centered around case studies from various Korean government administration departments. These case studies explored emerging technologies and trends including the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital ICT, Big Data, Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT), Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Extended Reality (XR), with practical applications in areas such as government innovation, energy and environment, agriculture, healthcare, and the future of governance. In addition, participants attended the UN Public Service Forum 2024, which focused on the theme of AI and the Future of Government.

Represented by Ms. Maria Mat Nani, Assistant Information Technology Officer, Information Management Division.

25-27 June 2024 - **The International Workshop on Time-Use Statistics** was held at the Tianyu Gloria Grand Hotel in Xi'an, China and organised by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the National Bureau of Statistics China (NBS). The workshop focused on enhancing survey methodologies, integrating time-use data with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and exploring advanced data analysis techniques. Participants gained insights into innovative survey tools like time diaries and mobile apps for designing more accurate surveys. Key discussions stressed the importance of stakeholder collaboration, continuous staff training, regular data collection, and adapting strategies for emerging issues like remote work.

Represented by Mr. Ahmad Thawrique Mohd Taufan, Assistant Director, Malaysia Bureau of Labour Statistics.



JULY



1- 5 July 2024 - **Global Dialogue on Sustainable Ocean Development** took place at The Meru Sanur, Bali, Jakarta, Indonesia. The event was hosted by the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership in collaboration with the Indonesian Ministry for Marine Affairs and Fisheries. These accounts provide valuable insights into ocean-related economic contributions to GDP and help assess the stock and flow of ocean assets in both physical and monetary terms through the System of Environmental Economic Accounting - Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA-EA). Additionally, the accounts help evaluate the residual impacts of human and economic activities on the ocean to promote long-term sustainability.

Represented by Mr. Syed Ibrahim Mohd Jamaluddin, Principal Assistant Director, Agricultural and Environment Statistics Division.



8-12 July 2024 - **Mastering Authentic Leadership Presence Program 2024** was held at Melbourne Business School, Australia. Jointly organised by MBS and the Malaysia Public Service Department (JPA), the programme aimed to upskill the Senior Directors or leaders through hands-on learning, including roleplays, site visits, and insights from leaders within Australia's public sector. A total of 19 participants from various ministries and agencies were selected to take part in this leadership development initiative.

Represented by **Mrs. Norhayati Jantan, Senior Director of the National Accounts Statistics Division.**



9 -11 July 2024 - **The Fourth Regional Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics** was at the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) in Bangkok. Organised by TIJ in collaboration with UNODC, the UNODC-KOSTAT Centre of Excellence for Statistics on Crime and Criminal Justice in Asia and the Pacific, the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ), and UNESCAP, the meeting reviewed the implementation of international standards on crime statistics, addressed emerging challenges in crime measurement, and explored innovative approaches to data collection and analysis.

Represented by **Ms. Nur Nabila Nazwa binti Abu Bakar, Assistant Director, Manpower and Social Statistics Division.**

10-11 July 2024 - **The 10th Meeting of Working Group on the International Merchandise Trade Statistics (WGIMTS10)** was held in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The meeting aimed to enhance IMTS data quality and harmonisation through updates on submissions, frameworks and handbooks, addressing cross-cutting issues, implementing ACSS Code of Practice, and planning future IMTS activities.

Represented by **Ms. Wan Siti Zaleha Wan Zakaria, Deputy Director of International Trade Statistics Division**



15-19 July 2024 - **The Esri User Conference (Esri UC)** took place at San Diego, California, USA. The conference helps to gather and learn about the latest trends of GIS technology and its applications from experts, thought leaders, and like-minded peers from various industries.

Represented by **Mr. Jefri Ab Ghani, Principal Assistant Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division; and Mr. Zainal Abidin Abd Mutualib, Assistant Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division.**



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JULY

16- 17 July 2024 - **7th Meeting of the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Statistics and Database Working Group (SDWG)**, held in Davao City, Davao Del Sur, the Philippines. Organised by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the meeting served as a vital platform for collaborative discussions among BIMP-EAGA SDWG members. It focused on addressing key statistical priorities and enhancing regional development through the exchange of insights, strengthened partnerships, and coordinated efforts toward a sustainable and prosperous BIMP-EAGA region.

Represented by Ms. Siti Haslinda Mohd Din, Director, International Trade Statistics Division.



16- 19 July 2024 - **United Nations Technical Workshop on International Migration and Temporary Mobility Statistics**, held in Warsaw, Poland. Organised by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in collaboration with Statistics Poland, the workshop aimed to enhance participants' understanding and capacity in implementing international migration statistics. It also served to identify key challenges, share best practices, and strengthen partnerships among countries, organisations, and experts to support the production of comprehensive and reliable migration data.

Represented by Ms. Noorhayati binti Ismail, Senior Assistant Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division.

22- 25 July 2024 - **The International Comparison Program (ICP) for Asia and the Pacific Regional Workshops on Machinery & Equipment and Construction Surveys** was held at Le Meridien, Bangkok, Thailand, and organised by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The sessions aimed to discuss the plans and current status of the 2024 ICP cycle while providing technical training on two specialised surveys: the Construction and Civil Engineering (CNS) Survey and the Machinery and Equipment (MEQ) Survey as well as data entry and validation tools essential for the successful implementation of the 2024 ICP.

Represented by Ms. Maslina Samsudin, Senior Deputy Director, Prices and Household Income & Expenditure Division; and Ms. Pazlina Waty Che Pah, Principal Assistant Director, Prices and Household Income & Expenditure Division.



24- 25 July 2024 - **22nd Meeting of the Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination, and Communication of ASEAN Statistics (WGDSA)** was held at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. Organised by ASEANstats under the ASEAN Secretariat, the meeting focused on enhancing data sharing, analysis, dissemination, and communication across ASEAN Member States. Key discussions included strengthening the availability and quality of ASEAN statistics, reviewing the implementation of the WGDSA work plan, and fostering collaboration through the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF) to support regional statistical development.

Represented by Ms. Nur Afiqah Ahmad Norazizi, Assistant Director, Strategic Communication and International Division.



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JULY

27- 31 July 2024 - **The Ethical Leadership for an Engaged and Productive Team Course**, held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Organised by the Public Service Department (JPA), the program aimed to equip officers in governance organisations with the knowledge, skills, and ethical principles necessary to lead effectively. Emphasising integrity, accountability, and team engagement, the course focused on strengthening leadership foundations to foster a productive and values-driven organisational culture.

Represented by Ms. Nur Surya Ab Razak, Principal Assistant Director, Industrial Production and Construction Statistics Division.



29 July - 2 August 2024 - **The Workshop on Mobile Positioning Data (MPD) Processing and Analytics for Official Statistics** was held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia, organised by the Regional Hub on Big Data and Data Science for Asia and the Pacific, BPS Statistics Indonesia, ESCAP, and Telkomsel. The workshop explored how Big Data technologies, particularly MPD, can modernise statistical processes, including generating tourism statistics, measuring human mobility, and enhancing disaster response plans. Key discussions focused on improving MPD access, building technical skills for its processing and analysis, and identifying opportunities to leverage MPD effectively in participating countries.

Represented by Ms. Nur Fathin Mohd Khalil, Assistant Director, Big Data Analytics Core Team.

31 July - 1 August 2024 - **The 7th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (WGSDGI7)**, held at the ASEAN Headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia. Organised by ASEANstats under the ASEAN Secretariat, the meeting focused on enhancing the quality and availability of ASEAN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators. Key discussions included preparations for the 2nd ASEAN SDG Indicators Report in 2025, outcomes of the mid-term review of the WGSDGI work plan, self-assessment of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Code of Practice (CoP) Sections B and C, and fostering collaboration among ASEAN Member States through the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF).

Represented by Ms. Nur Ezzati binti Abdul Hamid, Assistant Director of the Manpower and Social Statistics Division.



2 August 2024 - **The Third Meeting and First Knowledge Exchange of the ASEAN South-South and Triangular Cooperation Group on Gender Statistics**, held at the ASEAN Headquarters in Jakarta, Indonesia. Co-organised by the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the ASEAN Secretariat, the session aimed to introduce air quality issues from a gender perspective, review ongoing data collection efforts on air quality and air pollution—including methodologies for calculating SDG Indicator 3.9.1 on mortality due to air pollution—and facilitate knowledge sharing on the production and use of gender-responsive air quality indicators. The meeting also covered discussions on the group's Terms of Reference (TOR) and the development of its work plan.

Represented by Ms. Nur Ezzati binti Abdul Hamid, Assistant Director, Manpower and Social Statistics Division.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

AUGUST

6 August 2024 to 10 February 2025 - **The Course Beyond Borders: Cultivating Elite Negotiators for Global Challenges** is organised by Brighton International School in collaboration with Educ8Technology Sdn. Bhd., and sponsored by the Public Service Department of Malaysia (Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam). Held in the United Kingdom from , the programme serves as an in-service training initiative for federal government officers. It aims to equip participants with high-level negotiation skills to address complex global challenges, fostering strategic thinking and cross-cultural competence in international engagements.

Represented by Ms Romiati Chinkeruan, Principal Assistant Director, Strategic Communication and International Division



14 August to 30 November 2024 - **Theory and Practices in Official Statistics for Monitoring SDGs** was held in Chiba, Japan and organised by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). This course focused on the importance of official statistics in shaping policies and monitoring the progress of the SDGs. It provided valuable insights into the latest methodologies, tools, and best practices, ensuring the highest standards of accuracy and integrity for SDG monitoring.

Represented by Mr. Mohd Fairoz Abdul Rani, Senior Assistant Director, Price, Income and Expenditure Statistics Division; and Mrs. Suria Azlin Kasim, Senior Assistant Director, Industrial Production and Construction Statistics Division.

16 - 17 August 2024 - The three key meetings was held in Hatyai, Songkhla Province, Thailand: the **14th Sub Working Group (SWG) on Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ)**, the **14th SWG on Trade, Investment and Tourism Database (ITITD)**, and the **17th Working Group on Trade and Investment Facilitation (WGTI)**. Organised by the Centre for Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Subregional Cooperation (CIMT), the meetings focused on various strategic initiatives under the IMT-GT Implementation Blueprint (IB) 2022-2026. The CIQ meeting discussed the preparations for the Framework of Cooperation (FoC) signing and reviewed indicator progress related to CIQ. DOSM contributed by reporting on SWG ITITD activities and providing statistical data for the booklet, IB indicators, and intra IMT-GT trade.

