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2026 AUSTRALIA-ASEAN BUSINESS FORUM

Advancing ASEAN Sustainability Agenda

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 Jane Lomax-Smith Lord Mayor- City of Adelaide • Hon. Mr. Chris Picton MP, Minister for State Development, South Australia • H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN
09:45 - 10:45	The Future of the Australia-ASEAN Economic Partnership in a Changing Global Landscaper. Keynote Speakers: • Mr. Joey Concepcion, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council- Philippines • Mr. Bran Black, CEO- Business Council of Australia • Ms. Shinta Kamdani, CEO- Sintesa Group - Indonesia • H.E. Noorastena Sallehuddin, Chair, ASEAN Committee Canberra / Brunei's High Commission to Australia
10:45 - 11:15	Networking Break
11:15 - 12:00	Investing in ASEAN opportunities for the Next Decade Keynote Speakers: Hon Datin Tutiaty Abdul Wahab, Deputy Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry, Brunei • H.E. Milena Rangel, Vice Minister Foreign Affairs & Cooperation of ASEAN- Timor Leste • Ms. Leidy Surianingrat, Director, Indonesia Investment Promotion Centre, Australia • Ms. Jhaiyasree Walaidam, Director, Malaysia Investment Development Authority • H.E. Mr. Hung Tam Pham, Vietnam's Ambassador to Australia
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.
12:30 - 13:30	Networking Lunch break
13:30 - 14:30	Developing Future Talent: Skills, Education and Workforce Mobility Keynote Speaker: Prof. Lori Hocking, Pro Vice Chancellor, Global Partnership, Adelaide University- Australia Panellists: • Mr. Innes Willox, CEO, Australian Industry Group • Prof. Mai Nguyen, Research Fellow- Crawford School of Public Policy • H.E. Mr. Antonio A. Morales, Philippines Ambassador to Australia • Ms. Sharon Morris, Group Regional Head-World Commerce and Contracting



29th September 2026 – DAY ONE – Forum Program Continued...

14:30 - 15:30

Food Security, Agritech and Sustainable Agriculture

Fireside Chat: Ms. Omi Dang, Chairlady, AgriS Vietnam with Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski AM, former Australian Ambassador to Vietnam & Malaysia

Panellists:

- Mr. Brandon Reynolds, CEO, The Yoghurt Shop-Australia
- H.E. Arjaree Sriratanaban, Thailand's Ambassador to Australia
- Ms. Audra Morrice, Chef, Author, TV Presenter, Tourism Consultant
- Mr. John Geber, Owner, Chateau Tanunda- Barossa

15:30 - 16:00

Networking Break

16:00 - 17:00

Mobilising Investment Across Australia and ASEAN

Keynote speaker: Mr. Simon Birmingham, CEO, Australian Banking Association.

Panellists: Five leading Australia ASEAN business leaders

17:30

Day One (concluded)

30th September 2026 – DAY TWO

09:00 - 09:30

Australia-ASEAN Energy Leadership Dialogue

Opening Address:

- H.E. Dr Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN

09:30 - 10:30

Strengthening Australia-ASEAN Energy Security

- Mr. Kevin Gallagher, CEO, Santos Ltd- Australia
- Mr. Wooi Leong Tan, Senior Executive Director Energy, Surbana Jurong-Singapore
- Mr. Harri Kiiski, CEO Brunei Fertilizer Industries- Brunei
- Ms. Stephanie Duran, Deputy CEO, Asia Gas and Energy Association- Singapore
- Mr. Paul Williams, APAC Resources Leader- ARUP

10:30 - 11:00

Networking Break

11:00 - 12:00

Accelerating the Energy Transition and Critical Minerals Partnership

Keynote speaker: Mr. Rasphal Singh Bhatti, Group Procurement Officer- BHP

Panellists:

- Hon. Lawrence Ben MP, Asst. Minister for Critical Minerals- South Australia
- Mr. Martin Haese, Premier's Climate Change Council- South Australia
- H.E. Siswo Pramono, Indonesia's Ambassador to Australia
- Ms. Joanna Kay, Program Director- Superpower Institute, Australia
- Mr. Chris Faris, Chief Operating Officer- Australia Renewal Energy Agency

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch Break

13:00 - 14:00

Harnessing Artificial Intelligence to drive the Australia-ASEAN innovation Economy

Fireside Chat: Mr. Mikko Tepponen, Chief Digital AI Officer- BHP

Panellists:

- H.E. Anil Kumar Nayar, Singapore's High Commissioner to Aus/NZ
- Dr. Katrina Sanders, Chief Medical Officer/ Digital Health Leader- Aspen Medical
- Ms. Van Dang Thanh, CEO- Savvycom, Vietnam



30th September 2026 – DAY TWO – Forum Program Continued...

14:00 - 14:45	Driving Trade, Investment and Connectivity Across Australia and ASEAN. Panellists: • Dr. Sompasong Phommasane, Asst Group Chairman, Dalachalern Petroleum Sole Co Ltd- Laos • 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 - 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 - 16:15	Doing Business in ASEAN: Culture, Leadership and Market Success. Panellist: • Mr. James Scullin, Director Program- Asia Society Australia • Ms. Michelle Lim, Founder/Principal- Michelle Lim Strategic Advisory • Ms. Lydia Santoso, Chair- Australia Indonesia Institute • H.E. Mr. Nom Piseth, Cambodia's Ambassador to Australia
16:15 - 17:00	Beyond ASEAN: Leverage RCEP for Regional Growth Keynote speaker: H.E. Dr. Sok Siphana, Senior Minister-Multicultural Trade and Economic Affairs- Cambodia Panellists: Five prominent leaders from RCEP countries.
17:00 - 17:15	Closing Remarks
19:00 - 22:00	Gala Dinner

Gala Dinner Agenda

19:00 - 19:30	Arrival of guests
19:30 - 19:35	Welcome speech by Mr Francis Wong OAM, OSJ - Chairman, Australia-ASEAN Business Forum
19:35 - 20:30	TBA
20:30 - 20:40	TBA
20:40 - 21:30	TBA
21:30 - 22:00	TBA
22:00 - 22:30	TBA
20:30	Dinner concludes



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