

A Snapshot on ACIA: A Mechanism to Accommodate AEC 2015

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AEC Blueprints: 4 Pillars

Single Market
&
Production Base

A Highly
Competitive
Economic Region

A Region of
Equitable
Economic
Development

A Region Fully
Integrated into the
Global Economy

Objectives

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- Free flow of goods
- Free flow of services
- Free flow of investment
- Free flow of natural person

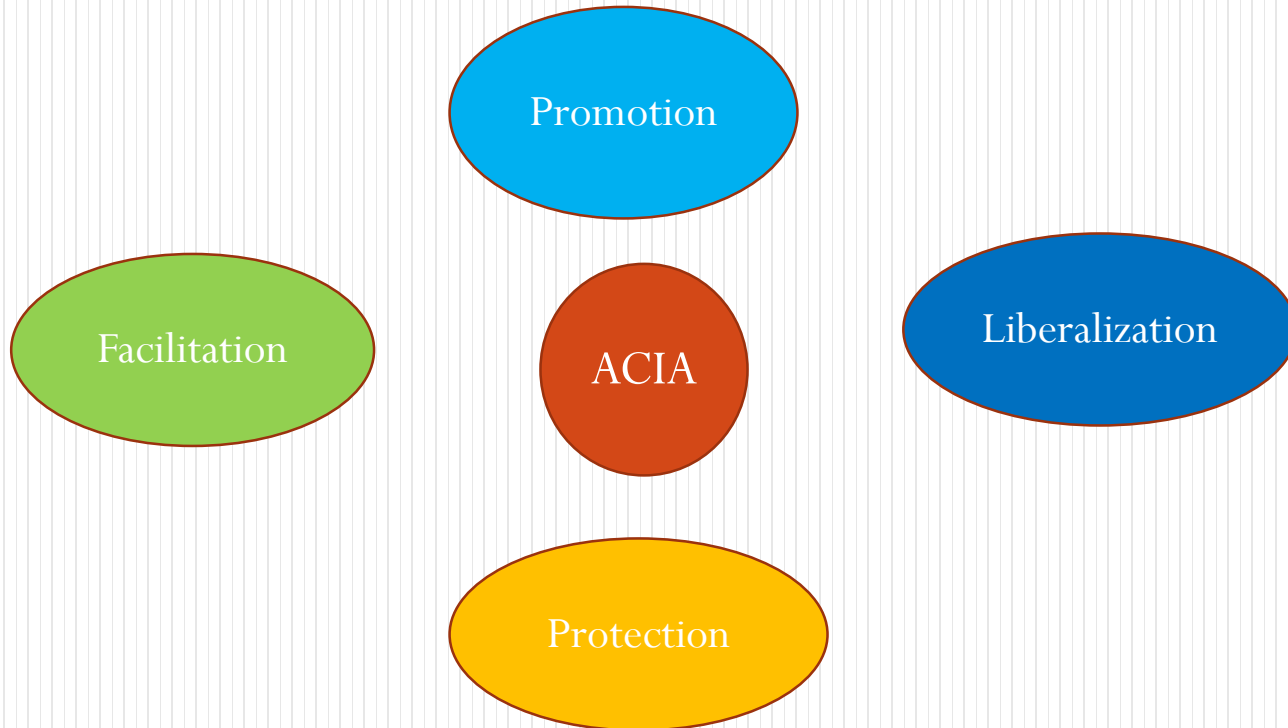
How ACIA Would Help Realize AEC Objective in 2015 ?

- ACIA: ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement
- Signed at the 14th ASEAN Summit in Cha-am, Thailand (26 May 2009)
- Enforced: 29 March 2012
- Objective
 - to enhance the flow of cross-border investment
 - to promote the freer flow of capital by making ASEAN a more competitive economy and attractive destination for FDIs

