

DRAFT AGENDA

OECD SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL FORUM *“ENHANCING REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND OPENNESS”*

Wednesday, 25 March 2015
Hotel Borobudur
Jakarta, Indonesia



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BACKGROUND

2015 is a milestone for regional integration in Southeast Asia as the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) comes to fruition under the chairmanship of Malaysia, and the Philippines chairs APEC. While considerable progress has been achieved, important challenges remain for ASEAN to fully realise the benefits of its ambitious AEC objectives.

To support these processes the OECD, through its Southeast Asia Regional Programme, has intensified engagement in support of regional integration. In preparation for the official launch, the OECD organised a Southeast Asia Regional Forum – *Regional Competitiveness for Sustained Growth* – in Bali, Indonesia (March 2014). The official launch of the Programme¹ took place at the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting in May 2014, in the presence of OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzō Abe, and Ministers and high-level representatives from the region.

In 2015, as the ASEAN Economic Community is launched, Malaysia as Chair of ASEAN will focus on pursuing “a People-Centred ASEAN” through the vision *Our People, Our Community, Our Vision*. In support of this focus, this year’s Regional Forum will help to further shape the direction of the OECD Programme by focusing on the regional economic integration process, and managing the opportunities and challenges ahead for the people of ASEAN.

OBJECTIVES OF THE 2015 OECD SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL FORUM

The 2015 OECD Southeast Asia Regional Forum will bring together policy-makers from Southeast Asia and OECD member countries, international and regional organisations, experts and business representatives to explore selected issues related to regional economic integration. This will feed into the AEC and post-2015 agenda and clarify how the policy focus of the Programme can further support this integration process.

The first session presents the findings of the recent OECD *Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India*, putting ASEAN integration into a broader perspective.

In preparation for the launch of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), as well as to support other regional economic integration initiatives such as APEC, the second session discusses the opportunities and challenges of integration, and strategies for best managing the integration process to deliver sustainable growth and development dividends.

Given the high level of ambition of the ASEAN Economic Community, session three focuses on increasing the level and depth of the region’s integration, internally and with the rest of the world, and lessons to be drawn.

Finally, session four on ‘Productivity-enhancing policies supporting regional integration’ discusses country efforts to raise productivity as a prerequisite for fully realising the benefits of integration and addressing the long-term structural challenges of the economy as discussed in Session 1. This discussion includes both economy-wide and targeted “productivity enhancing policies”, focusing on the opportunity for greater regional dialogue and improved processes and institutions for policy-making.

¹ The Southeast Asia Regional Programme operates through six Regional Policy Networks (RPNs) focusing on taxation, good regulatory practices, investment policy and promotion, education and skills development, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and public-private partnerships (PPPs) for infrastructure development. Initiatives on trade, innovation, gender and Economic Outlook complement these efforts.

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08:30 - 08:45 REGISTRATION

08:45 – 09:45 OPENING SESSION

Welcoming remarks by

- **H.E. Dr. Bambang BRODJONEGORO**, Minister of Finance, Indonesia
- **H.E. Mr. Angel GURRÍA**, Secretary-General, OECD
- **H.E. Dr. LIM Hong Hin**, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN
- **H.E. Kentaro SONOURA**, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

09:45 – 11:15

SESSION 1: MACROECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES AND KEY STRUCTURAL POLICY CHALLENGES IN ASEAN: POST-2015 AGENDA

This session will centre on the outlook for the Southeast Asian economies and the macroeconomic and medium-term structural policy challenges they face. Regional growth prospects look favourable overall (growth will average 5.6% in 2015-19, according to the Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2015), but external and domestic risks remain. In addition, growth depends on the success of key regional initiatives and further acceleration towards ASEAN Economic Community goals is essential. The Southeast Asia Regional Programme could play a key role through its regional policy networks (covering regulatory policies, infrastructure/PPP, SME policies, education, taxation, and investment) and its initiatives (on gender, innovation, trade, and Economic Outlook). The session will consider the results of the Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India, started in 2010. The 2016 edition will focus on regional integration.

Moderator: Mr. Juda AGUNG, Executive Director, Economic and Monetary Policy Department, Bank Indonesia

Presentation: Mr. Kensuke TANAKA, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre

Panellists:

- **Mr. Anthony TAN**, Senior Economist, ASEAN +3 Macroeconomic Research Office-(AMRO)
- **Mr. Phongpob METHAKULLAWAT**, Senior Officer, ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO)

Open discussion

Rapporteur: H.E. Mr. Hans-Juergen HEIMSOETH, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Germany to the OECD

11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

This session will focus on realising a “People-Centred ASEAN”, maximising the opportunities and managing the challenges of the ASEAN Economic Community for countries and their citizens. The focus will be on domestic reforms and the regional support mechanisms developed to achieve them. Participants will share their perspectives on how reforms in core Southeast Asia Regional Programme policy areas like education, SME policy, good regulatory practices, innovation and gender contribute to the regional integration process, to achieving deeper integration and a sustainable and people-centred growth dividend.

Moderator: Dato’ Charon MOKHZANI, Managing Director, Khazanah Research Institute, Malaysia

Panellists :

- **Dr. Parjiono CIPTOWIDARTO**, Director for Regional Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia
- **Dato’ Abdul Latif Hj. ABU SEMAN**, Deputy Director General, Malaysia Productivity Corporation, Malaysia
- **Ms. Myung-Sook JUN**, Delegate of Korea to the OECD LEED Committee and Professor, Chonnam National University
- **Dr. Yuri SATO**, Chief Senior Researcher, IDE-JETRO, Japan

Discussants:

- **Mr. Anangga W. ROOSDIONO**, Managing Partner of Roosdiono & Partners and ASEAN-BAC Member Indonesia
- **Mr. Kyi MYINT**, Deputy Director, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar
- **Dr. Heru KASIDI**, Deputy, Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia

Open discussion

Rapporteur: H.E. Ms. Maria Francesca SPATOLISANO, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the European Union to the OECD

The Southeast Asian ASEAN countries are together the fourth-largest exporting region in the world, accounting for 7% of global exports, and sitting at the crossroads of a substantial portion of global trade and investment flows. In its relations with the rest of the world, ASEAN pursues a model of “open regionalism” and has a long history of economic activity and official dialogue with non-members. Mechanisms include liberalisation efforts within ASEAN, as well as ASEAN+3, ASEAN+6, APEC, and a range of free trade agreements. Substantial political, regulatory, and cultural barriers to trade and investment remain, however. Good policies on trade, investment, infrastructure development and taxation – all covered by the Southeast Asia Regional Programme – can support achieving higher levels of integration. The session will include a report-back from the Business Network Meeting on March 23, bringing together executives and business associations from ASEAN and OECD.

Moderator: Mr. Marcos BONTURI, Director, Global Relations, OECD

Panellists:

- **Mr. Chutintorn GONGSAKDI**, Director-General, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- **Mr. Phil O'REILLY**, Chairman, OECD Business and Industry Advisory Council
- **Mr. Takeshi FUJIMOTO**, Director, International Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

Discussants:

- **Mr. WONG Chow Ming**, Director-General, International Economics Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore
- **Mr. Jay SANGANI**, Director, Investment and OECD, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- **Ms. Alison KENNEDY**, Managing Director ASEAN, Accenture Strategy

Open discussion

Rapporteur: H.E. Ms. Stephanie LEE, Ambassador of New Zealand to ASEAN

16:00 – 16:15

COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:45

SESSION 4: PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCING POLICIES SUPPORTING REGIONAL INTEGRATION

Inspired by the success of East Asia over the past decades, various Southeast Asian countries have developed a range of different policies to increase productivity, in particular by improving the structure of their national economies to reap the benefits of the ASEAN Economic Community and other opportunities. These policies, many of which fall under the remit of the Regional Policy Networks and Initiatives of the OECD-Southeast Asia Regional Programme, range from improved framework conditions both generally and for specific industry sectors, over support for research and development, to guarantees and financing. Recent research has sparked renewed interest in setting up the processes and institutions able to ensure that any policies target specific market failures efficiently, carefully calibrated and independently monitored to avoid negative effects on overall market openness and contestability. This session features experiences from the region, discusses emerging good policy practices, and highlights how the Southeast Asia Regional Programme is supporting these efforts.

Moderator: Mr. Deny Wachyudi KURNIA, Senior Director for APEC and International Organisations, Ministry of Trade, Indonesia.

Panelists:

- **Professor Mike WOODS**, Senior expert on productivity, OECD
- **Mrs. Pattama TEANRAVISITSAGOOL**, Senior Advisor, Office of National Economic and Social Development, Thailand

Discussants:

- **Ms. Amelita CASTILLO**, Assistant Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, Philippines
- **Dato' Charon MOKHZANI**, Managing Director, Khazanah Research Institute, Malaysia

- **Mr. Visal LIM**, Assistant to the Minister / Secretary General of the Council for the Development of Cambodia, Cambodia
- **Dr. NGUYEN Tu Anh**, Deputy Director of Macroeconomic Policy Department, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), Vietnam
- **Professor Salvatore ZECCHINI**, Chair of the OECD Working Party on SMEs, Italy
- **Mr. Dionisius NARJOKO**, Senior Researcher, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Rapporteur: Professor Hidetoshi NISHIMURA, Executive Director, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Open discussion

17:45 - 18:00 CLOSING SESSION

Closing remarks by:

- **H.E. Paulo Vizeu PINHEIRO**, Ambassador of Portugal to the OECD
- **H.E. Dr. MARDIASMO**, Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia (TBC)

19:00 DINNER

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