



# FAST FACTS

About ASEAN and the ACIA

# Why ASEAN?

Robust Market

617 million people

Preferred Workforce

70% labor force participation

Sustained Economic Growth

\$2.3 trillion GDP, \$114 billion FDI, \$2.4 trillion trade

Best Practices in Investments

ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement

High Return on Investments

11% annual average rate of return of FDI

Infrastructure Support

Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity

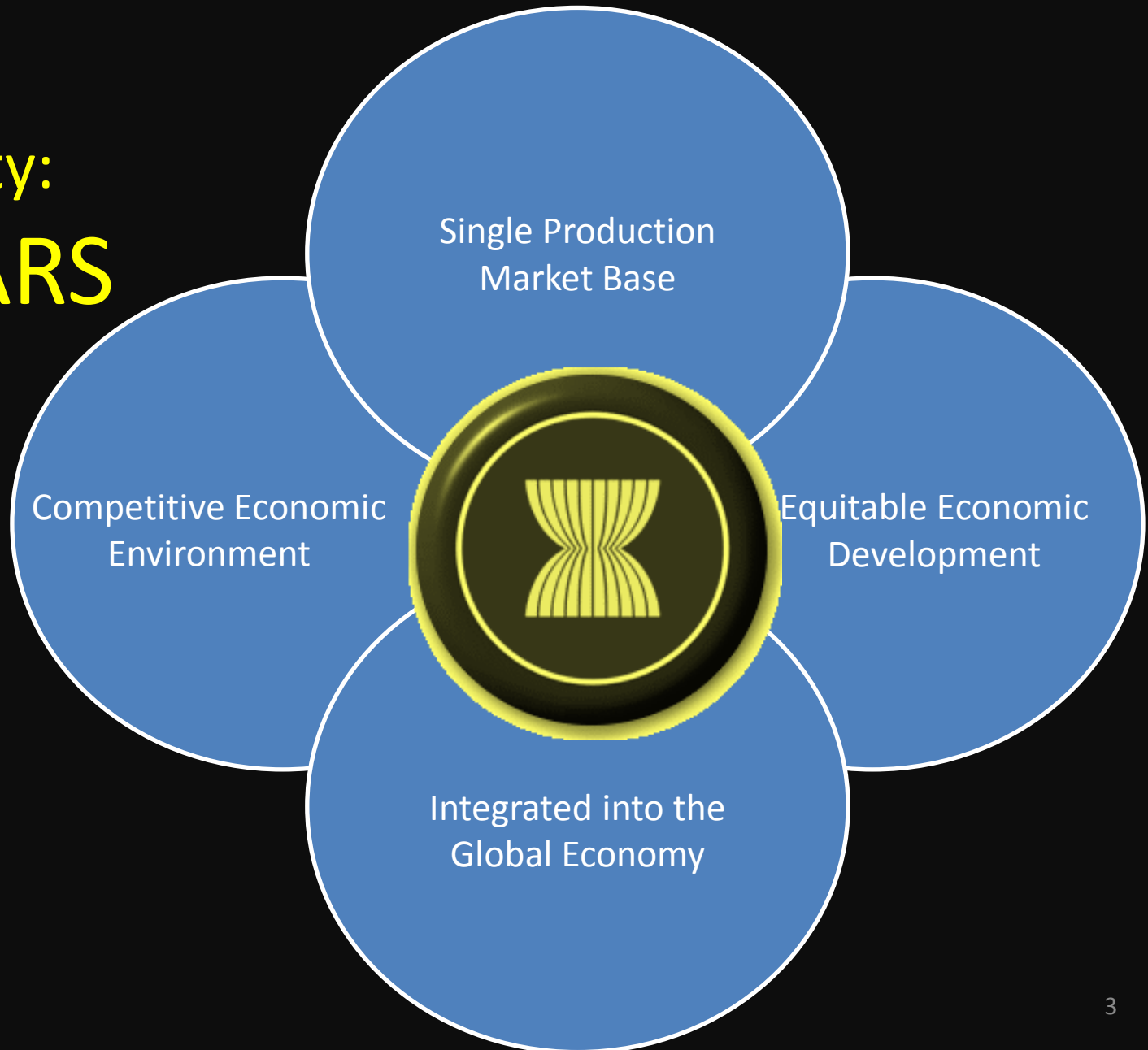
Integrated Supply Chain

Raw materials- labor-resources complementation

Good Life in ASEAN

ASEAN hospitality, culture, and lifestyle

# ASEAN Economic Community: 4 PILLARS



# The Road to AEC

**1992**

ASEAN mandated the creation of ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA)

**2003**

ASEAN resolved to establish the ASEAN Community

- political-security
- economic
- socio-cultural

**2007**

ASEAN accelerated the establishment of the AEC from 2020 to 2015; adopted the AEC Blueprint

