

## **VIET NAM REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM (VRDF) 2020**

### **“VIET NAM: ACTIONS FOR MAKING GROWTH RECOVERY INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE IN THE COVID-19 ERA”**

**1. Objectives:** (i) discuss issues related to economic reform and development of Viet Nam in the newly emerging context; (ii) reflect on major issues of particular concern to businesses and people, particularly in this new context characterised by both new challenges and new opportunities; (iii) continue contributing to the formulation of the SEDS 2021-2030 and SEDP 2021 - 2025; and (iv) contribute to enhancing Viet Nam’s position in international and regional fora.

**2. Venue:** International Convention Centre (ICC), No. 11 Le Hong Phong Str., Ba Dinh Dist., Ha Noi;

**3. Time:** Half a day, from 08h00-13h00, Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

#### **4. Co-Chairs and Moderators**

- Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc (Co-Chair, Opening and Closing Sessions);
- Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung, Minister of the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) (Co-Chair, Opening Session, Sessions 1 and 2, and Closing Session);
- Mme. Carolyn Turk, World Bank Country Director for Viet Nam (Co-Chair, Opening Session, Sessions 1 and 2, and Closing Session);
- H.E. Mme. Robyn Mudie, Australian Ambassador to Viet Nam (Co-Chair, Opening Session, Sessions 1 and 2, and Closing Session);
- Dr. Vu Thanh Tu Anh, Senior Lecturer, Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management in Ho Chi Minh City; Member of Prime Minister’s Economic Advisory Group 2016-2021 (Session 1 Moderator);
- Prof. Duong Nguyen Vu, Professor of Aerospace Engineering, School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering; Director, Air Traffic Management Research Institute, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Advisor to Minister of MPI on Innovation Strategy (Session 2 Moderator).

#### **5. Expected participants (approximately 400)**

- Representative from selected countries (government agencies) (if the travel ban due to Covid-19 is lifted);
- Representatives of Viet Nam’s development partners;
- Representatives from Party, National Assembly and Government agencies;
- Representatives from international and domestic business sectors;
- Representatives from academia (universities, research institutes, scholars, experts);
- Representatives from technical departments/units of MPI;
- Representatives from media organisations.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Activity	Responsible person(s) (tentative)
07:30 - 08:00	Registration	Vietnam Institute for Development Strategies (VIDSI) VIDS and Foreign Economic Relations Department (FERD), Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI)
<b>Opening Session</b>		
08:00 - 08:05	Introduction of VRDF 2020 objectives and participants	<b>Mr. Pham Hoang Mai</b> , Director General (DG), FERD (MPI)
08:05 - 08:20	- Opening remarks  - Welcoming remarks	- <b>H.E. Nguyen Chi Dung</b> , MPI Minister - <b>Mme. Carolyn Turk</b> , World Bank Country Director for Viet Nam - <b>H.E. Mme. Robyn Mudie</b> , Australian Ambassador to Viet Nam
08:20 - 08:25	Photo Session (Co-chairs, Moderators, Panelists)	Organiser
08:25 - 08:30	- Introduction of forum program - Introduction of co-chairs and moderators of sessions - Invite moderator and panelists of Session 1 to take seat	<b>Mr. Pham Hoang Mai</b> , Director General (DG), FERD (MPI)
<b>Session 1: Covid-19 and Viet Nam's Actions to Seize Opportunities and Move up the Global Value Chain</b>  <b>Moderator: Dr. Vu Thanh Tu Anh, Senior Lecturer, Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management in Ho Chi Minh City</b>		
08:30 - 08:35	<b>Introductory remarks for Session 1</b>	Moderator Session 1
08:35 - 08:55	<b>Presentation of Session 1 keynote speech</b> "Overview of Global Megatrends in Global Trade and Production Networks"  <i>(Virtual (Zoom-based) presentation or showing of video clip of presentation)</i>	<b>Dr. Victoria Kwakwa</b> , Vice President for East Asia and Pacific of the World Bank (WB); former World Bank's Country Director for Viet Nam

