



# **ADVANCE Projects**

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### **ASEAN & ASEAN-US**

#### ASEAN

- History
- Current Members = Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia,
  Laos, Malaysia, Burma (Myanmar), Philippines,
  Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam
- Recent Evolution = commitment to integrate by 2015

#### ASEAN-US

- Recent Evolution
- ADVANCE

### **ADVANCE**

- Technical Assistance & Training Facility
  - 5 years, about \$20 M
- ASEAN Single Window Project
  - 5 years, about \$8 M
- ASEAN Competiveness Enhancement Project
  - 5 years about \$8 M
- Lao BTA-WTO Project
  - about 3.5 years, about \$2 M

### **Technical Assistance & Training Facility**

- Scope of work spans ASEAN's 3 pillars
- The evolution of the project
- Activity examples
  - Scorecard
  - Pandemic preparedness
  - ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature

## Lao BTA – WTO Project

# Scope of Work addresses the overlapping areas of:

- WTO accession
- US-Lao Bilateral Trade Agreement
- ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint
- Lao Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy

#### Project evolution and sample activities

- Workshop for National Assembly on lessons learned from Vietnam and Cambodia on WTO accession and US BTA implementation
- Trade-related inter-agency coordination and public-private sector consultation





## Thank You!