



**ASEM HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT
AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

(InterContinental Ha Noi Landmark72 Hotel, Ha Noi, Viet Nam, 12 - 13 October 2020)

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Monday, 5 October

13.00 – 13.30 Technical Testing Session

13.30 – 14.00 Registration

14.00 – 14.30 OPENING SESSION

- Remarks by the Host of the 13th ASEM Summit – H.E. Dr. Sok Siphana, ASEM Senior Official for Cambodia (tbc)
- Remarks by Ms. Caitlin Wiesen, Country Director, UNDP Viet Nam (tbc)
- Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. Bui Thanh Son, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam (tbc)

14.30 – 15.30 SESSION I

EMPOWERING WOMEN IN THE DIGITAL AGE AND THROUGHOUT COVID-19

14.30 – 15.15 Chair: (Australia - tbc)

Speakers:

- **Women's Economic Empowerment in the Digital Economy – Navigating Enablers and Constraints** (Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP - tbc)
- **In a World with COVID-19, Women's Economic Empowerment Matters More than Ever: Why and How?** (Ms. Carolyn Turk, Country Director for Viet Nam, World Bank - tbc)
- **Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action – New Perspectives in the Digital Era** (China - tbc)
- **Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on Women – Ensuring Women's Empowerment at the Core of Inclusive Growth** (Germany - tbc)

15.15 – 15.30 Discussion

15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 16.45 SESSION II

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION: ASIA AND EUROPE STORIES

15.45 – 16.30 Chair: (Finland - tbc)

Speakers:

- **Digital Financial Services and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Leaving No Woman Behind** (Ms. Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director, OECD - tbc)
- **Bridging the Digital Gender Divide: from National Practices to Global**

Efforts (*Indonesia - tbc*)

- **Overcoming Systemic Barriers Against Women's Participation in the Digital Economy** (*Norway - tbc*)
- **Ensuring Women's Representation in COVID-19 Policy-making and Post COVID-19 Socio-Economic Recovery** (*Japan - tbc*)

16.30 – 16.45 Discussion

Tuesday, 6 October

14.30 – 15.45

SESSION III

EMPOWERED WOMEN, EMPOWERED FUTURE – ADVANCING ASIA - EUROPE PARTNERSHIP

14.30 – 15.30

Chair: Viet Nam

Speakers:

- **Strengthening Cooperation between Asia and Europe to Enhance Women's Economic Empowerment in the COVID-19 Response** (*H.E. Amb. Giorgio Aliberti, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Viet Nam - tbc*)
- **Promoting Inclusive and Gender-Responsive Digital Governance** (*Denmark - tbc*)
- **ASEAN's Commitment to Empowering All Women towards a People-Oriented, People-Centred ASEAN Community** (*Representative from the ASEAN Committee on Women, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Viet Nam - tbc*)
- **Women's Economic Empowerment – Driving Growth in Asia and Europe** (*Italy - tbc*)
- **Economic Empowerment of Youth and Women in the Digital Age – A Call to Action** (*Dr. Yannick Bineau, Director, Governance & Economy Department, ASEF - tbc*)

15.30 – 15.45 Discussion

15.45 – 16.15

ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

Chair: Viet Nam

16.15 – 16.30

CLOSING SESSION

Closing Remarks by ASEM Senior Official for Viet Nam

**Kindly note that this programme is in Viet Nam time, GMT+7*
