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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
- Human Capital and Future Workforce
- Digital Economy, AI and Innovation
- Trade and Investment
- Food Security and Agribusiness
- 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- Philippines • Mr. Bran Black, CEO- Business Council of Australia • H.E. Nooraslena 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, Thailand
10:45 - 11:00	Networking Break
11:00 - 12:00	Investing in ASEAN opportunities for the Next Decade • 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
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 Goleczinski 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.



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

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 Worldwide, Thailand
- Ms. Anh Vo, Independent Board of Director, 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. Sayakane Sisouvang, Former Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN
- H.E. Arjaree Sriratanaban, Thailand's Ambassador to Australia
- Mr Narej Farik, Chief Development Officer- Amora Hotels and Resorts-Thailand

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
- Mr Rashpal Singh Bhatti- Group Procurement Officer-BHP
- Hon. Tom Koutsatonis MP, Treasurer/ Minister for Energy and Mining, South Australia

09:40 - 10:40

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. Harri Kiiski, CEO Brunei Fertilizer Industries- Brunei
- Ms. Stephanie Duran, Deputy CEO, Asia Gas and Energy Association- Singapore

10:40 - 11:00

Networking Break

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- Australia Renewal Energy Agency

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch Break

13:00 - 13:15

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

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 Daniel Fitzpatrick- Senior Director, Corporate-AirTrunk



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

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, SA Freight Council-Australia
- 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:

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. Leidy Surianingrat, Director, Indonesia Investment Promotion Centre, Australia
- Ms. Jhaiyasree Walaidam, Director, Malaysia Investment Development Authority
- Ms, Shirley Ng, General Manager, International Competitiveness- Australian Industry Group

16:15 - 16:30

Beyond ASEAN: Leverage RCEP for Regional Growth

Keynote speaker: H.E. Dr. Sok Siphana, Senior Minister-Multicultural Trade and Economic Affairs- Cambodia

16:30 - 16:45

Closing Remarks

H.E. Anil Kumar Nayar- Singapore's High Commissioner to Australia

19:00 - 22:00

Gala Dinner

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Time: 19:00
Dress Code: Black Tie



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