



2017 APEC PUBLIC - PRIVATE DIALOGUE ON WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY

(Hue, Viet Nam, 28 September 2017)

WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS FORUM: SHE MEANS BUSINESS

Tentative Program

08.30 – 09.00 **Registration**

09.00 – 09.15 **Opening Session**

Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Dao Ngoc Dzung, Minister of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Viet Nam, Chairman of 2017 APEC Forum on Women and the Economy

Remarks by Dr. Vu Tien Loc, Chairman and President of Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of 2017 APEC CEO Summit

09.15 – 09.50 **KEYNOTES**

H.E. Mdm. Dang Thi Ngoc Thinh, Vice President of Viet Nam (tbc)

Mdm. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women

09.50 – 10.00 **Photo Session**

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee break

10.15 – 11.30 **Session 1: Women's Economic, Financial and Social Inclusion – A Driver for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth**

How to enhance women's economic, financial and social inclusion in a fast changing world which tremendously affects women and girls? In what way women could contribute more substantially to sustainable, innovative and inclusive growth? What role does public - private partnership play in supporting women's economic, financial and social inclusion?

Moderator: Ms. Virginia B. Foote, President and CEO, Bay Global Strategies

Message: Her Majesty Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development

Speakers:

- Ms. Victoria Kwakwa, Vice President for East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank
- Mdm. Deng Li, Vice-President of the All-China Women's Federation, Head of Delegation of China
- Dr. Sharman Stone, Australia Ambassador for Women and Girls, Head of Delegation of Australia

Panelists:

- Ms. Thai Huong, Chairwoman, TH Group
- Ms. Stacey Valy Panayiotou, Global Head of Talent and Development for The Coca-Cola Company

- Mrs. Le Hong Thuy Tien, CEO, IMEX Pan Pacific

Open discussion

11.30 – 12.30 Session 2: Women Entrepreneurs in a Changing Global Market

What are challenges to women entrepreneurs in a changing world of work? How to promote access to capital, assets and global market for women entrepreneurs? How to increase competitiveness of women-led MSMEs?

Moderator: Ms. Andrea M. Ewart, Esq, President, Organization of Women in International Trade (OWIT)

Speaker:

- Ms. Irene Natividad – President, Global Summit of Women

Panelists:

- Mr. Ousmane Dione, Country Director, The World Bank in Viet Nam
- Ms. Nguyen Thi Tuyet Minh, Vice Chairman of the Central Council of Viet Nam Business Associations; Chairwoman, Viet Nam Women Entrepreneurs Council
- Mr. Dominic Patrick Mellor, Senior Country Economist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Ms Winnie Chan, Founder and CEO, Bynd Artisan of Singapore
- Ms. Rina Zoet, a member of Indonesian Business Women Association (IWAPI)

Open discussion

12.30 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.00 Session 3: Promoting Women's Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age

In what way the Industrial Revolution 4.0 work for women's entrepreneurs? What steps should be taken to bridge digital gender gap? How to boost education, innovation and e-skills development for women entrepreneurs in the digitalization?

Moderator: Ms. Pacita U. Juan, Chairwoman of ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network (AWEN), the Philippines

Speakers:

- Ms. Clair Deevy, Head of Economic Growth Initiatives - APAC, Facebook

Panelists:

- Ms. Zhang Ziqin Vice-President of the China Association of Women Entrepreneurs, Chairperson of Beijing Huasu Logistics Co., Ltd
- Ms. Louise Williams, Principal Associate, Nathan Associates Inc. and representative of US-ATAARI
- Mr. Michael DiGregorio – Country Representative of The Asia Foundation
- Ms. Sophie Guerin, Head Diversity and Inclusion, Asia-Pacific, Japan and China, Dell EMC

Open discussion

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break

15.15 – 17.00 Session 4: Building a Vision for Women's Economic Empowerment for Asia – Pacific and Beyond

Why promoting women's economic empowerment becomes more crucial to achieve sustainable, innovative and inclusive growth in the years to come? What are next steps to further advance women's economic empowerment in Asia – Pacific and beyond? How to better coordinate among APEC and regional and global organizations on women's economic empowerment?

Moderator: Ms. Elisa Fernandez – Head of UN Women Viet Nam Office

Speakers:

- Amb. Nguyen Nguyet Nga, Senior Advisor, APEC 2017 National Committee
- Ms. Miwa Kato, Asia-Pacific Regional Director, UN Women
- Dr. Rhodora M. Bucoy, Chair of Philippine Commission on Women, Head of the delegation of the Philippines
- Ms. Anna Kavana Solomon, Secretary, Department for Community Development, Head of Delegation of PNG (tbc)
- Dr. Gulden Turkkan, Former W20 President, Turkey

Open discussion

17.00 – 17.15 Closing Session Co-chaired by Leaders of MOLISA and VCCI

- Dr. Vu Tien Loc, Chairman of VCCI, Chairman of 2017 APEC CEO Summit
- H.E. Mr. Doan Mau Diep, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs

19.00 Dinner to be hosted by H.E. Dao Ngoc Dzung, Minister of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs of Viet Nam, Chairman of 2017 APEC Forum on Women and the Economy