

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>U.S-ASEAN Connectivity through Trade and Investment (US-ACTI): ASEAN Single Window Development for Cargo Clearance – Support to CLM Countries</b>
<b>Project Area</b>	Trade Facilitation
<b>Beneficiary Countries</b>	Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar (CLM)
<b>Source of Funding</b>	USA
<b>Approved Budget</b>	USD 175,000
<b>Project Description</b>	The US-ACTI is a regional programme designed to increase U.S. economic engagement and cooperation with ASEAN Member States. Under the work stream on ASEAN Single Window Development for Cargo Clearance, support for the development of National Single Windows (NSWs) is provided to requesting CLM countries. The CLM countries that complete their NSWs will also be provided support for the integration of their NSWs into the ASEAN Single Window (ASW). The NSW support for CLM countries is a two-phase approach, whereby, phase 1 covers the NSW needs assessment and capacity building workshops, and phase 2 covers limited project management support, including technical design analysis, to assist their team in the development and implementation of a basic NSW functionality to support the exchange of certificates of origin.
<b>Objective</b>	To support CLM countries for the integration of their NSWs into the ASW.
<b>Implementation Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Cambodia</u>: The ASW gateway software was deployed in Cambodia in November 2017 and the basic internal testing was successfully completed by December 2017. Gateway-to-gateway testing with other AMS was completed in June 2018. Cambodia is upgrading its backend systems to be fully compatible with the ASW messaging guides. Further end-to-end testing with other AMS will begin in September 2018. Parallel testing will follow. Cambodia should join live operation of the ASW by November/December 2018. Cambodia is in the process of developing its full NSW.</li> <li>• <u>Lao PDR</u>: No further assistance has been requested from US-ACTI as of June 2018. The ASW Project Management Office and other AMS stand ready to support testing of connectivity once Lao PDR has installed the necessary national systems.</li> <li>• <u>Myanmar</u>: The Ministry of Commerce is finalising its e-certificate of origin system, including creating the capability to transmit e-Form Ds. Myanmar Customs is working with Japan to modify the MACCS system to receive Form Ds from other AMS. The USAID Myanmar Private Sector Development Activity has contracted a local IT vendor to develop the necessary NSW routing platform to connect the ASW Gateway to the Customs and Ministry of Commerce systems. The routing platform should be completed by September 2018. US-ACTI will install the ASW Gateway in Myanmar in September 2018 and complete testing within Myanmar by early October 2018. Testing with AMS should begin in September 2018. It is expected that Myanmar will join live operation in early 2019 if all testing is completed by then. Myanmar is working with the World Bank to develop a blueprint for developing a full NSW.</li> </ul>

<b>External Links</b>	<a href="https://www.usaid.gov/asia-regional/fact-sheets/asean-connectivity-through-trade-and-investment">https://www.usaid.gov/asia-regional/fact-sheets/asean-connectivity-through-trade-and-investment</a>
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