Represented by Mr. Abdul Latif Abd Kadir, Principal Assistant Director, International Trade Statistics Division.



18 - 20 August 2024 - **The 51st ARTDO International World Conference** titled **Transforming Lives by Unleashing the Power of Talent and Skill Development** was held in Da Nang, Vietnam. Organised by ITD World and the Malaysia Institute of Training Development (MITD), the conference highlighted key themes such as digital leadership, talent and skills development, and fostering a culture of innovation within organisations. These discussions aimed to provide participants with practical insights and strategies to implement within their respective organisations to drive growth, innovation, and long-term sustainability.

Represented by Mr. Mohd Syariff Abdul Wahab, Deputy Director of the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

AUGUST

26 August to 13 September 2024 - **Mr. ISHIBASHI Nobuo Memorial International Exchange Program 2024** took place in Tokyo, Japan which organised by the Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis (SINFONICA). The program provided qualified statisticians with valuable exposure to Japan's official statistics practices, offering them an opportunity to acquire new knowledge and skills. This initiative aimed to further enhance existing statistical expertise of statisticians by exploring advanced methodologies, gaining insights into innovative data collection techniques, and deepening their understanding of statistical systems in a global context.

Represented by **Mrs. Nurti Asmaria Asril, Principal Assistant Director, Services Statistics Division.**



27 - 28 August 2024 - **11th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Statistics of International Trade in Services (WGSITS11)**, held in Jakarta, Indonesia. Organised by the ASEAN Secretariat, the meeting served as a regular platform for discussing the progress and implementation of the WGSITS Multi-Year Work Plan. Key agenda items included the results of the self-assessment on the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Code of Practice (CoP) Sections B (Statistical Process) and C (Statistical Output), the status of data submission and dissemination for Statistics of International Trade in Services (SITS), and the ongoing implementation of the ASEAN Help-ASEAN Framework (AHAF), along with other relevant updates.

Represented by **Ms. Pathmavathi A/P Appulanaidu, Principal Assistant Director of the Balance of Payments Statistics Division.**

27 - 29 August 2024 - **The 9th High-Level Annual Meeting of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN)** was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan which hosted by Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan; Center for Economic Research and Reforms (CERR); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); and Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN). Malaysia is excited about the strengthened partnerships and renewed commitment to the SDGs that emerged from the discussions, tackling multidimensional poverty and learned from the best practices of others

Represented by **YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia**



SEPTEMBER



3 - 6 September 2024 - **The Regional Training on Crime Statistics from a Gender Perspective**, was held in Chiba, Japan. Organised by UNSIAP in collaboration with UNODC-KOSTAT and UN Women, the training aimed to strengthen the production and analysis of crime statistics with a gender lens. It focused on enhancing technical capacity to monitor gender-related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets, promoting gender equality, improving data reliability, and supporting the development of robust gender-sensitive crime indicators and analysis frameworks.

Represented by **Mr. Amerudin Abdul Ghani, Assistant Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division.**



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

SEPTEMBER

4 - 6 September 2024 - **The Third United Nations Expert Group Meeting on the Revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses for the 2030 Round** was held in New York, United States of America. Organised by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the meeting focused on refining the second draft of the revised Principles and Recommendations (P&R), which serve as a key reference for national statistical offices in planning and implementing population and housing censuses. Discussions highlighted significant advancements in the current census round, including the integration of new technologies, multi-modal data collection methods, and the use of administrative data sources.

Represented by Ms. Norfariza Hanim Kasim, Senior Deputy Director of the Population and Demographic Statistics Division.



9 - 10 September 2024 - **The ESCAP-ASEAN Workshop on Tracking Progress Against the SDGs**, was held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok. Jointly organised by ESCAP and ASEAN, the workshop introduced the SDG Tracker developed by UNESCAP—a comprehensive platform designed to monitor the progress of Asia-Pacific countries towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The platform offers real-time data, visualisations, and analytical tools to support policymakers and stakeholders in evaluating achievements, identifying gaps, and formulating data-driven strategies for sustainable development across the region.

Represented by Mr. Azmi bin Ali, Principal Assistant Director, Price, Income and Expenditure Statistics Division; and Mr. Mohd Azmi bin Bahtiar, Assistant Director of the Manpower and Social Statistics Division.

10 -12 September 2024 - **KOSTAT-ESCAP Joint Conference on Data Governance and Integration for Maximum Development Impact** took place in Seoul, Korea which hosted by Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) & Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). This engagement highlighted Malaysia's commitment to utilizing data for informed decision-making and sustainable development. In addition to participating in discussions, Dr. Uzir had the opportunity to make a courtesy call with Mr. Hyoung Il Lee, Commissioner of Statistics Korea, to explore areas for bilateral collaboration in statistical advancement, further strengthening the ties between the two nations.

Represented by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia



11 - 12 September 2024 - **The 8th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on the System of National Accounts (WGSNA-8)** took place at the Pulse Grande Hotel in Putrajaya, Malaysia. The two-day meeting discussed the implementation of the WGSNA Multi-Year Plan, annual data supply and dissemination activities, and preparations for the release of ASEAN GDP data by industry meanwhile Mrs. Nazaria delivered the welcoming remarks and set the stage for productive discussions on refining operational guidelines, assessing data quality, and fostering human capital development.

Represented by Mrs. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician of the Social & Technical Development Programme; Ms. Norhayati Jantan, Senior Director, National Accounts Statistics Division; Ms. Suzana Abu Bakar, Senior Deputy Director, National Accounts Statistics Division; Ms. Sayeeda Kamaruddin, Deputy Director, National Accounts Statistics Division; and Ms. Khairul Aidah Samah, Deputy Director, National Accounts Statistics Division.

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WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

SEPTEMBER

23 - 27 September 2024 - **The Regional Workshop on the Use of Administrative Data Sources for Population and Housing Censuses** was held in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. The workshop, organized by UNESCAP, UNFPA, and the National Bureau of Statistics of China, focused on the use of administrative data in censuses. Participants discussed key concepts, challenges, and opportunities in leveraging administrative data, along with the necessary preconditions for effective data utilization in population and housing censuses.



Represented by Mr. Muhammad Yazid Ismail, Senior Assistant Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division.



25 - 26 September 2024 - **The 11th Brunei Darussalam - Indonesia - Malaysia - The Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Trade and Investment Facilitation and Promotion Cluster Meeting** was held in Lanang Davao City, Philippines. The meeting focused on boosting trade and investment within the region by addressing key topics such as MSMEs, LCT, digital wallets, Halal certification, and border economies. It also provided updates on the Statistics Database Working Group and the Core Indicator System for the selected cluster, fostering stronger cooperation and promoting growth in BIMP-EAGA.

Represented by Ms. Nurul Faziera Khairul Adlee, Assistant Director, International Trade Statistics Division.

OCTOBER

14 - 17 October 2024 - **The Regional Training of Trainers on the Gender Statistics Training Curriculum for Monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** took place in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The training was organised by the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UN Women ROAP), the UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality (UN Women CoE), and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), with sponsorship from the United Nations. The programme aimed to strengthen participants' skills in using the updated Gender Statistics Training Curriculum to support effective SDG monitoring. It also focused on enhancing facilitation techniques and creating a network of skilled trainers capable of delivering impactful gender statistics training in their respective countries.



Represented by Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Senior Director, Population and Demographic Statistics Division.



14 - 18 October 2024 - **The Leadership Course: Building Organizational Agility through Empowering Leadership** was held in Marrakech, Morocco. Sponsored by the Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA), the course aimed to strengthen leadership capabilities by fostering professional relationships grounded in mutual understanding and respect. It also focused on reinforcing ethical values through effective communication and professional behaviour, ultimately supporting the development of agile and empowered organisations.

Represented by Ms. Hartini Yaacob, Director, DOSM Selangor State Office.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

OCTOBER

15 - 16 October 2024 - **The 13th Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom)** was held at SESRIC Headquarters, Ankara, Republic of Türkiye. Organised by SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the session highlighted the importance of inclusive data collection to support robust social protection systems, the need to uphold ethical standards in the use of emerging data technologies, and the potential of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and big data analytics to improve the quality and efficiency of official statistics. These innovations were also emphasised for adoption in the upcoming 2030 Population and Housing Census.

Represented by Mr. Mohd Sofi Ali, Director, Malaysia Statistical Training Institute; and Mr. Mohd Sawal Shakimon, Director, DOSM State Office of Negeri Sembilan.



15 - 18 October 2024 - **The International High-Level Seminar and Workshop on the Use and Measurement of Cross-Border E-Commerce and Digital Trade Statistics** was held in Bali, Indonesia. The event was jointly organised by Bank Indonesia, the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), with sponsorship from UNSD. The seminar served as a crucial platform for statistical compilers, policymakers, and data users to strengthen their understanding and methodologies in capturing the growing role of digitalisation in international trade.

Represented by Ms. Rita Ithnin, Senior Assistant Director, Services Statistics Division.

15 - 18 October 2024 - **The Regional Course on Statistics on Informality: Definitions, Measurement, SDGs and Other Policy Indicators** was held in Chiba, Japan. Organised by SIAP and the International Labour Organization (ILO), and sponsored by the United Nations, the course focused on strengthening technical capacity in measuring informal employment and its implications for sustainable development. Emphasis was placed on the growing relevance of informality in shaping national development policies and monitoring SDG progress.

Represented by Dr. Norshamshida Razak, Senior Assistant Directors, Institute of Labour Market Information and Analysis; and Ms. Nur Zuriandy Hariza Che Pak, Senior Assistant Directors, Malaysia Bureau of Labour Statistics.



21 - 25 October 2024 - **The "Big Data: Innovative Methods and Applications for Achieving SDGs" Course** was held in Chiba, Japan. This training program focused on innovative Big Data methods, including machine learning, to enhance official statistics and support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Participants explored practical case studies, showcasing methods, best practices, and tools for integrating Big Data into official statistics production and dissemination, with special emphasis on GIS and web scraping techniques.

