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ADVANCE Broadens U.S. Assistance to ASEAN

ADVANCE Priority Areas

ASEAN Political Security Community

Promotion of good governance
Strengthening of rule of law, judiciary systems, and legal infrastructure
Post-conflict peace building, reconstruction, and rehabilitation

ASEAN Economic Community

Economic integration
Trade and investment liberalization and facilitation
Integration of small and medium enterprises
Strengthening financial systems and capital markets
Economic reform and governance (Telecom & Energy)

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community

Public health (HIV/AIDS and AI)
Regional health concerns
Regional disaster management and emergency response
Regional environmental issues
Promoting civil society
Workforce development
Vulnerable populations
Sustainable energy development
Anti-trafficking

The United States shares ASEAN's vision for integration, peace, and prosperity. On October 1, 2007, the U.S. Agency for International Development commenced a comprehensive contract to support the integration of all three ASEAN pillars: (1) Political-Security, (2) Economic and (3) Socio-Cultural. This contract, called ASEAN Development Vision to Advance National Cooperation and Economic Integration (ADVANCE), provides an integrated development assistance framework to support the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015. It is the main U.S. mechanism for supporting ASEAN and is funded by both USAID and the U.S. Department of State.

There are currently four programs supporting ASEAN integration under ADVANCE:

- **ASEAN-US Technical Assistance and Training Facility** works directly with the ASEAN Secretariat to support ASEAN integration. Serving as the integrator and incubator for ADVANCE projects, the Facility is central to U.S. Government assistance to ASEAN. Technical assistance, training, time-sensitive policy assessments, and advice from specialists at the ASEAN Secretariat support ASEAN blueprints for developing the ASEAN Community across all three pillars.
- **ASEAN Single Window (ASW) Program** supports the development of a coordinated e-customs system within ASEAN to support more rapid clearance of goods and greater transparency in cross-border transactions. At the national level, the ASW program will support development of the national single windows – national systems that consolidate and coordinate processing of all documents required to import and export goods. At the ASEAN level the ASW program will support the development of the ASEAN Single Window for coordinating the flow of data among national single windows in ASEAN.
- **ASEAN Regional Supply Chain and Competitiveness Program** is providing technical assistance and other support to foster improved private sector economic integration within the ASEAN region. The project supports the growth of supply chains that transect multiple countries in ASEAN, particularly the developing economies of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam and their linkages to the more developed ASEANs.

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U.S. Partners

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Studies, Jakarta
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Enterprise & Development Consultants
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- **Laos Bilateral Trade Agreement/World Trade Organization (BTA/WTO) Program** provides line ministries and the National Assembly in Lao PDR technical assistance and training to help them understand and support the Government of Laos' efforts to liberalize its trade and investment regime consistent with commitments under the U.S.-Lao BTA, WTO accession program and the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint.

Additional programs may be initiated, as funds become available, on a regional, sub-regional or bilateral basis to help facilitate regional integration within ASEAN.

The ADVANCE Consortium

The ADVANCE Consortium is well versed in ASEAN cultural, social, and economic issues, having worked together and separately at the ASEAN Secretariat and with Member States. Composed of both U.S. and regional partners, the consortium has extensive experience implementing programs in all technical areas of ADVANCE.

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