



Southeast Asia Ministerial Forum  
**OECD-Viet Nam High level Economic  
Forum**  
Draft Agenda

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Lotte Hotel  
54, Lieu Giai Street  
Ha Noi  
Viet Nam

## ■ BACKGROUND

The relations of Viet Nam and OECD have strengthened considerably over the more recent past. The OECD engages with Viet Nam through country-specific projects and the Southeast Asia Regional Programme (SEARP). This engagement takes various forms, such as participation in OECD Bodies, country-specific policy reviews, integration of relevant data series in OECD databases, benchmarking exercises, and adherence to OECD instruments. The OECD and Viet Nam Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed on 5 November between the OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann and Viet Nam Minister of Foreign Affairs Bùi Thanh Sơn, witnessed by Viet Nam Prime Minister Phạm Minh Chính. The MOU reinforces the OECD-Viet Nam cooperation in the next 5 years, with Viet Nam having taken over the SEARP Co-chairmanship since February this year for the period of 2022-2025 together with Australia, while discussions of a Country Programme are continuing.

Another highlight was that during Viet Nam's 2020 ASEAN Chairmanship, the OECD supported Viet Nam in finalising the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework and its implementation plan which mandates the OECD an OECD/ASEAN Memorandum of Understanding to this respect.

Over the years, Viet Nam and OECD cooperated on a number of country-specific reports and publications. Most recently in 2021, the OECD published the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Policy Review of Viet Nam, two reports on OECD Competition Assessment Reviews: Logistics sector in Viet Nam, and OECD Competitive Neutrality Reviews: Small-package delivery services in Viet Nam, the SME and Entrepreneurship Policy in Viet Nam and work continuous on the OECD Viet Nam Economic Survey and OECD Corporate Governance of State-owned Enterprises Report. H.E. Mr. Bùi Thanh Sơn, Minister of Foreign Affairs joined the Seoul Ministerial Meeting of the OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme in February 2022 where Viet Nam was formally elected to co-chair the SEARP together with Australia.

## ■ WHAT IS THE FORUM ABOUT?

Under the theme “**Connecting Regions: Partnerships for Resilient and Sustainable Supply Chains**”, the two days Ministerial Forum explores 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 **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 further regional stakeholders.

The OECD will draw from its network of experts to provide insight into the economic situation in Southeast Asia. Businesses are also invited to participate to provide the business perspective and promote public and private sector collaboration. Businesses will be able to observe the ministerial discussions online, with a select few businesses invited inside the room on-site.

# SOUTHEAST ASIA MINISTERIAL FORUM

## OECD-VIET NAM HIGHLEVEL ECONOMIC FORUM

**09:00-09:40**

04:00 - 04:40

### OPENING SESSION

- Remarks by **H.E. Mr. Mathias Cormann**, Secretary-General, OECD
- Remarks by **H.E. Mr. Nguyễn Chí Dũng**, Minister of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam

**09:40-10:40**

04:40 - 05:40

### SESSION 1:

#### Perspectives for Economic Policies and the Corporate Governance of state-owned enterprises in Viet Nam

The session will discuss economic development perspectives and opportunities in Viet Nam based on OECD analysis. Discussions will include the aspect of corporate governance of State-Owned Enterprises.

#### MODERATOR:

- **Mr. Jens Arnold**, Head of Division, Economics Directorate, OECD

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Mr. Alvaro Pereira**, Chief Economist, OECD
- **Mr. Andrew Jeffries**, ADB Country Director for Viet Nam
- **Dr. Cấn Văn Lực**, Chief Economist of BIDV cum President BIDV Training and Research Institute, Viet Nam

#### *Questions and answers*

**10:40-11:00**

05:40 - 06:00

### COFFEE BREAK

**11:00-12:00**

06:00 – 07:00

### SESSION 2:

#### High-level Panel Discussion on Attracting Quality Foreign Direct Investment for Digital and Green Transitioning

This session will provide updates on Viet Nam's strategies for digital and green development, constructing a resilient, robust and strategically competitive economy, and pursuing international integration. High-level representatives from governments and the private sector of OECD and Southeast Asian countries are invited to discuss how to attract quality FDI for greener and smarter development for Viet Nam.

#### MODERATOR:

- **Mr. Andreas Schaal**, Director of Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, OECD

#### SPEAKERS:

- **Ms. Ana Novik**, Head of the Investment Division, OECD

- **Mr. Faizal Mohd Yusof**, Senior Director, Investment Policy & Trade Facilitation Division, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia
- **Mr. Fusanori Iwasaki**, Director for Policy Research, ERIA
- **Dr. Cấn Văn Lực**, Chief Economist of BIDV cum President BIDV Training and Research Institute, Viet Nam
- **Ms. Virginia Foote**, Vice Chair of AmCham Ha Noi

**12:00-12:10**  
07:00 - 07:10

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

- **Mr. Hà Kim Ngọc**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam



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