



# 2025 AUSTRALIA ASEAN BUSINESS FORUM

## Advancing ASEAN Sustainability Agenda

When:  
**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 2025**

Where:  
**Adelaide**  
**Convention Centre**

- Renewal Energy & Green Economy
- Agriculture & Food Security
- Digital Transformation & Artificial Intelligence
- Human Capital & Skill Development
- Empowerment SME/MSME
- Trade and Investment

### 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – DAY ONE

<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Welcome Forum Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Francis Wong OAM, Chairman, Australia-ASEAN Business Forum</li></ul>
<b>8:40am</b>	<b>Official Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hon Joe Szakacs MP - Minister for Trade and Investment, South Australia</li><li>• H.E. Arjaree Sriratanaban- Thailand's Ambassador to Australia</li><li>• Mr. Bran Black- CEO, Business Council of Australia</li><li>• Mr. Andrew McKellar- CEO, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li></ul>
<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Keynote Speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hon Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN</li></ul>
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Malaysia-ASEAN Chairmanship Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tan Sri Nazir Razak- Chairman, ASEAN-BAC Malaysia</li></ul>
<b>9:45am</b>	<b>Strengthening ASEAN-Australia Engagement for a Shared Future</b> <i>Chair:</i> H.E. Siswo Pramono- Indonesia's Ambassador to Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Shinta W. Kamdani- CEO, Sintesa Group- Indonesia</li><li>• Mr. Jay L. Lingeswara- Vice President, Commercial, Vietjet Air- Vietnam</li><li>• Mr. Kok Ping Soon- CEO, Singapore Business Federation</li><li>• Ms. Jukhee Hong- Executive Director, ASEAN BAC- Malaysia</li><li>• Mr. Daniel Leong- Act. CEO, Brunei Economic Development Board</li><li>• Mr. Duy The Nguyen- Deputy CEO/Vice Chairman, Becamex IDC- Vietnam</li></ul>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Championing ASEAN: Australian Business Leaders Driving Regional Engagement</b> <i>Chair:</i> Mr. Andrew Golezdzinowski- former Australian Ambassador to Vietnam / Malaysia <i>Keynote Speaker:</i> Mr. Rashpal Singh Bhatti- Group Procurement Officer, BHP <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. Louise Adams- CEO Aurecon Group</li><li>• Ms. Sascha Detmold Cox - CEO Detmold Group-Australia</li><li>• Mr. John Hopkins- CEO, Export Finance of Australia</li><li>• Prof. Jessica Gallagher- Deputy Vice-Chancellor, International &amp; External Engagement- Adelaide University</li></ul>



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<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b> <i>Sponsored by BHP</i>
<b>1:00pm</b>	<p><b>Accelerating the Green Economy: Pathways to Decarbonisation</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Martin Haese- SA Special Envoy for Singapore/Southeast Asia / Chairman-South Australia Premier Climate Change Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Cathryn McArthur- Executive General Manager, Customer &amp; Strategy, AGIG, Australia</li> <li>• Mr. Chana Poomee- Chief Sustainability Officer, SCG -Thailand</li> <li>• Mr. Sech Zabaleta- Executive Chairman, ACEN Australia</li> <li>• Mr. Low Kian Min- Chief Renewables Officer, Gentari -Malaysia</li> <li>• Hon. Robyn Cahill OAM- Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations -NT</li> <li>• Ms. Kate West- Chief Officer, Business &amp; Markets, APAC- Arup</li> </ul>
<b>1:45pm</b>	<p><b>Keynote Speakers</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Philipp Ivanov- Founder &amp; CEO of GRASP</p> <p><i>Keynote Speaker:</i> H.E. Ms Milena Rangel- Deputy Foreign Minister of Timor-Leste</p>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<p><b>Doing Business in ASEAN: A Practical Guide to Market Entry and Expansion</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Leigh Howard, CEO, Asialink Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Rafael Toda-President, Australia Philippines Business Council</li> <li>• Mr. Caesar Loong- Chairman, Malaysia Australia Business Council</li> <li>• Mr. Simon White- President, Australia Vietnam Business Council- QLD</li> <li>• Mr. Kok Ping Soon- CEO, Singapore Business Federation</li> <li>• Mr. Joe Fussell- President, Australia Thailand Business Council</li> <li>• Ms. Jennifer Mathews- National President, Australia Indonesia Business Council</li> </ul>
<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<p><b>Innovating Agriculture: Advancing Food Security through Science and Technology</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Dr. Michele Allan AO, Chair, Wine Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Visit Limlurcha- Vice-Chairman, Thai Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>• Mr. Andrew Fielke- Founder, Creative Native Foods- Australia</li> <li>• Mr. William Taing- Director, Beanstalk Agtech, Australia</li> <li>• Ms. Omi Dang- Chairlady, AgriS- Vietnam</li> <li>• Dr. Nur Rahman- Australia's Business Champion for Brunei</li> <li>• H.E. Ms Cheryl M.N. Caballero, Undersecretary for Agriculture- Philippines</li> </ul>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<p><b>Harnessing AI, Cyber Resilience, and Innovation</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Ms. Erika Ly- Manager, International- Tech Council of Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Aini Suzana Ariffin- Prof. Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics- Malaysia</li> <li>• Mr. Allan Jorgensen- Head, Centre for Responsible Business Conduct-OECD, Paris</li> <li>• Mr. Venu Annam- CEO, Cyber Governance, Australia</li> <li>• Ms. Hayley Winchcombe- Engagement Manager, Mandala Economics</li> <li>• Mr. Thanongsinh Kanlagna- President, ICT Commerce Association, Laos</li> <li>• Mr. Jamie Lindsay- Vice President, Technology- DTEX Systems</li> </ul>
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Day 1 Concludes</b>