Represented by Ms. Faiza Rusrianti Tajul Arus, Senior Assistant Director, Big Data Analytics Core Team; and Ms. Tassha Hilda Adnan, Senior Assistant Director, Price, Income and Expenditure Statistics Division.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

OCTOBER

21 - 25 October 2024 - **The Regional Workshop on the Use of Geospatial Data for Small Area Estimation (SAE): SAE Using Earth Observation Data** was held from in Bangkok, Thailand. Organised and sponsored by UNESCAP, the workshop focused on strengthening technical capacity in applying Earth Observation data and SAE methods to generate geographically disaggregated indicators, supporting data-driven planning and policymaking.

Represented by Ms. Veronica S. Jamilat, Deputy Director, Big Data Analytics Core Team; and Ms. Tengku Noradilah Tengku Jalal, Senior Assistant Director, Big Data Analytics Core Team.



22 - 23 October 2024 - **The Forum 10+1 Statistical Cooperation and Development Forum for China & ASEAN Countries** was held in Nanning, China. The forum focused on addressing challenges in statistical work, sharing best practices, and identifying priority areas for cooperation aligned with future development trends. Through exchange activities such as statistical forums and workshops, the event aimed to improve the coordination and development of statistical work in the region, promoting statistical innovation and development.

Represented by Ms. Jamaliah Jaafar, Senior Director, Malaysia Bureau of Labour Statistics & Big Data Analytics Core Team; and Ms. Zoraida Dahalan, Principal Assistant Director, Methodology and Research Division.

22 October 2024 - **The Doha Data Forum on Statistics and Data for Innovation in Sustainable Development - Advancing Data Governance and Integration: The Role of DOSM in Modernizing National Statistical Systems.** Organised and sponsored by the National Planning Council (NPC), Qatar, the forum brought together high-level experts, policymakers, and statisticians from across the globe to exchange knowledge and strategies on leveraging data and statistics to accelerate sustainable development. The objectives of the forum included exploring the intersection of statistics, data, and sustainable development; showcasing practical examples and country case studies; and addressing ethical, regulatory, and governance challenges associated with data innovation.

Represented by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia.



24 - 25 October 2024 - **The Technical Meeting on the Revision of the UN Handbook on Household Surveys** was held in Oslo, Norway and organised by the Intersecretariat Working Group on Household Surveys. The meeting brought together international experts to review and refine the first draft of the revised handbook, which serves as a vital reference for improving the quality and methodology of household surveys worldwide. Discussions centred on incorporating feedback, conducting a mid-term assessment of the revision and consultation process, and developing effective strategies for dissemination, promotion, and long-term support to ensure the handbook remains relevant and impactful for national statistical systems.

Represented by Ms. Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician (Social & Technical Development).



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

NOVEMBER

4 - 6 November 2024 - **The Regional Workshop on Implementation and Monitoring of the ASEAN Roadmap on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2025 and Follow-up to the ASEAN Declaration on Prevention of Child Labour Including Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour** was held at Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. Organised by the ASEAN Secretariat in collaboration with Addressing Labor Exploitation in Fishing in ASEAN (ALFA), the workshop gathered regional stakeholders to strengthen efforts in addressing child labour. The workshop focused on supporting the implementation and monitoring of the ASEAN Roadmap and highlighted the newly introduced ASEAN Declaration, while also identifying key priorities for a renewed roadmap beyond 2025.



Represented by Mr. Zainol Jamil, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Malaysian Bureau of Labour Statistics.



16 - 28 November 2024 - **The Lead4Future 2024 Programme, themed "Digital Leadership and Innovation for Public Sector Transformation"**, was held in Nottingham, United Kingdom and organised by the Public Service Department (JPA). The programme focused on strengthening digital competencies in the public sector, with emphasis on technical skills related to Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, Internet of Things (IoT), Blockchain, Cybersecurity, and Data Management to drive innovation and effective digital transformation.

Represented by Ms. A'ina Iryani Dol Razlan, Principal Assistant Director, Management Services Division.

21 November to 20 December 2024 - **The Research Fellowship Program on Benefit Evaluation on Typhoon Disaster Prevention and Preparedness** was held at the Shanghai Typhoon Institute (STI), China. The programme focused on promoting research related to the benefit evaluation of disaster prevention and preparedness, particularly in the context of typhoon-related risks and resilience strategies.

Represented by Ms. Nazira binti Abdullah, Assistant Director, Agricultural and Environmental Statistics Division.



25 - 28 November 2024 - **The 6th Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum for South-South and Triangular Cooperation** took place at Bangkok, Thailand and organized by Thailand International Cooperation Agency, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and SDG Decade of Action. The meeting aimed to discuss challenges and opportunities for advancing South-South Cooperation and promote replicable urban development solutions.

Represented by Mr. Sharuddin Shafie, Director, Industrial Production and Construction Statistics Division.



WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT

NOVEMBER



25 - 30 November 2024 - **Strategic Aspirational Leadership and National Resilience for Executives (STARINEX 2024)** program took place in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and was sponsored by the Public Service Department (JPA). STARINEX 2024 was designed to help middle managers enhance their competency in strategic leadership, aspirational leadership, and interpersonal skills. The program provided an opportunity for participants to assess their strengths and weaknesses, polish their leadership skills for personal and professional development, which contributed to their effective leadership in the public sector.

Represented by Mrs. Venothini Retnam, Senior Assistant Director, Management Services Division.

26 - 28 November 2024 - **The 14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS14) Committee** was held in Vientiane, Laos. Malaysia played an important role by co-leading the Action Plan with the Philippines, presenting the Handbook for Mirror Analysis on Merchandise Trade Statistics, and showcasing Malaysia's readiness to host ACSS15 during its 2025 ASEAN Chairmanship while focused on strengthening ASEAN's statistical infrastructure and advancing the ACSS Action Plan 2026-2030.

Represented by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia; and Ms. Ezatul Nisha Abdul Rahman, Director, Change Management Office (CMO).



DECEMBER



3 - 5 December 2024 - **The First Global Workshop for the 2025 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs): Supporting Evidence-based VNRs** was held in Incheon, Republic of Korea and organised by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). The workshop focused on exploring specific issues and challenges related to the preparation of Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), with an emphasis on strengthening evidence-based approaches in monitoring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Represented by Mr. Khairulnizam Hassan, Director, DOSM State Office (Penang).

9 - 13 December 2024 - **Asia-Pacific Statistics Week** was held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand organized by UNESCAP and UNSIAS which covered the topic of 20th Session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, 19th Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and the Pacific and 9th Session of the Committee on Statistics of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (CST9). Key highlights included the approval of SIAP's 2025 Work Programme and Strategic Plan, explored the use of big data in official statistics, and discussed key recommendations on inclusive data governance, financial support, and building agile statistical systems.

Represented by Mrs. Norhayati Jantan, Senior Director, National Accounts Statistics Division; and Mr. Mohd Sofi Ali, Director, Malaysia Statistical Training Institute.



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YBHG. DATO' SRI DR. MOHD UZIR MAHIDIN CHIEF STATISTICIAN MALAYSIA

In 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia made significant contributions to various high-level international statistical forums, highlighting the country's leadership and commitment to advancing statistical development. One notable contribution came from YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, who presented at the **UNSC Side Event on Measuring Digital Trade**, which took place on 27 February 2024 in New York. He also participated in **The Thirtieth Session of the Asia and Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics (APCAS30)**, where he spoke during the Agricultural Census Side Event focused on sharing country experiences in planning and implementing agricultural censuses. This event was held from 19 to 24 May 2024 in Kathmandu, Nepal.



On 27 May 2024, he delivered opening remarks at the **Workshop on Data Integration for the Lao National Statistical System**. From 27 to 29 August 2024, he participated as a presenter at the **9th High-Level Annual Meeting of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network (MPPN)** in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. He also presented at the **KOSTAT-ESCAP Joint Conference on Data Governance and Integration for Maximum Development Impact**, which took place from 10 to 12 September 2024 in Seoul, Korea. Additionally, he spoke at the **Doha Data Forum on Statistics and Data for Innovation in Sustainable Development** on 22 October 2024 in Qatar, highlighting the role of DOSM in modernising national statistical systems. Lastly, he served as a presenter during the **14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS14) Committee**, held from 26 to 28 November 2024 in the Lao PDR, further strengthening regional collaboration in statistical development.

MS. NAZARIA BAHARUDIN

DEPUTY CHIEF STATISTICIAN
(SOCIAL PROGRAMME & TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT)



In 2024, Ms. Nazaria Baharudin actively contributed to several key events focused on enhancing statistical systems and regional collaboration. As on 8 February 2024, she delivered the Opening Remarks at the Final Workshop on Inequality in Malaysia at Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur which highlighted Malaysia's ongoing efforts in addressing inequality through robust data analysis.

Besides that, she also served as a presenter at the **Regional Workshop on Agile Statistical System Fit for the Future**, conducted from 16 to 19 June 2024 in Ulaan Bataar, Mongolia, where innovative approaches to modernising statistical systems were explored. Additionally, Ms. Nazaria delivered both the Opening Remarks and became a presenter at the **8th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on the System of National Accounts (WGSNA8)**, held on 11-12 September 2024 at Pulse Grande Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia.

This event aligned with the role of Malaysia through DOSM as the Chair of the ASEAN Working Group on the System of National Accounts (WGSNA) for the 2021-2024 term, further strengthening regional cooperation in the harmonisation and development of national accounts across ASEAN member states.



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FEBRUARY



21-22 February 2024 - DOSM participated as a trainer for SESRIC Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme: **Virtual Training Course on 'Tourism Statistics'**. Led by Mr. Shahrin Mokhtar, Director of the Strategic Planning Division from Tourism Malaysia, followed by Ms. Malathi Ponnusamy, Deputy Director of the National Account Statistics Division. Meanwhile, Ms. Nuriti Asmaria Asri, Principal Assistant Director and Mr. Othman Mohamed, Statistician, both represented the Services Statistics Division. The session aimed to share Malaysia's knowledge, experience, and best practices in compiling and sharing official tourism statistics with fellow OIC member countries. Through this platform, DOSM aims to enhance the understanding of tourism data and improve tourism statistics across the region.

MARCH

6 March 2024 - The **Webinar on Measuring Digital Trade** was part of SIAP's webinar series on Macroeconomic Statistics Frameworks. Ms Norazlin Muharam, Principal Assistant Director of the Services Statistics Division, acted as the trainer, sharing Malaysia's experience and best practices in developing international e-commerce. Her presentation, titled "Malaysia's Experience and Practice: Measuring Digital Trade," emphasised current e-commerce statistics, related digital economy data, and key initiatives underway to improve the measurement of digital trade for future development.



APRIL

24 - 25 April 2024 - The Virtual Training Course on Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) on the topic **"Quality Education"** was conducted. Dr. Nor Hisham bin Ismail, Principal Assistant Director at the Ministry of Education Malaysia, and Ms. Norul Anisa Abu Safran, Assistant Director at the Manpower and Social Statistics Division, served as trainers. They shared their experiences and best practices in implementing SDG 4, and highlighted notable achievements and challenges encountered throughout the process. The course also covered several key areas, including an Introduction to SDG 4, Data Sources and International Comparisons, SDG Indicators, Strategies to Achieve SDG 4, and finally, Monitoring and Malaysia's Achievements for SDG 4.



30 April 2024 - SESRIC organised a webinar as part of its Webinar Series on Statistical Experience Sharing, focusing on **Monitoring Health for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Post-COVID-19 Era**. Led by Mr. Wan Mohd Shahrulnizam Wan Mohd Najuri, Senior Director of the Population and Demographic Statistics Division, the session brought together official statisticians, practitioners from OIC member countries, and international experts interested in health statistics to exchange experiences and best practices. The webinar also featured a discussion on best practices regarding the impact of COVID-19, highlighting the Malaysian experience, particularly the compilation of SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being by DOSM.



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APRIL



5 April 2024 — Malaysia participated in the Eightieth Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) through a recorded video statement delivered by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician of Malaysia. The session was held in person in Bangkok, Thailand. In his intervention, YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir presented the key outcomes of the 19th Session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), highlighting progress in statistical capacity-building, regional strategic priorities, and SIAP's pivotal role in advancing high-quality, inclusive, and modern statistical systems across Asia and the Pacific.

MAY

9 May 2024 - **SAS Innovate on Tour 2024, Unlocking Insights: Diving into Data** organised by SAS Institute. Ms. Nur Aziha Mansor@Noordin, Deputy Director of the Data Management and Integration Division was the presenter for the event. The event is designed to share knowledge and experiences from seasoned SAS users who are part of data, analytics, AI, and decisioning practice teams. It also aims to explore future technology innovations and help participants maximise their SAS skills.



15 -17 May 2024 - **The IAOS-ISI RSC 2024 Mexico Conference**, held in Mexico City and organised by Mexico's National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI), the International Association of Official Statistics (IAOS), and the International Statistical Institute (ISI), featured the theme "Building A National Data Infrastructure for Malaysia's Future: A Focus on Data Production & Innovation." Represented by Ms. Malathi Ponnusamy, Deputy Executive Director of the Malaysia Bureau of Labour Statistics. The conference highlighted the vital role of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in partnering with citizens and stakeholders to address challenges in data production and governance. It emphasised the importance of collaboration with emerging participants, data sources, and technologies to stay aligned with innovation.

21 May 2024 - DOSM, in collaboration with the ASEAN Statistics Division (ASEANstats) and the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA), organised a sharing session under the ASEAN Help ASEAN Framework (AHAf) titled **Online Training on Linking Trade with Business Statistics**. The training featured Mr. Mohd Syahidi Alfee, Senior Assistant Director of Core Team Big Data, and Ms. Wan Aznie Fatihah, Assistant Director of Core Team Big Data Analytics. The training aimed to discuss the relation between international trade statistics and business statistics to enrich economic analysis, particularly on production, employment and enterprises' performance.



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MAY



27-29 May 2024 - The Lao Statistics Bureau, in collaboration with the World Bank, hosted a **workshop on Data Integration** for the Lao National Statistical System. The event featured presentations by Mr. Herzie Mohamed Nordin, Director of the Integration & Data Management Division; Ms. Siti Haslinda Mohd Din, Director of the International Trade Statistics Division; and Ms. Riyanti Saari, Director of the Methodology and Research Division. The workshop aimed to evaluate the data architecture of the Lao Statistics Bureau (LSB). Participants focused on data management and dissemination, and shared best practices related to two key data integration initiatives: Harmonised International Merchandise Trade Statistics and the Statistical Business Register. Ultimately, the workshop sought to formulate agreed actions and outline the next steps for these initiatives.

31 May 2024 - **The Compiling of Unit Value Index - Export and Import Price Index Workshop** was organised by DOSM in collaboration with the National Account Unit, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt. Presentations were delivered by Ms. Wan Siti Saleha Wan Zakaria, Deputy Director of the International Trade Statistics Division; Mr. Muhammad Nazri Adam, Assistant Director; as well as Mr. Nelson Jimbun and Ms. Nur Atiqah Zulkifli, Assistant Statistical Officers from the same division. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' understanding of the computational procedures for the Unit Value Index, with particular emphasis on calculating weights and deriving both value and volume indices.



JUNE

4 June 2024 - a webinar entitled "**Developing a Data Strategy: Connecting User Needs with Effective Data Governance and Stewardship**" was organised by the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians. The session was delivered by Mr Mohd Yazid Kasim, Senior Director of the Change Management Office. He provided an introduction to developing a data strategy, emphasising the importance of understanding user needs as the driving force behind this work. In addition, he demonstrated how theoretical concepts could be applied in practice by establishing robust data governance and explaining the connections between user needs, data governance, and data stewardship.

20 June 2024 - During the Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series session on "ESCAP Committee on Statistics: Fit for the Future," Mr. Mohd Yazid, Senior Director of the Change Management Office, formally presented on the topic of "**Streamlining and Enhancing Groups and Communities of Practice**" to ensure their continued effectiveness and relevance in addressing current global complexities. He also delivered a presentation of the Consultation Paper outlining a proposed new structure for these groups. Besides that, he facilitated an Open Feedback and Discussion session to gather insights from member states.



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JULY

16 - 17 July 2024 - Ms. Sabariah Esa, Senior Assistant Director of the Methodology and Research Division, delivered a presentation at the **Workshop on Business Demography and Entrepreneurship Statistics**. In her presentation, she introduced the concept of business demography, discussed advanced methodologies for studying it, and explained how to measure key determinants, performance, and entrepreneurship indicators. Additionally, she shared her experiences and the challenges she faced in compiling these statistics from Malaysia's perspective.



Workshop on
Business Demography and Entrepreneurship Statistics
16-17 July 2024 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM (MYT)
Presenter: Ms. Sabariah Esa
Background and Objectives: Statistics on business demography and entrepreneurship are crucial for understanding the entire lifecycle of businesses from establishment to operation and growth. They help to track the dynamics of entrepreneurial activities. These statistics also help to monitor the well-being of business owners. Over recent decades, there has been a rising interest in business demography that reflects growth, innovation, competitiveness, economic resilience, and job creation, reflecting their growing importance in all sectors.
Workshop will cover the following key topics:

- Introduction to business demography and entrepreneurship
- Advanced business demography methodology
- Measuring business demography and entrepreneurship
- Impact of entrepreneurial activities on the economy

Malaysia will share its experiences and challenges addressing business demography and entrepreneurship statistics from the perspective of Malaysia.



SECOND JOINT MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUPS OF THE ESCAP COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
STEERING GROUP FOR THE REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC AND THE REGIONAL STEERING GROUP ON POPULATION AND SOCIAL STATISTICS
MODERNIZING STATISTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUSINESS PROCESSES – MALAYSIA'S EXPERIENCES
15 OCTOBER 2024 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (UTC/GMT +7)
OBJECTIVES:

- Exchange national experiences, practices and innovations in statistical infrastructure and business processes, priority topics recommended by the Committee on Statistics, including data governance, big data, gender statistics, and well-being statistics.
- Learn of new trends in statistical infrastructure and business processes.
- Identify priority areas/topics for potential capacity building and technical cooperation.

MR MOHD YAZID KASIM Senior Director, Change Management Office

OCTOBER

15 October 2024 - Mr. Mohd Yazid bin Kasim, Senior Director of the Change Management Office, presented at the **Second Joint Meeting of the Steering Groups of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics**. He shared Malaysia's experiences in modernising statistical infrastructure and business processes. His contribution sparked discussions on national practices and innovations in areas such as data governance, big data, gender statistics, as well as measures of well-being and sustainability.

15 - 16 October 2024 - The 13th Session of the OIC-Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), held in Ankara, Türkiye, Mr. Mohd Sofi Ali, Director of the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute (ILSM), presented on the topic "**2020 Round of the World Population and Housing Census Programme: Lessons Learnt and the Way Forward for Malaysia**," while Mr. Mohd Sawal Shakimon, Director of the DOSM State Office of Negeri Sembilan, presented on the topic "**Embracing Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Official Statistics: Malaysia's Best Practices**". Both speakers highlighted their experiences and innovations in census implementation and the use of advanced technologies in statistical processes.



13th SESSION OF THE OIC-STATISTICAL COMMISSION (OIC-STATCOM)
15 - 16 October 2024 Ankara, Türkiye
PRESENTERS:
MR MOHD SOFI ALI Director of the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute
MR MOHD SAWAL SHAKIMON DOSM State Office of Negeri Sembilan
OBJECTIVES:

- Review the tasks of the OIC-StatCom and review the activities of the Commission since its last meeting in 2023.
- Share experiences and lessons learned and share country experiences on the implementation of the 2020 Round of the World Population and Housing Census Programme: Lessons Learnt and the Way Forward for Malaysia.
- Inclusive Data Collection in Social Protection.
- Embracing Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in Official Statistics.
- Embracing Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in the 2020 Round of the World Population and Housing Census Programme: Lessons Learnt and the Way Forward for Malaysia.
- Malaysia will share its experiences on Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence and the 2020 Round of the World Population and Housing Census.



INTERNATIONAL HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP ON THE USE AND MEASUREMENT OF CROSS-BORDER E-COMMERCE AND DIGITAL TRADE STATISTICS
15 - 18 OCTOBER 2024
MALAYSIA'S EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE: ICT ISSUE AND E-COMMERCE SURVEY
BALI, INDONESIA | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (UTC/GMT+5)
OBJECTIVES:

- The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn about the conceptual framework for statistics on cross-border digital trade.
- Use of alternative sources and methods for compiling digital trade statistics.

Countries are invited to exchange their experiences in preparing for the 2026 World Population and Housing Census in statistical compilation, including the potential use of alternative data sources to fill gaps in existing official data sources.

PRESENTED BY: MS. RITA ITHNIN Senior Assistant Director, Services Statistics Division

15 -18 October 2024 - the International High-Level Seminar and Workshop on the Use and Measurement of Cross-Border E-Commerce and Digital Trade Statistics took place in Bali, Indonesia. The event was organised by Bank Indonesia and UNCTAD, with sponsorship from UNSD. Its purpose was to assist statistical compilers, policymakers, and data users in effectively capturing and understanding the impact of digitalisation on international trade. Mrs Rita Ithnin, Senior Assistant Director of the Services Statistics Division, delivered an insightful presentation on the topic.



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OCTOBER

22 - 23 October 2024 - The "10+1" Statistical Cooperation and Development Forum for China and ASEAN Countries was held in Nanning, China. Representing DOSM were Ms Jamaliah Jaafar, Senior Director of the Big Data Analytics Core Team, and Ms Zoraida Dahalan, Principal Assistant Director of the Methodology and Research Division. They presented Malaysia's initiatives in advancing statistical innovation and contributed to discussions aimed at promoting regional development. In addition, they shared practical experiences and worked towards strengthening statistical cooperation between China and ASEAN nations.



10+1 STATISTICAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM - FOR CHINA & ASEAN COUNTRIES
22 - 23 OCTOBER 2024
DOSM'S EFFORTS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRACTICE OF STATISTICAL INNOVATION
22 OCTOBER 2024
3.00 PM - 6.00 PM (CST)
NANNING, CHINA
OBJECTIVES:
The theme of this year's forum is Development and Practice of Statistical Innovation. Main topics are:
1. Statistics on Emerging Industries in Industry Factor
2. Development of Statistical Services in Industry Factor
3. Application and Application of Advanced Statistics
4. Practices of Large Sample Institution in Household Survey
This Forum will discuss how to promote regional development and statistical innovation, share practical experience, and deepen statistical cooperation between China and ASEAN countries.
Malaysia will share its experiences and best practices titled "Thrust towards the development and practices of statistical innovation".



4TH GLOBAL EXPERT FORUM FOR PRODUCERS AND USERS OF DISASTER-RELATED STATISTICS
28 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER 2024
SURVEY IMPACT OF FLOODS IN MALAYSIA 2023: MALAYSIA'S EXPERIENCE & COMPENDIUM OF ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS
29 OCTOBER 2024 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MYT)
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM (EAT)
OBJECTIVES:
Malaysia will share its experiences and best practices on surveying, applying, and improving statistical methodology and Compendium of Environment Statistics.
Mr. SYED IBRAHIM MOHD JAMALUDDIN, Principal Assistant Director, Methodology and Research Division, DOSM

28 October - 1 November 2024 - Mr. Syed Ibrahim Mohd Jamaluddin represented Malaysia at the 4th Global Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-Related Statistics and organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN ECA). During the forum, he shared Malaysia's experiences and best practices from the 2023 Survey on the Impact of Floods in Malaysia, as well as insights from the Compendium of Environment Statistics

NOVEMBER

25 - 28 November 2024 - Mr. Sharuddin Shafie, Director of the Industrial Production and Construction Statistics Division, represented DOSM at the **6th Asia-Pacific Directors General Forum for South-South and Triangular Cooperation**, which took place in Bangkok, Thailand. He emphasised the importance of raising awareness of South-South Cooperation (SSC) programmes, highlighted the need for strong collaboration among member states and strategic partners, and underscored DOSM's vital role as the coordinator of SDG indicators for measuring the progress of SSC initiatives.



6TH ASIA-PACIFIC DIRECTORS GENERAL FORUM FOR SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION
25 - 28 NOVEMBER 2024
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION MEASUREMENT SESSION
25 NOVEMBER 2024 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ICT/UTC+7)
BANGKOK, THAILAND
OBJECTIVES:
The meeting is for Directors General of technical cooperation agencies, national policymakers, development partners and other key stakeholders to:
• Share challenges and opportunities for enhancing South-South cooperation in the context of the SDGs, with a focus on the theme of resilient and sustainable urbanization.
• Foster South-South cooperation in the context of the SDGs.
• Identify innovative development solutions and best practices through an exhibition.
• Engage in high-level discussions and bilateral meetings to identify opportunities for partnership with diverse technical cooperation partners to enhance sustainable development.
Malaysia will share its experiences and best practices in the context of the SDGs, with a focus on the theme of resilient and sustainable urbanization, and advancing sustainable development.



14TH SESSION OF THE ASEAN COMMUNITY STATISTICAL SYSTEM (ACSS14) COMMITTEE
26 - 28 NOVEMBER 2024 | LAO PDR
OBJECTIVES:
DOSM, representing Malaysia at ACSS14, is playing a crucial role in advancing ASEAN Statistics. The department is co-leading this session with the Lao PDR. The ACSS14 Action Plan for 2026-2030, including its Key Performance Indicators and presenting the final report on the System of National Accounts and Merchandise Trade Statistics, which are vital for guiding future ASEAN statistical efforts. The session will also discuss the progress of data harmonization as the Chair of the Working Group on the System of National Accounts (SNA) for 2021-2025. Additionally, DOSM will highlight Malaysia's experiences in National Data Coverage, Data Quality, and Data Integration. In addition to ACSS14, DOSM is discussing preparations for ACSS15 and formally receiving the ACSS chairmanship from Lao PDR.
DR. MOHD UZIR MAHIDIN
Chief Statistician Malaysia,
The Institute of Economic Cooperation
MS. EZATUL NISHA ABDUL RAHMAN
Director, Change Management Office,
The Ministry of Finance,
Planning and Coordination (MOS-SCPC)

26 - 28 November 2024 - During the 14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS14) Committee in Vientiane, Lao PDR, Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia, and Ms Ezatul Nisha Abdul Rahman, Director of the Change Management Office, represented DOSM. Malaysia played a significant role by co-leading the formulation of the ACSS Action Plan 2026-2030 and its KPIs together with the Philippines, reporting progress as Chair of the Working Group on the System of National Accounts (WGSNA) for two consecutive terms (2021-2024), sharing expertise in data governance, stewardship, and integration, and reaffirming its commitment to lead and host ACSS15 during Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025.



CONNECT & CONTRIBUTE: DOSM ONLINE 2024

No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
1	58th DI-CoP Meeting - Mining Public Perception: Advanced Analytics in Big Data	9 January 2024	ESCAP	2
2	AHAF - Sharing session on survey methodology including sample size allocation and sampling weight	15 January 2024	ASEANstats	4
3	High Level Webinar: Beyond Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	17 January 2024	UNSD	9
4	Advancing Official Statistics - Celebrating Milestones and Shaping the Future of FPOS	18 January 2024	UNSD	18
5	Webinar "Macroeconomic Statistics Framework"	23 & 25 January 2024	SIAP-ESCAP	18
6	Virtual Interim WGIIS Meeting	30 January 2024	WGIIS Secretariat & OECD	3
7	Non-Customs Data in Compiling International Merchandise Trade Statistics	30 January 2024	ASEANstats & BPS Indonesia	5
8	High-level Virtual Webinar: Representation in the Statistical Commission	31 January 2024	UNSD	26
9	Launch event: New FAOSTAT data domain on food and diet	1 February 2024	FAO	2
10	Lessons learned in applying the Degree of Urbanization	1 February 2024	UNSD & Eurostat	1
11	Asia-Pacific Stats Café: Data Governance Across Asia and The Pacific	1 February 2024	ESCAP	5
12	Enhancing Statistical Capacity through the Global Training on Small Area Estimation: Lessons from Asia Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean	5 February 2024	ECLAC	2
13	AHAF - Sharing Session on National SDG Progress Tracker	6 February 2024	ASEANstats, Brunei Darussalam, Philippines & Singapore	9
14	Using the Taxonomy for Indicators Related to the SDGs	6 February 2024	Statistics Norway and UNECE	5
15	Promoting Statistical Literacy Worldwide	6 February 2024	International Statistical Literacy Project	3



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
16	The Global Statistical Geospatial Framework: The Framework for Geo-Statistical Integration	6 February 2024	UN-EG-ISGI	3
17	59th DI-COP Meeting - FutureWater Work on Water Accounts	6 February 2024	ESCAP	1
18	Open IAEG-SDGs Virtual Meeting	8 February 2024	UNSD	1
19	Towards a Data Science Playbook	8 February 2024	UNSD & ONS (UK)	4
20	Training Course on "SDG 6 Indicators"	12 - 13 February 2024	SESRIC & BBS	4
21	The new developments in Business and Trade Statistics	13 February 2024	UNSD	1
22	Revision of the UN handbooks on Household Surveys	13 February 2024	ISWGHS	3
23	High-level virtual webinar: The Future of Population Data Systems	14 February 2024	UNSD	5
24	Launch of the International Data Masterclass	15 February 2024	ESCAP & UK Statistics Authority	3
25	Quality assurance of administrative and other data sources in the context of data stewardship	15 February 2024	UNSD	5
26	Towards Official Statistics on Participation in Political and Public Affairs, and on Non-Discrimination and Equality: Engaging Prospective Users	15 February 2024	Praia Group in Governance Statistics	2
27	New Developments in International Statistical Classifications	15 February 2024	UNSD	4
28	Launch of the Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2024: Showcasing Transformative Actions	15 February 2024	ESCAP	5
29	Leveraging Data to Advance Human Development	16 February 2024	UNDP	2



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
30	AHAF: Training on Mirror Analysis using Power BI Tools	19 February 2024	ASEANstats	5
31	Special Course on "Building Port Resilience Against Pandemic"	19 February - 13 March 2024	UNCTAD	5
32	Committee of Experts on Food Security, Agricultural and Rural Statistics (UN-CEAG) - Achievements 2020-23 and Programme of work 2024-27	20 February 2024	FAO	2
33	Measuring wealth in low-and middle-income countries: a vulnerability perspective	20 February 2024	World Bank	3
34	Online Training Course on 'Tourism Statistics' For Benefit Of OIC Member Countries	21 - 22 February 2024	DOSM & SESRIC	3
35	Knowledge Sharing on Small Area Estimation (SAE)	23 February 2024	ASEANstats & BPS-Statistics Indonesia	8
36	Meeting of the ICP Governing Board	26 February 2024	World Bank Group	5
37	Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys (ISWGHS) All Members Meeting 55th United Nation Statistical Commission (UNSC)	26 February 2024	ISWGHS	6
38	Side event of the 55th UNSC on Towards achieving target 16.9 and legal identity for all	2 March 2024	ESCAP	4
39	E-Learning Course On "Introduction to the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA)-Central Framework"	4 March - 12 April 2024	ESCAP-SIAP	1
40	AHAF: External Merchandise Trade: Validation and Quality Check for Malaysia, Myanmar, and Viet Nam	5 March 2024	ASEANstats & BPS Indonesia	4
41	Webinar Course on "Measuring Digital Trade"	6 March 2024	ESCAP-SIAP	7
42	AHAF - Sharing Session on SDG 4.1.1 and SDG 4.c.1	6 March 2024	ASEANstats, & MoE Malaysia	2
43	Webinar on "Verbal autopsies to determine causes of death amongst adults in countries where vital statistics are lacking"	7 March 2024	ESCAP-SIAP	6
44	Side Events to the 68th Commission on the Status of Women: Accelerating Progress for Women and Girls by 2030	13 March 2024	UN DESA	2



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
45	2nd Session of Knowledge Sharing on Small Area Estimation (SAE)	15 March 2024	UNCTAD, UNSD, WTO	8
46	E-Learning Course On "International Merchandise Trade Statistics"	18 March - 28 April 2024	UNCTAD, UNSD, WTO	3
47	Sharing Session on Quantity measurement compilations, Country of Consignment, and Re-Exports under ASEAN-help-ASEAN Framework	18 March 2024	ASEANstats & GDCE	5
48	Multi-Partner Programme "Application of the DEGURBA Approach to Generate Comparable Urban Data in Selected Countries"	19 March 2024	ESCAP	5
49	Updates to the Balance of Payments Manual and the System of National Accounts	26 - 27 March 2024	ESCAP-SIAP	13
50	Webinar: Renewable Energy Statistics	28 March 2024	IRENA	8
51	The International Recommendation on Refugee, IDP and Statelessness Statistics	1 April - 24 May 2024	UNSIAP, JIPS, UNHCR & UNSD	2
52	Statistical Business Registers	1 - 2 April 2024	SESRIC	10
53	62nd DI-CoP meeting: Bangladesh's experience in mapping poverty and malnutrition	2 April 2024	ESCAP	10
54	Meeting the SDG Moment: Tools to Understand and Improve National Gender Data System "Leveraging the Gender Data Compass for Stronger Gender Data Systems"	4 April 2024	GDN	2
55	Online Inception and Consultation Meeting on ASEAN Gender Outlook 2.0	22 April 2024	ASEANstats	10
56	Halal Industry Development in OIC Member Countries	24 - 25 April 2024	SESRIC	6
57	SDG 4 : Quality Education	24 - 25 April 2024	SESRIC	1
58	Monitoring Health for SDGs in the Post-COVID-19 Era	30 April 2024	SESRIC	6
59	62nd Data Integration Community of Practice (DI-CoP) Meeting	7 May 2024	ESCAP	1
60	Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Expert (First Session)	14 - 15 May 2024	UNSD	2



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
61	Online Training Course on Labour Force Survey Design	20 May - 28 June 2024	ILO	2
62	Training Course on 'Labour Statistics'	20 - 21 May 2024	SESRIC	7
63	Capacity Building under ASEAN Help ASEAN Framework Online Training on Linking Trade with Business Statistics	21 May 2024	ASEANstats, DOSM & PSA	5
64	Tobacco Control Webinar on "The Role of Surveillance & Leveraging Data To Protect Youth From Tobacco"	22 May 2024	SESRIC	1
65	Compiling of Unit Value Index (Export and Import Price Index)	31 May 2024	Ministry of Planning & Economic Development, Egypt	4
66	Monitoring SDG 5 Gender	3 June 2024	UN Women & Central European University	2
67	Developing A Data Strategy: Connecting User Needs With Effective Data Governance And Stewardship	4 June 2024	UNSD	1
68	Expert Group on Migration Statistics Online Briefing	11 June 2024	UNSD & UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics	2
69	Training Course on Halal Value Chain	11 - 12 June 2024	SESRIC, COMCEC & Bank Indonesia	2
70	Webinar on "Addressing Risks and Prevention Measures of Livestock Sector"	12 June 2024	SESRIC & ESCAP	1
71	Asia-Pacific Stats Café: Launch of the Questionnaire for the 2024 Review of the Asia and Pacific CRVS Decafe (2015-2024)	13 June 2024	ESCAP	9
72	Indonesia's Household Expenditure Survey (HES)	14 June 2024	ASEANstats & BPS-Statistics Indonesia.	2



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
73	Nineteenth Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA)	25 - 26 June 2024	UNSD & UNCEEA	2
74	Meeting of the Technical Working Group on International Labour Migration Statistics (TWG_ILMS)	25 - 28 June 2024	ILO	4
75	Data Integration for the Lao National Statistical System	27 - 29 June 2024	World Bank & Lao PDR	3
76	Online Training on the Compilation of Supply & Use Table and Input-Output Analysis	1 - 3 July 2024, 9 - 11 July 2024	ILSM	39
77	Webinar on "Vocational Education in Business and Industry"	2 July 2024	SESRIC	2
78	Business Demography and Entrepreneurship Statistics	16 - 17 July 2024	TurkStat, SESRIC, UNOSSC, UNECE	1
79	Social Protection Statistics	23 - 25 July 2024	SESRIC	4
80	65th DI-CoP, Data Integration to Measure the Technology Facilitated Violence Against Women	6 August 2024	ESCAP	3
81	Increasing engagement around data and statistics	12 August - 13 September 2024	UNSD	5
82	Training Course on "National Statistical Coordination"	14 - 15 August 2024	SESRIC	4
83	Using Statistical Data to Formulate SDGs National Action Plan: A Case of Indonesia	20 August 2024	ESCAP	3
84	Asia-Pacific Stats Café on "Governance Statistics - New Solution and Approaches to Address the Information Gap"	28 August 2024	ESCAP	8
85	Drawing Actionable Insights for Climate Change Policies Using Integrated Granular Data Sets	3 September 2024	ESCAP	2
86	80th Asian Impact Webinar: Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange for Enhanced Data Management	12 September 2024	ERDI	6
87	Train For Trade E-Learning Course and Webinar On Statistics of International Trade In Services (SITS)	16 September - 25 October 2024	WTO, UNSD, UNCTAD	5



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
88	Seventh Meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Business and Trade Statistics (UNCEBTS)	24 - 26 September 2024	UNSD	7
89	Agriculture Statistics	25 - 26 September 2024	SESRIC	2
90	The Art of Data Privacy - an introduction to Statistical Data Privacy and Confidentiality	25 September 2024	ISWGHS	5
91	Modernization of NSOs Through Digitization	26 September 2024	SESRIC	1
92	Compiling climate change indicators: an accounting approach	30 September - 8 November 2024	ESCAP	2
93	Disability Statistics for Tracking Inclusive and Sustainable Development	30 September - 8 November 2024	ESCAP	1
94	Recommendations for Measuring Adult Mortality: Feasibility & Outlook	30 September 2024	ESCAP	5
95	The Asia-Pacific Stats Café on "Statistical Training needs Assessment Tool (STAT): a tool to make informed decisions about capacity needs"	30 September 2024	ESCAP	4
96	Sprints by the Friends of Chair (FOC) Group on Social and Demographic Statistics	3 October 2024	ESCAP & UNSD	11
97	Data Visualization Techniques for Communicating Sustainability Insights	3 October 2024	SESRIC	5
98	Data Integration applications in compiling System of Environmental Economic Account (SEEA)	7 October 2024	ESCAP & UNSD	2
99	Enhancing Collaboration between National Statistical Offices and Disaster Management for Smarter Disaster and Climate Resilience	8 October 2024	ESCAP	5
100	Conducting and Analysing Labour Force Surveys for Monitoring the Labour Market	9 - 10 October 2024	SESRIC	3
101	The Critical role of information on "place" and geography to improve social and demographic statistics	10 October 2024	ESCAP	8



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
102	2nd Joint Meeting of Steering Group for the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in Asia and the Pacific Statistics (SGPRE RSG PSS)	14 - 15 October 2024	ESCAP	6
103	"Data on time" - Strengthen Social and Demographic Statistics by Time building block	17 October 2024	ESCAP	10
104	Regional Capacity Building on Small Area Estimation (SAE)	22 October - 4 December 2024	ASEANStats	5
105	4th Global Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-Related Statistics	28 October - 1 November 2024	UN Economic Commission for Africa	3
106	Principles of Data Visualization for Official Statistics and SDG Indicators	11 November - 27 December 2024	SIAP-ESCAP	1
107	Countdown to Asia-Pacific Statistics Week	12 November 2024	ESCAP	4
108	E Learning Course on Solid Waste Account	18 November - 6 December 2024	SIAP-ESCAP	2
109	System of National Accounts	20 - 21 November 2024	SESRIC	3
110	Seasonal Adjustment of Macroeconomic Time	21 November 2024	ASEANstats	3
111	2nd Meeting of the Technical Working Group on International Labour Migration Statistics	26 - 28 November 2024	ILO	2
112	Pre-Engagement Meeting with Mersing Stakeholders on INSTO Data and Indicators	26 November 2024	MOTAC & UNDP	1



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No.	Programme	Date	Organiser	No. of Participants
113	A Housing Framework for the Future: Spirit of the United Nations Network of Economic Statisticians	2 December 2024	ESCAP	9
114	Challenges of Using Administrative Data More Extensively for the 2026 Population Census in Hong Kong	3 December 2024	ESCPA	1
115	Regional Training Course on the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)	3 - 5 December 2024	UNSIAP	2
116	ASEAN SDG Indicators Progress Report 2025	11 December 2024	ASEAN Secretariat	2
117	Implementation of Chain Volume Measures	11 December 2024	ASEANstats	3



COURTESY CALL TO DOSM

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

In 2 May 2024, a delegation from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), led by Ms. Elaine Tan, visited the Department of Statistics Malaysia for a courtesy call to discuss a collaborative effort on the Green City Action Plans (GCAP). The meeting focused on fostering sustainable urban development through reducing environmental impact, enhancing resilience and boosting economic competitiveness. ADB proposed leveraging gamified learning to disseminate climate priorities, with a focus on school-aged children. DOSM's expertise in data collection, particularly in education, TVET and human capital development, was recognised as a valuable asset in enriching the data insights needed for the initiative. The call marked the start of an exciting collaboration aimed at creating greener, more resilient cities.



United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

On 6 June 2024, a meaningful discussion took place at the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) with UNICEF Malaysia, led by Ms. Juanita Vasquez Escallon, Chief of Social Policy. The meeting focused on the proposal for the Cost of Raising Children with Disabilities Study in East Malaysia, where UNICEF shared their insights on estimating the financial challenges faced by families raising children with disabilities. They also provided updates on the ongoing Child Poverty Study. The conversation revisited the strong partnership between DOSM and UNICEF, exploring new avenues for collaboration to address the unique challenges these families face, with a shared commitment to using data to inform policies and improve the well-being of children across Malaysia.



U.S. Department of the Treasury

On 8 October 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia had the honour of hosting Mr Robert Kaproth, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, for an official visit. The visit began with a warm welcome from YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage in insightful discussions with Mr. Kaproth. The primary focus of their meeting was Malaysia's strong trade balance, as highlighted in the monthly customs data on goods trade, which reflects the nation's positive economic performance. This visit strengthened the relationship between DOSM and international partners, and both parties expressed enthusiasm for future collaborations.



STUDY VISIT TO DOSM

From National Accounts Unit (NAU) at the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development in Egypt



From 26 February to 1 March 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia welcomed a delegation of nine representatives from the National Accounts Unit (NAU) at the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development in Egypt for a study visit. The delegates participated in valuable learning sessions on various aspects of national statistics, including international trade, the balance of payments, services, national accounts, wholesale and retail trade, and export and import indices. In addition to the discussions, the delegates had the opportunity to gain firsthand experience through a field visit to the DOSM State Office in Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, where they explored the region's statistical landscape and gained deeper insights into the state's data collection and analysis processes. This visit fostered greater knowledge exchange and strengthened international cooperation in the field of statistics.

From Statistics Agency under the Republic of Uzbekistan



From 24 to 26 September 2024, a delegation of five representatives from the Statistics Agency under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan visited the Department of Statistics Malaysia for a study visit aimed at learning from Malaysia's experience in statistical practices. The focus of the visit included exploring how DOSM monitors its open data portal, operates statistical registers, and establishes business registers. The delegation also gained insights into Malaysia's work in small business and entrepreneurship development statistics. These areas of focus were particularly valuable as Uzbekistan prepares for its upcoming 2025-2026 agricultural census, as the lessons learned will help strengthen its statistical infrastructure.

The visit also provided an opportunity to foster closer collaboration between Malaysia and Uzbekistan, in line with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two nations. During their time in Malaysia, the Uzbekistan delegation gained hands-on experience, particularly through the Agricultural Census operations in Negeri Sembilan, working alongside local authorities and census supervisors. This experience was invaluable, as it allowed the delegation to witness firsthand how Malaysia conducts its agricultural census and prepares data for future statistical needs. With this shared knowledge and understanding, both countries aim to enhance their statistical capabilities and improve data quality, ultimately contributing to more accurate and transparent national statistics.



WORKING VISIT TO DOSM

From Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Bureau of Statistics (GBS) and
Guangxi University of Finance & Economics (GXUFE)



On 28 June 2024, a study visit was conducted by a delegation of four representatives from the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Bureau of Statistics (GBS) and Guangxi University of Finance & Economics (GXUFE), focusing on statistical capacity building and the development of green statistics. The visit included discussions on improving statistical infrastructure, integrating environmental sustainability metrics, and preparations for the 10th China-ASEAN Statistics Forum, emphasizing regional cooperation and data exchange. The delegation also explored ways to enhance forum organization and potential collaboration with the China-ASEAN Institute of Statistics, aiming to strengthen joint research, capacity building, and data-sharing initiatives to advance statistical practices and sustainable development in the region.

By Ministry of Communication & Informatics Indonesia (MCI)
Center for Data and Informatics Infrastructure (CDII), and
SAS Institute Malaysia Sdn



On 26 July 2024, a delegation of 14 representatives from the Ministry of Communication & Informatics Indonesia (MCI), Secretariat General, Center for Data and Informatics Infrastructure (CDII), and SAS Institute Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. visited the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) for a working visit. The goal of the visit was to engage in a detailed exchange of knowledge and expertise in data management and analytics. Discussions revolved around enhancing processes, improving data management systems, and sharing best practices to ensure more efficient and effective data handling. Both institutions focused on deepening their collaboration, fostering mutual understanding, and exploring innovative approaches to advance data-driven decision-making, ultimately strengthening the data infrastructure and analytics capabilities in both Indonesia and Malaysia.



STUDY VISIT (INTERNATIONAL)

Mr. ISHIBASHI Nobuo Memorial International Exchange Program 2024

The Mr. ISHIBASHI Nobuo Memorial International Exchange Program 2024 is a prestigious initiative which took place from 26 August to 13 September 2024 in Tokyo, Japan. Organized by the Statistical Information Institute for Consulting and Analysis (SINFONICA), the program serves as a significant platform for promoting international collaboration and the exchange of knowledge among statisticians from around the world. Its primary aim is to provide qualified statisticians with in-depth exposure to Japan's advanced practices and systems in the field of official statistics. Through a carefully designed program of lectures, study visits, discussions, and hands-on experiences, participants will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of statistical themes and gain insights into the latest developments, innovations, and challenges faced by Japan in its statistical landscape.

In addition to enhancing technical skills, the program fosters international networking, cultural understanding, and the sharing of best practices across national statistical systems. It encourages participants to engage in constructive dialogue and explore collaborative approaches to improving the quality and relevance of statistical outputs in their respective countries. Representing the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) in this year's program is Mrs. Nuriti Asmaria bt Asril, Principal Assistant Director from the Services Statistics Division. Her participation not only reflects DOSM's commitment to continuous professional development and global engagement but also provides an excellent opportunity to bring back valuable knowledge and experiences that can further contribute to the enhancement of Malaysia's statistical capabilities. This exchange program stands as a testament to the enduring importance of international cooperation in strengthening the global statistical community.



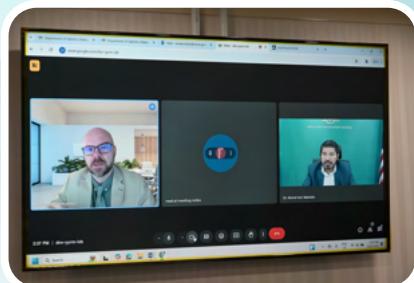
INTERVIEW SESSION

By The Report Company in collaboration with
The Economic Observer



On 21 October 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) hosted an official interview session with YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, the Chief Statistician of Malaysia which been conducted by The Report Company in collaboration with The Economic Observer. The interview focused on gathering insights into Malaysia's economic outlook from a statistical perspective, where the Chief Statistician shared his vision and strategic direction for DOSM in meeting both national and global data demands. This valuable discussion will be featured in an upcoming Exclusive Business Report by The Economic Observer, set for release in January 2025. The timing of the report is significant, aligning with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship and the 50th anniversary of Malaysia-China diplomatic relations, providing an opportunity to highlight Malaysia's economic progress and its role in international cooperation.

By United Nations Resident Coordinator
in Malaysia (Virtually)



A virtual interview session was held between YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. and the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Malaysia on 22 November 2024. The purpose of the session was to gather insights from key national partners regarding the operations of the United Nations in Malaysia, particularly focusing on the acceptance and implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (CF) 2021-2025. The discussion also aimed to explore how the UN's activities under the CF align with Malaysia's national priorities and contribute to the country's sustainable development. Additionally, the session examined the relevance, performance, and coordination of the UN's work in Malaysia.



HOST COUNTRY

Malaysia Strengthens Regional Statistical Leadership through WGSNA-8

11-12 September 2024 — Malaysia, through the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), successfully hosted the 8th Meeting of the Working Group on the System of National Accounts (WGSNA-8) as the Chair of the ASEAN WGSNA. The meeting, held at the Pulse Grande Hotel in Putrajaya, brought together representatives from ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat to advance the harmonised implementation of national accounts systems across the region.

Malaysia has served as Chair of the ASEAN WGSNA from 2021 to 2024, following repeated appointments by ASEANstats in recognition of DOSM's strong technical leadership. This four-year chairmanship reflects Malaysia's continued commitment to promoting excellence in regional economic statistics.

The meeting was officiated by YBrs. Madam Nazaria Baharudin, Deputy Chief Statistician, Malaysia, focused on the implementation of the WGSNA Multi-Year Plan, preparations for the publication of ASEAN GDP by industry and quality assessments and capacity-building initiatives for Member States. The successful convening of WGSNA-8 further reinforces Malaysia's commitment to leading efforts that strengthen a harmonised, competitive and forward-looking ASEAN System of National Accounts in support of the region's sustainable development agenda.



Regional Workshop on Compiling Tourism Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

6-10 May 2024 — Malaysia, through the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) and the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute (ILSM), in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), successfully hosted the Regional Workshop on Compiling Tourism Statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

The workshop brought together 27 participants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kyrgyzstan, the Maldives, Mongolia, and Nepal to strengthen technical understanding of compiling tourism statistics aligned with international statistical frameworks. Key focus areas included implementing the Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) and approaches to measuring tourism sustainability.

The opening ceremony was officiated by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia, alongside Mr. Teerapong Prapthjanaporn, Statistician from ESCAP. The Malaysian delegation included representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MOTAC), Tourism Malaysia, and DOSM.

The successful organisation of this workshop highlights Malaysia's commitment to strengthening regional tourism statistical systems and expanding international technical cooperation. It also demonstrates Malaysia's capability as a leading provider of regional statistical training, supporting the sustainable development of the tourism sector through high-quality, reliable and impactful data.



