



ASEAN FUTURE FORUM 2024

Theme: Toward fast and sustainable growth of a people-centered ASEAN Community

Ha Noi, April 23rd, 2024

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8.00-8.30: Registration

8.30-9.45: Opening session

- Welcoming remarks by H.E **Bui Thanh Son**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam;
- Keynote address by H.E **Pham Minh Chinh**, Prime Minister of Viet Nam;
- Keynote address by H.E **Sonexay Siphandone**, Prime Minister of Lao PDR, ASEAN Chair 2024;
- Video message by H.E **Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim**, Prime Minister of Malaysia, incoming ASEAN Chair 2025;
- Remarks by Dr. **Kao Kim Hourn**, Secretary-General of ASEAN;
- Video message from the UN Secretary-General, H.E **António Guterres** (tbc).

9.45-10.00: Photo session and short break

10.00-12.00: First plenary session

“ASEAN’s rapid development for sustainable future”

This session is dedicated to envisioning a path for ASEAN towards a sustainable, inclusive, and resilient future. ASEAN's Community building goals have been closely aligned with the United Nations (UN) Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the ASEAN Digital Masterplan 2025. Aiming to support and contribute to the 2024 Summit of the Future, the Forum provides a venue for multi-stakeholder deliberations that demonstrate ASEAN's commitment and action to join a new global consensus on multilateral solutions to current and future challenges. Among the top agendas will be how ASEAN could work to reform global governance toward a multilateral system that is more effective, more trusted, more inclusive, and better equipped to capitalize on the opportunities of a future world that will be characterized technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), 5G, and blockchain.



Views are expected to be exchanged on potential governance models and initiatives that can allow ASEAN Member States to navigate economic uncertainties and strategic complexities toward sustained economic growth and prosperity in the post-pandemic era. A harmonious balance is sought between the urgent need for rapid socio-economic development and the imperative for environmental sustainability and strategic autonomy, taking into account the importance of data-driven decision-making, public-private partnerships, and innovative solutions in the fields of renewable energy, circular economy, and sustainable supply chains as the cornerstones of growth.

Key discussion questions:

(i) What governance patterns and digital transformation strategies should ASEAN Member States adopt to sustain fast and on-track development amidst geo-strategic complexities and the evolving global architecture?

(ii) How can ASEAN Member States effectively align the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with their national development strategies, incorporating emerging technologies and data-driven decision-making?

(iii) What strategies should ASEAN Member States pursue to ensure inclusive growth, upskilling and reskilling the workforce to meet the demands of the digital economy?

(iv) How can regional collaboration and public-private partnerships facilitate efforts to achieve green transition, digital transformation, sustainable management and use of resources, and the development of smart cities?

(v) What role could AI, IoT, 5G, blockchain, and other emerging technologies play in driving innovation and meeting the development imperatives of ASEAN Member States, while fostering a resilient and inclusive post-pandemic recovery?

Moderated by Ambassador Dino Pati Djalal, Founder of the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia

Lead speakers:

Ministers/ Deputy Ministers from ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners of ASEAN

Panelists:

Distinguished speakers from the World Bank/International Monetary Fund; East Asia Economic Research Institute (ERIA); Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC); FPT Group; the UK; US-ASEAN Business Council.

Q&A, discussions (40 min)

Summary by session Moderator.



12.00-13.30: Lunch

14.00-16.00: *Second plenary session*

“Ensuring comprehensive security for a people-centered ASEAN Community”

This session focuses on visualising a comprehensive approach by ASEAN in safeguarding regional security in an increasingly complex and uncertain world. It aims to explore holistic approaches that ensure all dimensions of the security concept, including economic, social, environmental, and digital resilience, are duly addressed. Discussions are expected to explore new models for ASEAN Member States to not only safeguard against a broad spectrum of threats, from cyber-security and disinformation to climate change and natural disasters, but also place the well-being, prosperity, and digital empowerment of the people at the core of ASEAN Community building.

The session will also explore potential ways for ASEAN to leverage developments in AI, biotechnology, and big data analytics, to play a more effective role in promoting human security, while positioning ASEAN as an active contributor to a safer, more resilient, and digitally secure world.

Key discussion questions:

(i) How can ASEAN develop a comprehensive and adaptable framework for regional security that effectively addresses the multifaceted challenges posed by traditional and non-traditional threats, while maintaining rapid economic development?

(ii) What capacity-building measures and best practices should ASEAN Member States adopt to enhance their resilience against cyber threats, disinformation campaigns, and other emerging security risks, while fostering a secure and reliable digital ecosystem?

(iii) How can ASEAN leverage advancements in AI, biotechnology, and big data analytics to develop innovative solutions for climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and maritime security?

(iv) What strategies can ASEAN employ to promote greater regional cooperation and information sharing in addressing transnational security challenges, such as pandemics, terrorism, and organized crime, while respecting the sovereignty and diverse interests of its Member States?



Moderated by Ambassador Pham Quang Vinh, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam

Lead speakers:

Ministers/ Deputy Ministers from ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners of ASEAN

Panelists:

Distinguished speakers from Singapore, Thailand, and Dialogue Partners of ASEAN

Q&A, discussions (40 min)

Summary by session Moderator.

16.00-16.15: Closing session

- Closing remarks by **H.E Bui Thanh Son, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam**
- Acknowledgement remarks by **Dr. Pham Lan Dung, Acting President, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam**