



**ASEM CONFERENCE ON
PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN ASIA AND EUROPE**
(*Nha Trang, 16 – 17 May 2019*)
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1

Morning/Afternoon Arrival of Delegates

19.30 – 21.00 Welcoming dinner hosted by ASEM SOM Leader for Viet Nam

Day 2

08.00 – 08.30 Registration

08.30 – 09.20 OPENING CEREMONY

- Welcoming Remarks by Leader of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam (tbc)
- Opening Remarks by Leader of the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Viet Nam (tbc)
- Remarks by H.E. Mdm. Amina Jane Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, the United Nations (tbc)
- Keynote Address by Leader of the Government of Viet Nam (tbc)

09.20 – 09.30 Photo Session

09.30 - 09.45 Coffee break

09.45 - 11.30 PLENARY SESSION I

UNLOCKING THE GLOBAL INCLUSIVE GROWTH STORY OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Guest Speaker: **Mr. Justin Wood**, Head of Regional Agenda – Asia Pacific, Executive Committee Member, World Economic Forum (tbc)

Suggested topics:

- **Inclusive Growth: Putting Principles Into Practice**
- **Social Inclusion and the 2030 Agenda**
- **The Future of Digital Society**
- **Making Growth Inclusive: Challenges and Opportunities**
- **Achieving Inclusive Growth in the Fourth Industrial Revolution**
- **Reinvigorating Trade and Inclusive Growth**
- **Development Planning and Inclusive, Sustainable Growth**
- **The Social Policy Agenda: From Active Inclusion to Social Investment**

11.00 – 11.30 Discussion

11.30 – 13.00 Luncheon

13:00 – 15:00 PLENARY SESSION II

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: ASIA AND EUROPE STORIES

Guest Speaker: **Mr. Alexander Bohmer**, Head of Division, South East Asia, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (tbc)

Suggested topics:

- **Social Connectedness and Poverty Eradication**
- **Social Inclusion and Policy-making in Europe**
- **Inclusionary Policies in Developing Countries**
- **Making Inclusive Education Work in**
- **The Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Economy**
- **Women and Economic Inclusion**
- **Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Planning**
- **Innovation for Inclusive Growth**
- **Inclusive Growth and Competitiveness in Europe**

14.30 – 15.00

Discussion

15.00 – 15.15

Coffee break

15.15 – 17.00

PLENARY SESSION III

ACHIEVING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN A DIGITALISED WORLD: POLICIES AND ACTIONS

Guest Speaker: **H.E. Mr. Kung Phoak**, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio – Cultural Community, ASEAN (tbc)

Suggested topics:

- **Business Action on Economic and Social Inclusion: the Entrepreneurial Approach**
- **Women as Driver of Growth and Social Inclusion**
- **Pro-poor and Inclusive Growth: the Role of Governance/ *Human Resource development in the Digital Age***

Mr. Khemdeth Sihavong, Deputy Director General of the Department of Foreign Trade Policy, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR

- **Improving Social Inclusion at the Local Level**
- **Employment – Activation Policies as a Tool for Social Inclusion**
- **Social Inclusion of Young People**

Mr. Richard Tan, Senior Director, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore

16.30 – 17.00

Discussion

18.30 – 21.00

Gala Dinner

Participants: All Delegates. Transportation to be provided

Day 3

08.30 – 10.15

PLENARY SESSION IV

ADVANCING ASIA AND EUROPE PARTNERSHIP ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

08.30 – 09.50

Chairs: **Romania, Viet Nam** (Romania – Mr. Radu Safya, Director General of the Globalisation Department)

Guest Speaker: **Mr. Neven Mimica**, Commissioner of International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (tbc)

Suggested topics:

- **Designing a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All**
Dr. Nick Chrisholm, Director, Centre for Global Development, University College Cork, Ireland
- **Advancing Asia – Europe Partnership Towards Sustainable, Resilient and Inclusive Societies**
- **A New Age of Collaboration to Advance Inclusion in ASEM – Ways Forward**

- **Asia and Europe Shared Responsibility for Inclusive Growth**
- **Regional and Sub-regional Cooperation on Social Inclusion**

09.50 – 10.15

Discussion

10.15 – 10.30

Coffee break

10.30 – 11.00

ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED ASEM BEST PRACTICES ON PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN ASIA AND EUROPE

11.00 – 11.30

CLOSING SESSION

- **Closing Remarks by Leader of the Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam (tbc)**

11.30 – 13.00

Luncheon

14.00 – 17.00

Field trip

Transportation and refreshment will be provided

Day 4

Departure of Delegates
