

ASEAN ROUNDTABLE 2016

THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY: TOWARDS 2025

30 August 2016
ISEAS Seminar Rooms 1 & 2
Singapore

PROGRAMME

8.30 am – 9.00 am Registration

9.00 am – 9.15 am **Opening Remarks**
Mr TAN Chin Tiong
Director, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Dr Beatrice GORAWANTSCHY
Director of Regional Programme, Political Dialogue Asia and the
Pacific, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

9.15 am – 10.15 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
**AEC 2025: BUILDING A COMMUNITY THROUGH ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION**

This session analyses the past, present, and future of the AEC in the context of the formal establishment of the AEC in 2015 and the adoption of the AEC Blueprint 2025. The session also discusses the impact of recent global developments on ASEAN economic integration.

Moderator: *Dr TANG Siew Mun*
Head, ASEAN Studies Centre, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak
Institute

Speaker: *HE LE Luong Minh*
Secretary-General, Association of Southeast Asian
Nations (ASEAN)

10.15 am – 10.30 am Coffee

10.30 am – 11.00 am **SESSION I: SERVICES SECTOR LIBERALISATION IN ASEAN**

The session discusses the status of and challenges in liberalising the logistics and aviation sectors in ASEAN.

Moderator: *Ms Sanchita BASU DAS*
Fellow and Lead Researcher (Economics), ASEAN
Studies Centre, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Speakers: *Professor Alan TAN Khee Jin*
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
Examining ASEAN's Open-Skies Policy

Dr THAM Siew Yean
Senior Fellow, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute
Examining ASEAN's logistics sector integration

11.00 am – 11.30 am Q&A

11.30 am – 12.00 pm **SESSION II: TRADE FACILITATION INITIATIVE IN ASEAN**

The session discusses key ASEAN trade facilitation measures, their implementation status and challenges in member countries. It also looks at ASEAN's physical and people-to people connectivity issues in implementing these initiatives.

Moderator: *Dr Siwage Dharma NEGARA*
Fellow and Assistant Coordinator, Indonesia Studies
Programme, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

Speakers: *Ms Sanchita BASU DAS*
Fellow and Lead Researcher (Economics), ASEAN
Studies Centre, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute
**Trade facilitation measures of the ASEAN Single
Window, the ASEAN Trade Repository and the
elimination of non-tariff barriers and
harmonization of standards**

Dr Fraser Keir THOMPSON
Director, AlphaBeta, Singapore
**ASEAN Connectivity, covering physical and the
associated institutional arrangements and people-
to-people connectivity**

12.00 pm – 12.30 pm Q&A

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm – 2.15 pm

SESSION III: SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES IN ASEAN

The session focuses on AEC policies with respect to SMEs and the challenges faced by SMEs' participation in ASEAN integration.

Moderator: *Dr Cassey LEE*
Senior Fellow and Co-Coordinator, Regional Economic Studies Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

Speakers: *Dr Dionisius Ardiyanto NARJOKO*
Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia
AEC initiatives for SMEs and participation of SMEs in the global value chain

Dr VO Tri Thanh
Senior Expert, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), Vietnam
CLMV perspectives on AEC initiatives for SME development

Mr Arin JIRA
Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council, Thailand
Private sector perspectives on AEC initiatives for SME development

2.15 pm – 2.45 pm

Q&A

2.45 pm – 3.00 pm

Tea

3.00 pm – 4.30 pm

SESSION IV: DEVELOPMENTS IN RCEP AND IMPLICATIONS OF TPP

The session provides an update on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations, as well as discusses the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)'s implications on ASEAN integration and RCEP.

Moderator: *Dr Francis HUTCHINSON*
Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Regional Economic Studies Programme, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute

Speakers: *Tan Sri Dr Rebecca Fatima STA MARIA*
Former Secretary-General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia
ASEAN perspective on developments in the RCEP negotiations and implication of TPP on ASEAN Community and RCEP

Professor Edward K Y CHEN

Chairman of the Board, HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education, Hong Kong

China's perspective on RCEP and TPP and its strategic interest on OBOR and FTAAP

Professor Shujiro URATA

Waseda University, Japan

Japan's perspective on RCEP and TPP and its interest in ASEAN integration

4.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Q&A

5.00 pm – 5.15 pm

Closing Remarks

Dr TANG Siew Mun

Head, ASEAN Studies Centre, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute

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