**27<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – DAY TWO**

8:30am	<p><b>Keynote Address:</b> <b>Strengthening Prosperity: ASEAN’s Role in integrating RCEP for Australia’s Deeper Engagement with Asia</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Simon Birmingham- CEO, Australian Banking Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Dr. Sok Siphana- Senior Minister Special Missions- Multilateral Trade and Economic Affairs-Cambodia</li> <li>• Mr. Joo-Ok Lee- Head, Regional Agenda, Asia Pacific- World Economic Forum, France</li> <li>• Prof Xiang Bing- Founding Dean, Cheung Kong Graduate School Business</li> <li>• Mr. David Olsson AM - National President, Australia China Business Council</li> <li>• Prof. Siah Hwee Ang- President, Wellington Chamber of Commerce, New Zealand</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Furuya Tokuro, Japan’s Consul General to Australia</li> </ul>
9:30am	<p><b>The Digital Economy Revolution: Shaping the Future of Innovation and Growth</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Joo Ok Lee- Head of Regional Agenda, Asia Pacific- World Economic Forum, France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cong- Thang Huynh- Co Founder/Chairman, Innolab Asia- Vietnam</li> <li>• Mr. Rithy Sear- Chairman, WorldBridge Group of Companies- Cambodia</li> <li>• Ms. Belinda Dennett- Head of Government Relations- AirTrunk, Australia</li> <li>• Dr. Tony Lau- Founding Partner, The March Group- China/USA</li> <li>• Mr. Takeru Kawashima- Executive Director, 01Booster Inc- Japan</li> </ul>
10:30am	<p><b>Coffee Break</b> <i>Sponsored by StudyAdelaide</i></p>
11:00am	<p><b>Empowering Futures: Advancing Skill Training, Vocational and Human Capital Development</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Commissioner Cameron Baker-Chair, South Australian Skills Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Matthew Brown- Deputy CEO, Group of Eight- Australia</li> <li>• Prof. Sharon Pickering- Vice-Chancellor &amp; President- Monash University</li> <li>• Dato J. Palaniappan, Executive Chairman, ASEAN Future Workforce Council-Malaysia</li> <li>• Mr. Joe Fussell- Founder/CEO, AS White Global- Australia</li> <li>• Mr. Dongok Riso Ahn- Founder, The Garrison- South Korea</li> <li>• Ms Angela Ngan Nguyen- Senior Advisor, Strategy &amp; Impact, RMIT- Australia</li> </ul>
12:00pm	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>
1:00pm	<p><b>Unlocking Opportunities: Empowering SME/MSMEs for Growth and Investment in ASEAN</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Luke Achterstraat- CEO, The Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Joey Concepcion- Founder, Go Negosyo / Chair ASEAN BAC- Philippines</li> <li>• Mr. Wilson Ten- CEO, sandmerit group- Malaysia</li> <li>• Mr. Anthony Bubalo- CEO, Asia Society- Australia</li> <li>• Ms. Fiona Hoggart- Head, ASEAN-Australia Centre</li> <li>• Ms. Wendy Perry- Managing Director, Workforce Blueprint- Australia</li> </ul>
2:00pm	<p><b>Powering Australia- ASEAN/RCEP -Renewal Energy</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Kevin Gallagher- Managing Director &amp; CEO Santos- Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jimmy Tanachat Pochana- Chairman, Enserv Group-Thailand</li> <li>• Datuk Dr. Hazland Abang Hj Hipni- Deputy Minister for Energy &amp; Environment- Sarawak</li> <li>• Ms. Louisa Kinnear- CEO, Australia Energy Council</li> <li>• Mrs. Somruedee Somphong Chaimongkol- Former CEO, Banpu Plc- Thailand</li> <li>• Mr. Ryan Willemsen-Bell- CEO, Sun Cable International- Australia</li> </ul>
3:00pm	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>



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<b>3:30pm</b>	<p><b>Women Entrepreneurship: Strengthening ASEAN and Australia</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Ms. Claire Marie Yvonne Lee- Founder/Principal Advisor, LCS Impact International-Philippines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Shinta W. Kamdani- CEO, Sintesa Group- Indonesia</li> <li>Ms. Dianne Tipping- Chair, Export Council of Australia</li> <li>Ms. Lydia Santoso- Chair, Australia Indonesia Institute- Australia</li> <li>Ms. Paris Zhang- Executive Director, China Business Group- Australia</li> </ul>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<p><b>Forum Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> H.E. Antonio A. Morales- Philippines Ambassador to Australia</p> <p><i>Keynote Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Tiffany McDonald- Australia's Ambassador to ASEAN</li> <li>H.E. Sarah Al Bakri Devadason- Malaysia's Permanent Representative to ASEAN</li> </ul>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<p><b>Forum Concludes</b></p>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<p><b>ASEAN Gala Dinner</b></p> <p>6:30 for 7pm</p>

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 H.E. CHATOULONG BOUASISAVATH – Laos Ambassador to Australia  
 H.E. SHARRINA ABDULLAH – Malaysia's High Commissioner to Australia  
 H.E. MYAT THUZAR THAN – Myanmar's Charge d'Affaires to Australia  
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