



AUSTRALIA-ASEAN
BUSINESS FORUM

2026 AUSTRALIA-ASEAN BUSINESS FORUM

Deepening Australia-ASEAN Economic Integration in a Changing Global Landscape

When:
29th – 30th
September 2026

Where:
Adelaide
Convention Centre

- Energy Security and Energy Transition
- Digital Economy, AI and Innovation
- Food Security and Agribusiness
- Human Capital and Future Workforce
- Trade and Investment
- Australia-ASEAN Economic Integration

29th September 2026 – DAY ONE

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration & Networking Coffee**

09:00 - 09:45 **Opening Ceremony / Official Opening Keynote remarks**

- Mr. Francis Wong OAM, Chairman- Australia-ASEAN Business Forum
- The Rt Hon Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM, Lord Mayor- City of Adelaide
- Hon. Mr. Chris Picton MP, Minister for State Development, Government of South Australia
- H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN

09:45 - 10:30 **The Future of the Australia-ASEAN Economic Partnership in a Changing Global Landscape.**

Keynote Speakers:

- Mr. Joey Concepcion, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council
- Mr. Bran Black, CEO- Business Council of Australia
- H.E. Nooraslana Sallehuddin, Chair, ASEAN Committee Canberra / Brunei's High Commission to Australia

10:30 - 10:45 **Presentation by Mr Earp Chaowaphat Siriphatrawan, Owner/CEO Amora Hotels and Resorts**

10:45 - 11:00 **Networking Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Investing in ASEAN opportunities for the Next Decade**

Keynote Speakers:

- H.E. Milena Rangel, Vice Minister Foreign Affairs & Cooperation of ASEAN- Timor Leste
- Datin Tutiaty Abdul Wahab, Deputy Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry, Brunei
- H.E. Phonevanh Outhavong, Deputy Minister, Investment Promotion Management Committee, Laos
- H.E Oum Kosal, Undersecretary State of Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia

12:00 - 12:15 **Unlocking the Next Decade: Driving Trade, Investment and Innovation Between Australia and ASEAN.**

Keynote Speech- Hon. Anoulack Chanthivong MP, Minister for Industry and Trade / Minister for innovation, Science and Technology -NSW.

12:15 - 13:15 **Networking Lunch break**

13:15 - 14:15 **Developing Future Talent: Skills, Education and Workforce Mobility**

Moderator: Ms. Lori Hocking, Pro Vice Chancellor, Global Partnership, Adelaide University- Australia

Panellists:

- Mr. Innes Willox, CEO, Australian Industry Group
- Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski AM, Former Australian Ambassador to Vietnam/Malaysia
- Dr. Mai Nguyen, Deputy Director, Vietnam Policy Studies, The Australian National University
- H.E. Mr. Antonio A. Morales, Philippines Ambassador to Australia
- Ms. Sharon Morris, Group Regional Head-World Commerce and Contracting

NOTE: Presenters are subject to changes, and we will update if it occurs.



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14:30 - 15:30

Food Security, Agritech and Sustainable Agriculture

Moderator: Ms. Tori Dixon-Whittle, CEO, FoodSA- South Australia

Panellists:

- Mr. Brandon Reynolds, CEO, The Yoghurt Shop-Australia
- Mr. John Geber, Owner, Chateau Tanunda- Barossa
- Mr. Andrew Turner, Director, CPF Australia
- Ms. Anh Vo, Independent Board of Member, AgriS- Vietnam

15:15 - 15:45

Networking Break

15:45 - 16:45

Mobilising Investment Across Australia and ASEAN

Moderator: Mr. Grant Kelley, Executive Chairman, Holdfast Group- Australia

Panellists:

- Mr. Simon Birmingham, CEO, Australian Banking Association.
- Mr. Stephen Charles St Baker, Director, St Baker Capital Partners
- H.E. Arjaree Sriratanaban, Thailand's Ambassador to Australia
- Mr Narej Farik, Chief Development Officer- Amora Hotels and Resorts

30th September 2026 – DAY TWO

09:00 - 09:40

Australia-ASEAN Energy Leadership Dialogue

Opening Address:

- H.E. Dr Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN
- Hon. Tom Koutsantonis MP, Treasurer/ Minister for Energy and Mining, South Australia
- Mr. Robert Walker, Research Fellow – Indo Pacific Development Centre, Lowy Institute

09:40 - 10:45

Strengthening Australia-ASEAN Energy Security

Moderator: Mr. Martin Haese, Special Envoy, Singapore & SEA, Trade/Investment/ Premier's Climate Change Council

Panellists:

