

The Economic Research Network for ASEAN Partnership

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ABSTRACT

This Report develops a proposal for a network among Southeast Asian economic researchers to support ASEAN policy priorities, funded by external dialogue partners.

The Report begins by considering a research network among other options which, in principle, might help to enhance the economic research capacity available to support the ASEAN Secretariat as it seeks to advance the policy priorities determined by Southeast leaders.

It then focuses on the possibility of building a research network, reviewing experiences from elsewhere in the world and the region. The Report specifies a number of detailed design variables likely to be pivotal in the development of an Economic Research Network for ASEAN. A core premise of this proposal is that of a partnership among researchers, policy-makers and dialogue partners. The Report concludes with a discussion of a number of practical policy considerations pertinent to the implementation of this concept proposal.