Introduction

The unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic upended Southeast Asia’s long period of economic growth and consequently affected the capacity of ASEAN Member States (AMS) to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Achieving the SDGs is still possible for the region, however, it will require a significant upswing in private investment.

The ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF), ASEAN’s consolidated exit strategy from the crisis, recognizes that properly managed and implemented sustainable investment will improve economic and social resilience to future shocks, this includes foreign direct invest (FDI). Thus, the ability to continue attracting and retaining investments is crucial not just for generating revenue, but for the continued recovery of ASEAN.

Each of AMS may have different priorities toward the SDGs contingent to their level of development. Nevertheless, it is essential that the investments that ASEAN attracts going forward have maximum sustainable development impact so that ASEAN countries can get back on track to achieving the SDGs. Such investments should contribute to promoting gender equality, improving access to health care and vaccines, building sustainable, climate resilient infrastructure, bridging digital divides and supporting a clean energy transition, among other things.

It is against this backdrop that this Forum is organized to feature investment opportunities in ASEAN that also contribute to inclusive and sustainable development.

Date and Venue

The Forum will be held on September 2nd, 2023, at Sultan Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Arrangements

This event has three parts: The main forum which will be held in a hybrid format, an exhibition area in the venue featuring booths to showcase investment opportunities in ASEAN
rooms to also be set up to facilitate meetings between investors and companies looking for investment, and a networking dinner.

**Target Audience**

Investors and representatives from governments, academic institutions, international organizations, business councils and chambers, other members of the private sector, and the media. About 400-500 in person participants are expected.

### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

#### High Level Segment
(Entire morning session will be ministerial level, focusing more on investment policies and the investment environment in ASEAN. This will set the tone for the discussions on investment opportunities later in the day.)

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| **Opening Session** | 09:00-09:15 (15 minutes) | • H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN  
• H.E. Dr. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, ESCAP  
• M. Arsjad Rasjid P.M., ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Chair |
| **Keynote Speech** | 09:15-09:35 (20 minutes) | • H.E. Bahlil Lahadalia, Minister of Investment/Chairman of Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) |
| **Session 1** | 09:35-10:35 (60 minutes) | This session will discuss the priorities of ASEAN Member States toward SDGs and how it affects their strategy in attracting FDI and encouraging impact investment. This will also look into how AMS are strengthening their policy environment to attract sustainable and impact investment.  
**Panelists**  
• H.E. Dato Dr. Amin Liew Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II, Brunei Darussalam  
• H.E. Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Bin Tengku Abdul Aziz, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry, Malaysia  
• Sonklin Ploymee, Deputy Secretary General of Board of Investment, Thailand  
• Dr. Rupa Chanda, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP  
**Moderator: Yudith Ho**, Bloomberg |
<p>| <strong>Coffee Break</strong> | 10:35 – 11:00 (25 minutes) | |
| <strong>Session 2</strong> | <strong>Global Supply Chain and Sustainable Investment</strong> | |</p>
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| 11:00 – 11:45 (45 minutes) | This session will discuss current trends in global supply chain and how this can encourage sustainable investments. ASEAN Member States may share their general approach towards responding to the changes in global supply chains and how the policy environment encourages links between lead suppliers and domestic firms.  
**Panelists**  
- **H.E. Alfredo E. Pascual**, Secretary of Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines  
- **Nguyen Anh Tuan**, Deputy Director General, Foreign Investment Agency, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam  
- **Dr. Lili Yan Ing**, ERIA  

**Moderator:** Yudith Ho, Bloomberg |
| 11:45 – 13:00 (75 minutes) | Lunch |
| 13:00 – 13:05 (5 minutes) | **Introductory Remarks**  
This will briefly introduce and give context to the morning session which is focused on investment opportunities  