- Ms. Tracey Winters, Chief Strategy Officer, Santos Ltd
- Mr. Wooi Leong Tan, Senior Executive Director Energy, Surbana Jurong-Singapore
- Mr. Warren Harris, Director Decarbonisation & Green Product Delivery-Fortescue
- Ms. Stephanie Duran, Deputy CEO, Asia Gas and Energy Association- Singapore

10:45- 11:00

Keynote Speech - Mr. Rashpal Singh Bhatti- Group Procurement Officer-BHP

11:00 - 12:00

Accelerating the Energy Transition and Critical Minerals Partnership

Moderator: Ms. Joanna Kay, Program Director- Superpower Institute, Australia

Panellists:

- Hon. Lawrence Ben MP, Asst. Minister for Critical Minerals- South Australia
- Mr. Paul Williams, APAC Resources Lead, ARUP
- H.E. Siswo Pramono, Indonesia's Ambassador to Australia
- Mr. Chris Faris, Chief Operating Officer- Australian Renewal Energy Agency

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch Break

13:00 – 13:15

Fireside Chat:

- Mr. Mikko Tepponen, Chief Digital AI Officer, BHP,
- Prof. Anna Ma-Wyatt, Innovation Chair, Humanitix-Machine Teaming, Australian Defence Technologies Academy

13:15-14:00

Harnessing Artificial Intelligence to drive the Australia-ASEAN innovation Economy

Moderator: H.E. Anil Kumar Nayar, Singapore's High Commissioner to Australia

Panellists:

- Dr. Katrina Sanders, Chief Medical Officer/ Digital Health Leader- Aspen Medical
- Dr. Phuong Nguyen, CEO, Vietnamobile- Vietnam
- Mr. James Oldham, Founder & CEO, Sentry AI- New Zealand
- Mr. Chris Patten, Associate Vice President, Capital Solutions Strategy-AirTrunk



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14:00 - 14:45	Driving Trade, Investment and Connectivity Across Australia and ASEAN. Moderator: Mr Andrew Kay, CEO, South Australian Business Chamber Panellists: • Mr Adrian Teaha, Chair, South Australian Freight Council • Mr. Daniel Leong, Acting CEO, Brunei Economic Development Board • Mr. Jonathan Cheong, Head of Aviation Business Development & Commercial- Adelaide Airport • Mr. Rafael Toda, President, Australia-Philippines Business Council
14:45 - 15:00	ASEAN Survey 2025 Report- Presentation • Mr. Layton Pike, Vice President, International- RMIT University
15:00 - 15:15	Coffee break
15:15 - 16:15	Doing Business in ASEAN: Culture, Leadership and Market Success. Moderator: Ms, Shirley Ng, General Manager, International Competitiveness- Australian Industry Group Panellists: • Mr. James Scullin, Director Program- Asia Society Australias • Ms. Michelle Lim, Founder/Principal- Michelle Lim Strategic Advisory • Ms. Lydia Santoso, National Vice President, Australia Indonesia Business Council • Ms. Jhaiyasree Walaidam, Director, Malaysia Investment Development Authority
16:15 - 16:30	Closing Remarks Mr. Francis Wong OAM, Chairman Australia-ASEAN Business Forum

Gala Dinner Time: 19:00 Dress Code: Black Tie	
19:00 – 19:30	Pre-Dinner Drinks/Networking
19:30 – 19:35	Entrée Served
19:35 – 19:40	Mr. Francis Wong OAM, Chairman – Australia ASEAN business Forum
19:40 – 19:55	Hon. Chris Picton MP, Minister for State Development-SA
19:55 – 20:05	H.E. Dr Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN
20:05 – 20:35	Mains served/Networking
20:35 – 20:45	Mr Joey Concepcion, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council
20:45 – 21:00	ASEAN Heads Of Mission Group Photo
21:00 – 22:00	Desserts served/Networking
20:00	Dinner Concludes



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ASEAN Heads of Mission

H.E. NOORASLENA SALLEHUDDIN
Brunei's High Commissioner to Australia

H.E. NOM PIETH
Cambodia's Ambassador to Australia

H.E. SISWO PRAMONO
Indonesia's Ambassador to Australia

H.E. CHATOULONG BOUASISAVATH
Laos Ambassador to Australia

H.E. SHARRINA ABDULLAH
Malaysia's High Commissioner to Australia

Mrs. MYAT THUZAR THAN
Myanmar's Charge d'Affaires to Australia

H.E. ANTONIO A. MORALES
Philippines' Ambassador to Australia

H.E. ANIL KUMAR NAYAR
Singapore's High Commissioner to Australia

H.E. INES ALMEIDA
Timor-Leste's Ambassador to Australia

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