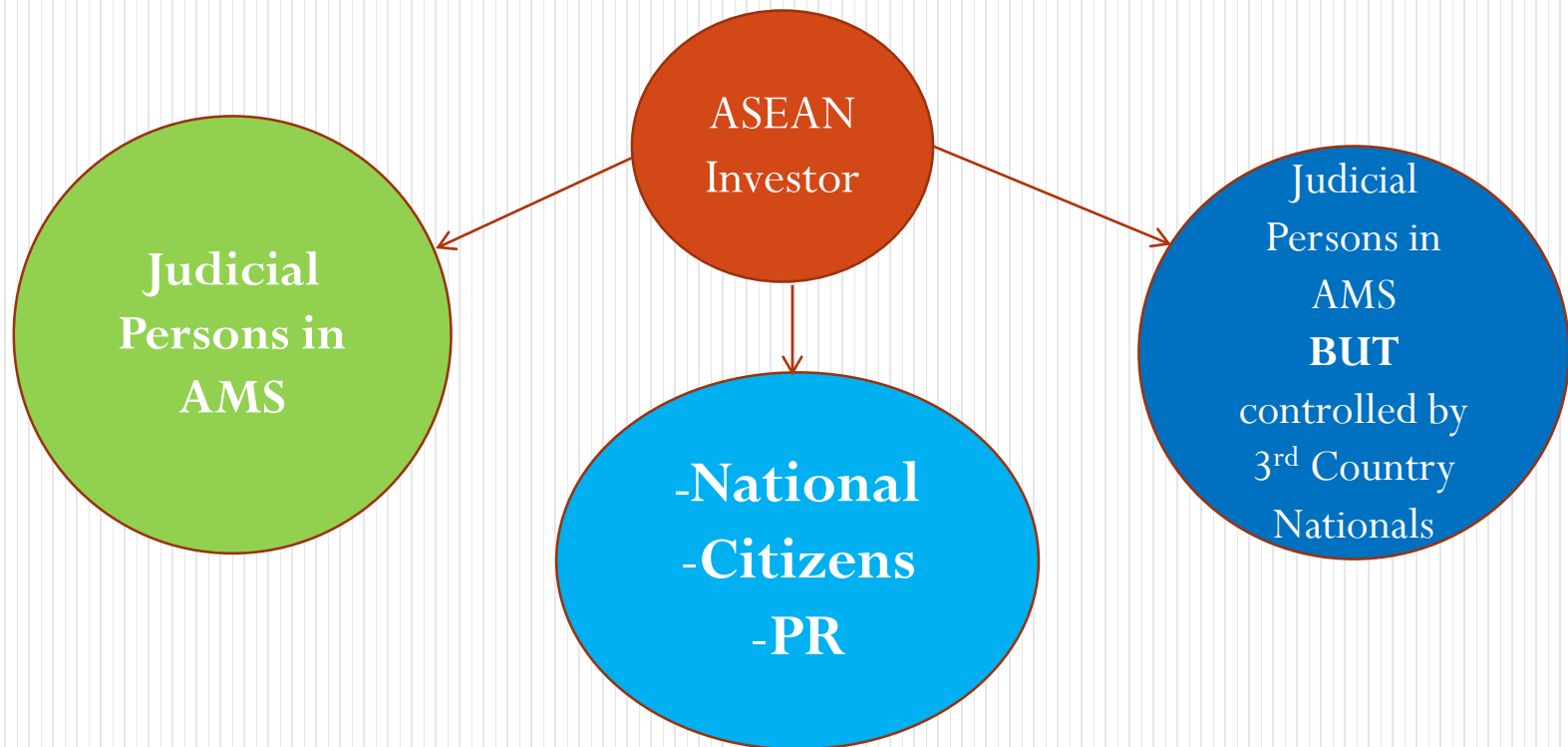
Structure and Scope

- Structure: 49 Articles, 2 Annexes, 1 Reservation List
- Application:
 - Investments, in its territory, of investors of any other ASEAN Member State;
 - Investors of any other ASEAN Member State;
 - Investments existing as of 29 March 2012 or Investments made after 29 March 2012

Four Pillars of ACIA



Who Will Benefit from ACIA?



What are the Benefits?

- Investment Liberalization
- Non-Discrimination
- Transparency
- Protection for Investors
- Mechanism for Investor-State Dispute Settlement

Liberalization ?

- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Fishery
- Forestry
- Mining and Quarrying
- Services incidental to above sectors

Non-Discrimination

- National Treatment (NT)
- Most-Favoured Nation Treatment (MFN)
- Senior Management and Board of Directors
- No Performance Requirement

Protection for ASEAN Investors

- Fair and Equitable Treatment
- Full Protection and Security
- No Unlawful Expropriation (direct/indirect)
- Free Transfer of Funds

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- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Domestic Remedies (Courts, ect.)
- Arbitration (ICSID, UNCITRAL, other)

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