



Southeast Asia Ministerial Forum

# Connecting Regions: Partnerships for Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains

Draft Agenda

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Lotte Hotel, Crystal Ballroom  
54, Lieu Giai Street  
Ha Noi  
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## ■ BACKGROUND

Against a background of challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and other international tensions and under the co-chairmanship of Australia and Viet Nam, the [OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme](#) (SEARP) is supporting near-term economic recovery, medium-term economic reform as well as Southeast Asian countries' participation in OECD bodies and instruments. Openness of trade and investment regimes and the resilience and sustainability of ASEAN and OECD supply chains is a priority theme for the Programme going forward.

Established in 2014, the Programme has entered its third cycle (2022-2025) co-chaired by Viet Nam and Australia. The Programme encourages an exchange of experience to develop common solutions to regional and national challenges. It is comprised of thematic policy focussed workstreams, including:

**Regional Policy Networks:** Tax Policy and Administration, Good Regulatory Practice, Investment Policy and Promotion, Education and Skills, SMEs, and Sustainable Infrastructure

**Initiatives:** Trade, Innovation, Gender, Environment, Tourism and Competition policy

**Regional Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India:** An overarching annual publication that monitors medium-term macroeconomic trends and regional integration.

## ■ WHAT IS THE FORUM ABOUT?

Under the theme “**Connecting Regions: Partnerships for Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains**”, this Ministerial Forum will explore how OECD and ASEAN countries can improve supply chain resilience to better protect against future shocks and help build the foundations for a greener and digital future.

The Forum will provide an opportunity for Ministers and high-level participants from OECD and ASEAN countries to discuss the practical measures ASEAN and OECD businesses and governments can take to improve supply chain resilience in the near term. It will also focus on how OECD and ASEAN governments and business can collaborate to promote investment opportunities and improve economic resilience over the long run. The Forum will include the active participation of business and will introduce the OECD – Southeast Asia Business Network.

The OECD - Viet Nam High-level Economic Forum on day two will build on the supply chain theme of the first day by focusing on attracting quality foreign direct investment for the digital and green transitions. It will be followed by business roundtables on manufacturing and renewable energy as well as a business networking event.

## ■ WHO WILL BE THERE?

The conference will bring together ministers and high-level representatives in charge of foreign affairs, finance, development and planning agencies, and regional partner organisations.

Businesses are also invited to participate to provide the business perspective and promote public and private sector collaboration.

# SOUTHEAST ASIA MINISTERIAL FORUM

## CONNECTING REGIONS: PARTNERSHIPS FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS

- 13:30-14:30**      **OPENING SESSION**
- Remarks by **H.E. Mr. Bùi Thanh Sơn**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam
  - Remarks by **Senator the Hon Tim Ayres**, Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for Manufacturing, Australia
  - Remarks by **H.E. Mr. Mathias Cormann**, Secretary-General, OECD
  - Keynote Address by **H.E. Mr. Phạm Minh Chính**, Prime Minister, Viet Nam

- 14:30-14:40**      **LAUNCHES**
- **Launch of the Implementation Plan of the OECD-ASEAN MOU and Viet Nam – OECD Action Plan 2022-2026**
  - **Presentation on the OECD-Southeast Asia Business Network**

- 14:40-14:45**      **FAMILY PHOTO**

- 14:45-16:15**      **FIRST MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION**  
**OECD – Southeast Asia Partnerships for Strengthening Supply Chain Resilience**

Following disruptions over the past two years, supply chain resilience has emerged as a policy priority for governments and business alike. ASEAN and OECD ministers and high-level representatives will be invited to share perspectives on challenges and responses to improve supply chain resilience in the near term, focusing on the role of openness to trade and investment, free trade agreements, the global tax agenda, and policies that improve the business climate for investment, including SME policies.

- What are practical near term actions OECD and ASEAN governments can take to keep markets open and facilitate the movement of goods and services in times of supply chain disruptions?
- How can governments attract high quality investment to drive economic growth?
- How can governments best support SMEs integration into global supply chains?

**MODERATOR:**

- **Senator the Hon Tim Ayres**, Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for Manufacturing, Australia

**16:15-16:30**      **COFFEE BREAK**

**16:30-18:00**      **SECOND MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION**  
**Enhancing Collaboration Between Government and Business for Resilient Economies**

The uncertain political and economic environment as well as the digital and green transitions will continue to challenge supply chains across ASEAN and OECD. ASEAN and OECD ministers and high-level representatives and business will discuss how governments and business can collaborate to promote investment opportunities, improve economic resilience and to provide the foundations for a greener and digital future.

- What impact will an ongoing challenging environment have on the resilience of ASEAN as well as OECD supply chains?
- How governments co-operate with the private sector to improve economic resilience in the longer term?
- How can OECD and Southeast Asian countries work together to accelerate green and digital transitions and promote responsible business conduct?

**MODERATOR:**

- **H.E. Mr. Bùi Thanh Sơn**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam

**18:00-18:15**      **CLOSING REMARKS**

- **Senator the Hon Tim Ayres**, Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for Manufacturing, Australia
- **H.E. Mr. Bùi Thanh Sơn**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam

**19:30-21:30**      **OFFICIAL DINNER** – By Invitation Only