08:55 - 09:05	<b>Panelist 1:</b> “Restructuring and Moving up the Global Value Chains: Opportunities and Challenges for Viet Nam in the New Context”	<b>Dr. Jacques Morisset</b> , Lead Economist and Program Leader for Viet Nam, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment, WB Viet Nam
9:05-9:15	<b>Panelist 2:</b> “Seizing the GVC shift opportunities: Viet Nam’s Actions for Inclusive Growth, Attraction of Quality FDI to Viet Nam and Development of Vietnamese Private Economic Sector and Enterprises”	<b>Dr. Jonathan Pincus</b> , UNDP Senior International Economist - Advisor <i>(Virtual (Zoom-based) participation)</i> <i>(Backup: Mme. Caitlin Wiesen, UNDP Resident Representative in Viet Nam)</i>
9:15-9:25	<b>Panelist 3:</b> “Rising to the Challenge: Enterprise Actions for Resilient and Sustainable Recovery - the Case of Selected Most Affected COVID-19 Sectors (agriculture, tourism, logistics, transport, and health)”	<b>Mme. Ha Thi Thu Thanh</b> , Chairperson, Deloitte Viet Nam
09:25 - 09:35	Quick comments or questions from Session 1 moderator to the keynote speaker and Session 1 panelists	Session 1 moderator, representative of Session 1 keynote speaker (from WB Viet Nam), and Session 1 panelists
09:35 - 10:15	<b>Plenary discussion and Q&amp;A</b> The forum participants are invited to make comments and/or raise questions to the keynote speaker and the three panelists who will then respond to those comments/questions	<b>Session 1 co-chairs and moderator</b> will moderate/facilitate the discussion.
10:15 - 10:30	<b>Tea break</b>	
<b>Session 2 Digital Transformation and Structural Change towards Inclusiveness and Sustainability</b>		
<b>Moderator: Prof. Duong Nguyen Vu, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)</b>		
10:30 - 10:31	Invite moderator and panelists of Session 2 to take seat	<b>Mr. Pham Hoang Mai</b> , DG, FERD (MPI)
10:31 - 10:35	<b>Introductory remarks for Session 2</b>	<b>Session 2 Moderator</b>
10:35 - 10:55	<b>Presentation of keynote speech:</b> “Inclusive Digital Transformation: Opportunities and Challenges” <i>(Showing of video clip of keynote speaker’s presentation and discussion between MPI Minister Nguyen Chi</i>	<b>Toomas Hendrik Ilves</b> , Former President, Estonia; Distinguished Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis

	<i>Dung and the speaker)</i>	
10:55 -11:05	<b>Panelist 1:</b> “Viet Nam’s Actions to Promote Digital Transformation as a Driver of Inclusive and Sustainable Development”	<b>Mr. Nguyen Trong Duong</b> , Deputy Director General, Authority of Information Technology Application, Ministry of Information and Communication
11:05 -11:15	<b>Panelist 2:</b> “Business Sector Actions: Bringing Digitalization to All”	<b>Dr. Bui Hai Hung</b> , Director, Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (Vin AI Research), Vingroup
11:15-11:25	<b>Panelist 3:</b> “Making Digital Transformation Inclusive”	<b>Mr. Winfrid Messmer</b> , Expert IT, ERP, Finance & Projectmanagement, Interim Head of IT-Department, Vietnamese-German University; Director, Institute for Applied Informatics, Germany; Chairman of Digital Sector Committee EuroCham Vietnam (recommended by EU)
11:25 -11:35	Quick comments or questions from Session 2 moderator to the representative of Session 2 keynote speaker (from WB Viet Nam) and Session 2 panelists	Session 2 moderator, representative of Session 2 keynote speaker (from WB Viet Nam), and Session 2 panelists
11:35 - 12:20	<b>Plenary discussion and Q&amp;A</b> The forum participants are invited to make comments and/or raise questions to the representative in Viet Nam of the keynote speaker (WB Viet Nam) and panelists who will then respond to those comments/questions.	<b>Session 2 co-chairs and moderator</b> will moderate/facilitate the discussion.
<b>Closing Session</b>		
12:20 - 12:50	Guiding speech by Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc	
12:50 - 13:00	MPI Minister Nguyen Chi Dung’s response to Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc’s guiding remarks, and concluding remarks	
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Luncheon at ICC</b>	<b>All participants</b>