MEDIA RELEASE

55th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UN55SC)



PRESS STATEMENT

MALAYSIA CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN ITS ROLE IN GLOBAL STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE MEASUREMENT OF E-COMMERCE ACTIVITIES

PUTRAJAYA, MARCH 2, 2024 – Malaysia's participation in the 55th session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UN55SC) has successfully concluded, marked by the country's commitment and expertise in producing high-quality, comprehensive economic, social, demographic, and environmental statistics. At the session, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) represented Malaysia in the UN55SC, held from February 27 to March 1, 2024, in New York. The Commission plays a crucial role as the apex body of the global statistical system, bringing together chief statisticians and heads of National Statistical Systems (NSS) from around the world to shape international statistical standards and methodologies. Each year, representatives from approximately 193 UN member countries and international organisations gather to advance innovation in the production of official data and statistical information.

Representing Malaysia at UN55SC were YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahdin, Chief Statistician Malaysia and Ms. Ezatul Nisha Abdul Rahman, Director of the Strategic Communication and International Statistics Division. Their presence underscored Malaysia's commitment to actively contribute to the global discourse on current statistical matters.

Malaysia actively participated in side events, including meetings and high-level seminars, by sharing the country's experiences and best practices with national representatives and other international agencies. The government also extended its contribution to the development of key initiatives such as the Handbook of Household Survey, National Account System 2025, and e-commerce, starting on 23 February 2024. Aligning its role as a member of a global expert group, Malaysia also participated in the 14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Governing Board, Bureau Members of the ESCAP Committee on Statistics, the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC StatCom), and the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Survey (ISWGHIS). "Given DOSM's pivotal role in coordinating Malaysia's statistical system, our participation in this prestigious gathering is crucial to advancing the nation's interests and upholding our commitment to evidence- and data-based decision-making," added Dr. Uzir.

MoU Signing Ceremony Malaysia-Uzbekistan



PRESS STATEMENT

MALAYSIA ELEVATES GLOBAL COLLABORATION: FORTIFYING TIES WITH THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN – A SPECTACLE OF GLOBAL CAPACITY BUILDING

NEW YORK, 26 FEBRUARY 2024 – Today marks a significant moment in the collaborative journey of Malaysia and Uzbekistan. The formal sealing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Malaysia and Uzbekistan has elevated their bilateral partnership to new heights. This historic event was witnessed on the 26th of February 2024, in New York, by the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations in New York, in conjunction with the 55th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UN55SC), which is currently taking place from 27 February to 1 March 2024. UN55SC is a summit convening chief statisticians worldwide.

The agreement was signed by YBhg. Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahdin, Chief Statistician of the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), representing the Government of Malaysia, and Mr. Bahodir Begirov, Director of the Statistics Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan, representing the Government of Uzbekistan. The ceremony was witnessed by His Excellency Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faisal Bin Mohamed, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations (UN), along with His Excellency Mr. Ulugbek Lapasov, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations.

This MoU marks a significant step towards collaboration between DOSM and the Statistics Agency. This partnership aims to strengthen statistical capacity and facilitate the exchange of mutual interests. Both parties have committed to advancing the field of statistics and enhancing the capacity of their respective National Statistical Systems (NSS). The five-year agreement will focus on strengthening statistical capabilities by exchanging knowledge, best practices, and expertise in various statistical domains through joint training programs and activities. The primary goal of this strategic collaboration is to create a community of skilled statisticians who can navigate the complexities of today's data-driven world. Accurate and reliable statistics play a critical role in shaping informed policies and fostering sustainable development and this partnership underscores the shared commitment towards this goal.

Dr. Uzir said, "With the joint commitment of DOSM and the Statistics Agency, we are confident that this partnership will be fruitful and lead to initiatives aligning with the overarching goal of socio-economic development. We look forward to the positive outcomes that this MoU will bring to both agencies and their respective countries".

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FOR REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON COMPILING TOURISM STATISTICS IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Malaysia hosts the Regional Workshop on Compiling Tourism Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

PUTRAJAYA, 10 MAY 2024 – Malaysia, represented by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM), has been invited by Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) the opportunity to host the Regional Workshop on Compiling Tourism Statistics in Asia and the Pacific on 6 to 10 May 2024. The event was attended by 29 delegates from the member states of Asia and the Pacific regions which was Bangladesh, Bhutan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Mongolia, and Nepal, alongside representatives from Malaysia. Malaysia was represented by persons from Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture (MOTAC), Tourism Malaysia (TM), as well as DOSM.

According to the Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahdin, "Malaysia is privileged to host the Regional Workshop on Compiling Tourism Statistics in Asia and the Pacific at the Malaysia Statistical Training Institute (LSTM). Perak, this workshop, organized by Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism) and DOSM will serve as a testament to our commitment in promoting global cooperation and the advancement of statistics. Among the factors for selecting Malaysia as the host country was based on Malaysia's experience in developing

14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee



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AFTER A DECADE, MALAYSIA REASSUMES LEADERSHIP OF THE ASEAN COMMUNITY STATISTICAL SYSTEM (ACSS) FOR 2025

PUTRAJAYA, 27 NOVEMBER 2024 – Malaysia has officially reassumed the Chairmanship of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) for 2025 after a decade, following its previous leadership in 2015. This reassumption marks a significant step in strengthening regional statistical collaboration. The announcement was made during the 14th Session of the ACSS Committee (ACSS14), held from 26th to 28th November 2024, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The session was chaired by Ms. Phoeunsey Soukounth, Chief Statistician of Lao PDR and co-chaired by Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahdin, Chief Statistician of Malaysia. As the Chair of ACSS14, Malaysia will lead the ACSS14 and ACSS15, particularly in strengthening ASEAN's statistical capacity, supporting data-driven decision-making and driving initiatives towards more sustainable and inclusive regional integration.

DOSM demonstrated its strong commitment in regional statistical collaboration by co-leading with ASEANSTATs, the Philippines and Indonesia in key initiatives. These include the ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Framework (ASCBF) and the Key Performance Indicators, the Handbook for Migrant Analysis on Merchandise Trade Statistics and the ASEAN Statistical Priority List for 2025. The primary objectives of these initiatives are to enhance the quality and relevance of ASEAN statistics, drive regional integration through enhanced data systems and provide critical tools to improve data accuracy and consistency across ASEAN.

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Under the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework for ACSS Capacity Building, DOSM has played a significant role in the development of the framework. DOSM has further strengthened its knowledge and skills through participation in 17 training programs organized in collaboration with ASEANSTATs. As a result of this participation, the benefits and knowledge gained have been shared with other ASEAN Member States (AMS), in line with the spirit of regional cooperation.

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26-28 November 2024

Vietnam Capital, Lao PDR

The 14th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS14) was held on 26 to 28 November 2024 in Hanoi, Vietnam. The session was chaired by Phoeunsey Soukounth, Head of Lao PDR Statistical Bureau and Vice Chairman of the ASEAN Committee of Statistics, and the Vice Chairman of the ASEAN Committee of Statistics.

Since its establishment in 2011, the ACSS has been instrumental in advancing its efforts in providing relevant, timely and comparable statistics metrics to support the mission of ASEAN integration and sustainable development.

The ACSS has also been consistently strengthening its capacity to enhance statistical capacities of ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat.

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Malaysia Reassumes Leadership Of ASEAN Community Statistical System For 2025

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) – Malaysia has officially reassumed the chairmanship of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS14) for 2025 after a decade, following its previous leadership in 2015.

The announcement was made during the 14th ACSS committee session (ACSS14) in Hanoi, Laos, from Nov 26-28, 2024, chaired by Lao's chief statistician Phoeunsey Soukounth and co-chaired by Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahdin.

The Department of Statistics (DOSM) said in a statement today that as ACSS14 chair for 2025, Malaysia will make efforts to strengthen ASEAN's statistical capacity, support data-driven decisions and promote sustainable and inclusive regional integration.

It said DOSM demonstrated its strong commitment in regional statistical collaboration by co-leading ASEANSTATs in key initiatives, which encompassed the ACSS Action Plan 2016-2030 and its associated key priorities and the ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Framework (ASCBF).

Annual Priority List for 2025.

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MALAYSIA REASSUMED THE CHAIRMANSHIP



THE ASEAN COMMUNITY STATISTICAL SYSTEM (ACSS) 2025

Malaysia has officially reassumed the chairmanship of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) for 2025, marking a return to the role after a decade since its previous leadership in 2015. The announcement was made during the 14th Session of the ACSS Committee (ACSS14), held in Vientiane, Laos, from 26 to 28 November 2024, hosted by the Lao Statistics Bureau. The session was chaired by the Head Statistician of Laos, Phonesaly Souksavath, and co-chaired by the Chief Statistician of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

As the ACSS Chair for 2025, Malaysia will focus on strengthening ASEAN's statistical capacity, supporting evidence-based policymaking, and driving initiatives toward more sustainable and inclusive regional integration. As part of its chairmanship in 2025, Malaysia will focus on advancing several key initiatives, including the ACSS Strategic Plan 2026-2030, the development of relevant Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), the Handbook for Mirror Analysis of Trade in Goods Statistics, and the ASEAN Annual Priorities List for 2025.

These efforts aim to solidify ASEAN's statistical direction, enhance regional integration through stronger data systems, and provide clear guidance to improve data accuracy and consistency across ASEAN. Under the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework for ACSS Capacity Building, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) plays an active role by contributing expertise to six training programmes. In addition, DOSM has strengthened its knowledge and skills through participation in 17 training programs organized in collaboration with ASEANstats. The knowledge gained from these programs is shared with other ASEAN Member States (AMS) in the spirit of regional cooperation.



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Gemilang

Di arus zaman berubah
moden dan penuh rintangan
tetap melangkah dan berevolusi
dan menuju matlamat jaya

Seiring dan seirama
bersama tekad di hati
misi dan visi berinovasi
Gah di mata dunia

Chorus

Gemilang, perangkaan jitu
data terpelihara
pelbagai anugerah
membuktikan kita juga berdaya
Gemilang, harumkan negara
di antarabangsa
berpadu tenaga, berganding ba
dan kejayaan di rasa

Langkah strategi di yakini
kejayaan di kecapi
sejarah yang terukir
menjadi inspirasi



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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