**Jonathan Wong**, Chief, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, ESCAP |
| 13:05-14:05 (60 minutes) | This session will highlight the growing electronic vehicles industry in the region and explore investment opportunities therein.  
**Panelists**  
- **Nurul Ichwan**, Deputy Chairman for Investment Promotion, Ministry of Investment/Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM)  
- **Sonklin Ploymee**, Deputy Secretary General of Board of Investment, Thailand  
- **Dr. Sar Senera**, Director, Cambodian Investment Board/Council for the Development of Cambodia (CDC)  
- **David Fernando Audy**, Operating Partner, East Ventures  
- **Pulkit Srivastava**, Co-Founder, EVage  

**Moderator:** Eko Listiyorini, Bloomberg |
| 14:05-15:05 (60 minutes) | This session will discuss current trends in global supply chain and how this can encourage sustainable investments. ASEAN Member States may share their general approach towards responding to the changes in global supply chains and how the policy environment encourages links between lead suppliers and domestic firms.  
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- **Dr. Lili Yan Ing**, ERIA  

**Moderator:** Yudith Ho, Bloomberg |
| 15:05-16:05 (60 minutes) | This session will highlight the growing electronic vehicles industry in the region and explore investment opportunities therein.  
**Panelists**  
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**Moderator:** Eko Listiyorini, Bloomberg |
| 16:05-17:05 (60 minutes) | This session will discuss current trends in global supply chain and how this can encourage sustainable investments. ASEAN Member States may share their general approach towards responding to the changes in global supply chains and how the policy environment encourages links between lead suppliers and domestic firms.  
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- **Dr. Lili Yan Ing**, ERIA  

**Moderator:** Yudith Ho, Bloomberg |
This session will look at the renewable energy landscape in ASEAN and opportunities for investment.

Panelists
- Datuk Wira Arham Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA)
- Nguyen Anh Tuan, Deputy Director General, Foreign Investment Agency, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam
- Muhammad Firdaus Abdul Kadir, Senior Manager at the FDI Action and Support Centre (FAST), Brunei Economic Development Board (BDB)
- Raquel Echague, Director, Board of Investments, Philippines
- Kamen Palatov, Director and Chief of Portfolio Officer, Indika Nature
- Dushyant Thakor, Deputy Executive Director, WAIPA

Moderator: David Doherty, Bloomberg

Break

Investment Opportunities in Health Systems

This session will look at investment opportunities in relation to preparedness in case of future health crises (e.g., post-COVID recovery and building back better).

Panelists
- Thant Sin Lwin, Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Myanmar
- Thavichanh Thiengthepvongsa, Deputy Director General of Investment Promotion Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao PDR
- Vidjongtius, President Director and CEO, Kalbe Farma
- Dr. Christina Maria Oentiono, COO, Dompet Aman & CEO, PT Amanah Medinvest Gemilang

Moderator: Nitin Jaiswal, Bloomberg

Closing Session
Dr. Riyatno, Deputy Chairman for Investment Cooperation of the Ministry of Investment/Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM)

Break

Networking Dinner (by Invitation Only)

Exhibition:

The second part of the event is an exhibition showcasing investment opportunities from each ASEAN Member State, which will be held concurrently with the forum. Each member state will
be provided with one booth to promote their investment projects and opportunities. To ensure the effectiveness of the allocated booth, ASEAN Member States are expected to provide investment promotion materials and adequate human resources.

The exhibition will serve as a platform, providing opportunities for facilitation and promotion. It will host representatives from the Indonesian Ministries of Investments, Trade, and Industry, as well as from the banking and finance sector. At the center of the venue, meeting pods will be set up to allow business players, investors, and other key stakeholders to showcase, interact, and attract potential investors.

**Networking Dinner:**

The last part of the event is the networking dinner, which expected to be attended by Investment Ministers/Head of Investment Agencies from each ASEAN Member States, business councils and chambers, selected academics/experts, and other business representatives, to engaged in informal business talks, business matching, in order to fully utilize the momentum.