AGENDA

SEARP TOKYO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

MINISTERIAL FORUM:
INCLUSIVE ASEAN

8 March 2018
Tokyo Prince Hotel
Japan
INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Southeast Asia has made remarkable progress over the past years in raising income, reducing poverty and integrating into the world economy. Yet disparities remain within and between countries in Southeast Asia. Going forward, “inclusiveness” will be integral to further progress and sustainable development for all in the region. “Inclusiveness” is not only about narrowing the income gaps, but also about ensuring that every person in the region, regardless of gender, age or income status, has equal access to economic and human development and enhanced well-being.

Policy-makers in Southeast Asia have recognised the growing importance of inclusive development in the region. Their strategic approaches have been multidimensional and involved a wide range of policy areas, including the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025 which aims to develop an inclusive, resilient, people-centred and people-oriented community and enhance connectivity, ASEAN Equitably Economic Development framework, Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 and Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI). Linking ASEAN with the OECD, ASEAN Member States named the OECD as a strategic partner in 2015 to collaborate towards achieving the connectivity objectives of the AEC Blueprint.

The OECD’s Southeast Asia Regional Programme (SEARP) has been supporting Southeast Asian countries’ economic policy priorities as well as regional economic integration efforts since 2014. Building on a broad range of OECD work streams and leveraging the SEARP’s Regional Policy Networks and Initiatives, the SEARP Ministerial Conference will provide an opportunity for Ministers from Southeast Asia and their OECD peers to discuss policy options for more inclusive development in the ASEAN region.

OBJECTIVES

The SEARP Tokyo Ministerial Conference consists of the OECD Southeast Asia Ministerial Forum on Thursday 8 March and the Steering Group Meeting of the OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme on Friday 9 March.

The Ministerial Forum will bring together Ministers from Southeast Asia and OECD countries to discuss policy challenges and opportunities for achieving inclusive development in Southeast Asia. Under the umbrella theme of “Inclusive ASEAN,” the Ministerial conference will address the issue from two angles, “Inclusiveness through Connectivity” and “Inclusiveness through Participation,” taking into account the particularities of the region. Ministers and policy-makers from Southeast Asia and OECD countries will discuss how Southeast Asia and SEARP have promoted “inclusiveness” in ASEAN, share their experiences, lessons learned, and identify policy areas which need to be strengthened to realise a more inclusive ASEAN Economic Community.

The outcomes of the Ministerial Forum will feed into discussions on the future work programme of SEARP at its Steering Group Meeting the following day. The SEARP Steering Group will acknowledge the achievements of the Programme during the first three years, and then discuss innovations and the way forward for a “Next Phase of SEARP” so to strengthen its contribution to ASEAN’s efforts for “inclusive development.”
SOUTHEAST ASIA MINISTERIAL FORUM  
- Inclusive ASEAN -

Thursday, 8 March 2018
Tokyo Prince Hotel, Japan

08:30-09:30  REGISTRATION

09:30-10:00  OPENING SESSION

Welcoming Remarks

- H.E. Mr Kazuyuki NAKANE, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
- H.E. Dr MARDIASMO, Vice Minister of Finance, Indonesia
- Mr Masamichi KONO, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

10:00-10:20  GROUP PHOTO and COFFEE BREAK

10:20-12:40  INCLUSIVE ASEAN: INCLUSIVENESS THROUGH CONNECTIVITY

In the 2016 Vientiane Declaration on the Adoption of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025, ASEAN leaders recognised that enhancing ASEAN Connectivity would need to continue to benefit all ASEAN Member States through improved physical, institutional and people-to-people linkages that promote greater competitiveness, prosperity, inclusiveness and sense of Community. The ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 also develops its third characteristic “Enhanced Connectivity and Sectoral Cooperation” in line with and support of the vision and goals of this Master Plan. Recognising the significance of enhanced “connectivity” for inclusiveness in the region, this session will draw on the SEARP’s existing work streams to address “ASEAN inclusiveness” with a focus on infrastructure, trade, investment, innovation and good regulatory practice. Drawing on these areas, Ministers and high-level participants as well as heads of partner International Organisations are invited to discuss the policy challenges, opportunities and good practices to support a more “Inclusive ASEAN”.

Moderator

- Mr Masamichi KONO, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

Interventions

- H.E. Dato LIM Jock Hoi, Secretary-General, ASEAN
- H.E. Mr Sok Chenda SOPHEA, Minister attached to the Prime Minister, Secretary General of the Council for the Development, Cambodia
- H.E. Mr Hyun CHO, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Korea
- Mr Andreas SCHAAAL, Director, Global Relations and Mr Dirk PILAT, Deputy Director, Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD
- Professor Hidetoshi NISHIMURA, President, ERIA
- Mr Satoshi MUKUTA, Senior Managing Director, Keidanren / the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC)
- H.E. Mr Christopher SHARROCK, Ambassador to OECD, United Kingdom
### Coffee break

- H.E. Mr Taro KONO, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
- H.E. Mr Saleumxay KOMMASITH, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lao PDR
- H.E. Dr MARDIASMO, Vice Minister of Finance, Indonesia
- H.E. Mr Virasakdi FUTRAKUL, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- H.E. Dr Mohamad MALIKI BIN OSMAN, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- H.E. Mr BUI Thanh Son, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Viet Nam
- Mr Xianbin YAO, Special Senior Advisor to the President, ADB

### Rapporteur
- H.E. Mr Ulrich LEHNER, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD and Chair of OECD’s External Relations Committee, Switzerland

### Open discussions

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In the ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development, ASEAN Member States emphasised the necessity to promote private sector collaboration, develop Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and foster effective capacity building and human development so as to achieve inclusive growth. This framework supports the region’s efforts to implement the **ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025** which aims to develop an *inclusive, resilient, people-oriented and people-centred ASEAN*. Notably the role of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises continue to be a key priority areas as they account for the majority of enterprises in Southeast Asia.

Building on the SEARP’s existing work streams, this session will approach “ASEAN inclusiveness” from the participatory perspective, focusing on SMEs, education/skills and gender. This session will also disseminate the OECD/ASEAN report **“Strengthening Women’s Entrepreneurship in ASEAN: Towards Increasing Women’s Participation in Economic Activity”**.

### Moderator
- H.E. Mr Sihasak PHUANGKETKEOW, Ambassador to France, Thailand

### Interventions
- H.E. Mr Taro KONO, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
- H.E. Dr Mohamad MALIKI BIN OSMAN, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- Datuk Isham ISHAK, Deputy Secretary-General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia
- H.E. Mr Jose Castillo LAUREL V., Ambassador to Japan, Philippines
- Ms Norlela SUHAILEE, Acting Head of Business Advisory and Services, Darussalam Enterprise; Chair, ASEAN Coordinating Committee on MSMEs, Brunei Darussalam
- Mr Masataka FUJITA, Secretary-General, ASEAN-Japan Centre
• Mr Andreas SCHLEICHER, Director, Directorate for Education and Skills; Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary-General, OECD

Video on Inclusive Business
Open discussions
Coffee break

• H.E. Mr Set AUNG, Deputy Minister of Planning and Finance, Myanmar
• H.E. Mr Virasakdi FUTRAKUL, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
• Ms Pacita JUAN, Chair, ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network (AWEN), Philippines
• Ms Mia MIKIC, Director of Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP
• Mr Shoya YOSHIDA, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Asia Pacific

Rapporteur
• Mr Marcos BONTURI, Director, Public Governance, OECD

16:20-16:35 CLOSING SESSION

Closing Remarks
• H.E. Mr Daisaku HIRAKI, Parliamentary Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
• H.E. Dr MARDIASMO, Vice Minister of Finance, Indonesia
• H.E. Mr Hyun CHO, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Korea

18:30-20:00 RECEPTION, hosted by H.E. Mr Taro KONO, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

Venue: Ikura Guest House, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

• Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mr Taro KONO, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

Hand-over ceremony of the SEARP Co-Chairs
• H.E. Mr Taro KONO, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
• H.E. Dr MARDIASMO, Vice Minister of Finance, Indonesia
• H.E. Mr Virasakdi FUTRAKUL, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
• H.E. Mr Hyun CHO, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Korea
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