

# ASEAN Free Movement Agenda



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# ASEAN

- **Established in 1967**
- **10 Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam**
- **3 pillars: political-security; economic; socio-cultural**
- **Around 600 M inhabitants**
- **Wide economic disparities (high middle and low income countries)**
- **Deadline: ASEAN Community to be in place by 2015**

# Two tracks

- Liberalization of the movements of service providers under the Asean Framework Agreement on Services
- Free movement of skills under the AEC Blueprint

# AFAS and Mode 4

- **AFAS : GATS + approach**
- **Mode 4: the less liberalised of the four modes**
- **Adoption of 8 MRAs**
- **current situation and way forward**

# Free flow of skilled labour

- **Focus on human resource development and recognition of qualification**
- **Visa exemption for short tourism and business travel**

**Other:**

**Cooperation on migration management (border management, smuggling, trafficking)**

# Conclusion

- Strong focus on skills
- Limited impact on movement
- No special treatment for ASEAN professionals
- Attempt to build the needed human resources for the future