**2008-2013**

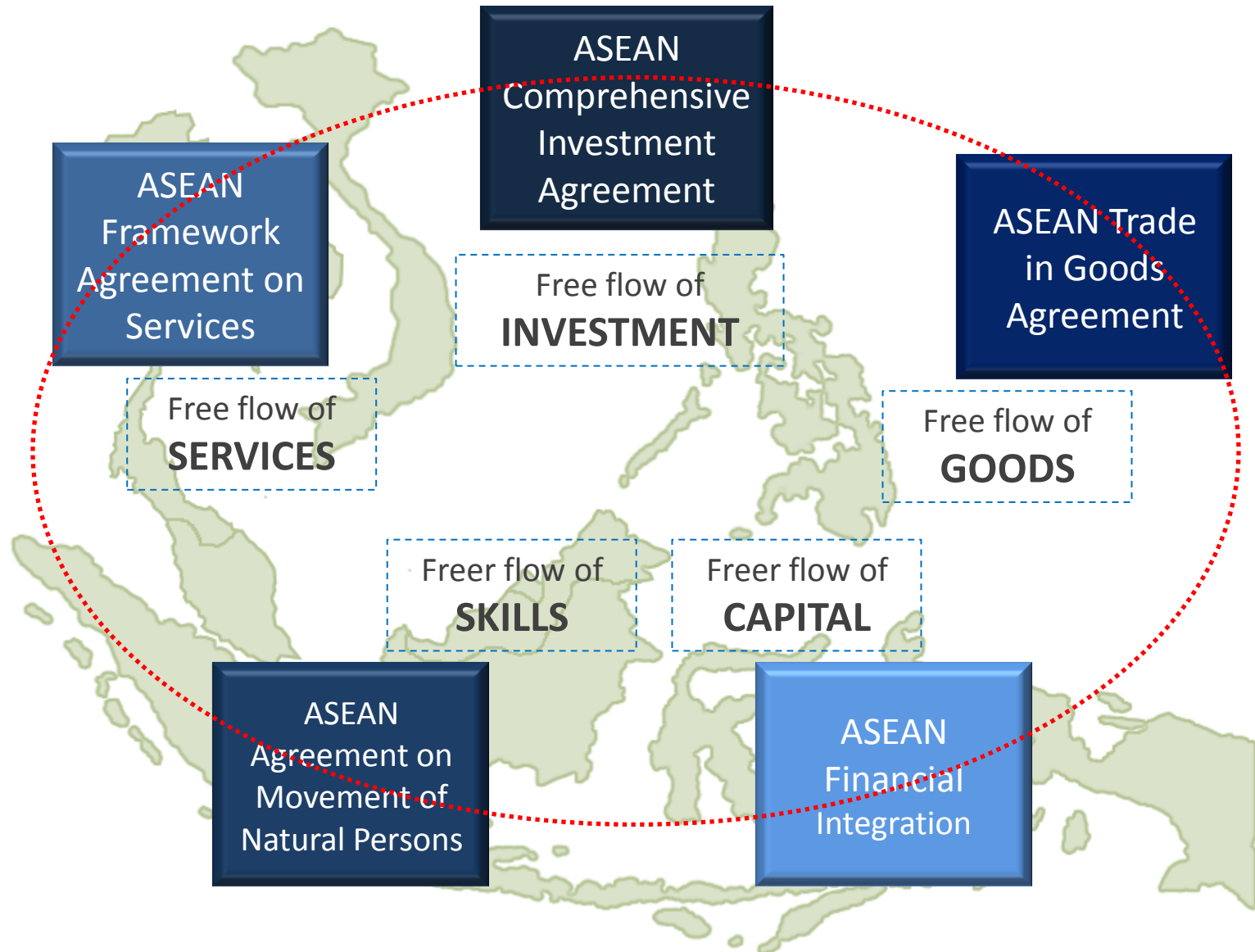
ASEAN signed various agreements on:

- trade in goods
- investments
- mutual recognition for professionals
- movement of natural persons

**2015**

ASEAN Economic Community to be established

# Single Market and Production Base



# ACIA

ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement  
An Introduction



# ACIA: What is it for investors?

Promotion, liberalisation, facilitation, and protection of investments

Embraces international best practices in investor protections

Welcomes ASEAN-based investors, including third country investors

Covers investments that existed on 29 March 2012 or after

# investors



Natural person of ASEAN  
Member State

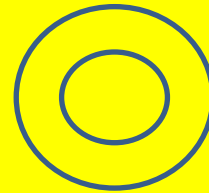


Judicial person in ASEAN  
Member State

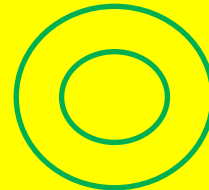


Third country national  
through judicial person in  
ASEAN Member State

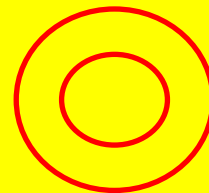
# sectors liberalised



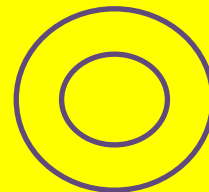
Agriculture



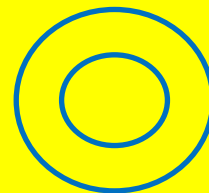
Fishery



Forestry



Manufacturing



Mining & Quarrying



National treatment

Most favoured nation

Senior management &  
board of directors

Freedom to operate w/o any  
performance requirement

ENHANCING LIBERALISATION  
**other key features**

PROTECTING INVESTORS AND INVESTMENTS

