

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL FORUM  
VIETNAM REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2019 (VRDF 2019)**

**Theme  
VIET NAM: ASPIRATION FOR PROSPERITY  
PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS**

1. **Venue:** National Convention Centre (NCC), Thang Long Avenue, Nam Tu Liem Dist., Ha Noi, Viet Nam
2. **Date:** September 19, 2019 (01 full day)
3. **Forum Chairs and Moderators:**
  - H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister (Plenary Session)
  - H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung, Minister of Planning and Investment (Sessions 1 and 2, and Plenary Session)
  - H.E. Mr. Ousmane Dione, Country Director of the World Bank in Viet Nam (Sessions 1 and 2, and Plenary Session)
  - Dr. Vu Thanh Tu Anh, Dean, Fulbright Economics Teaching Program in Ho Chi Minh City (Session 1)
  - Dr. Duong Nguyen Vu, Professor of Aerospace Engineering, School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering; Director, Air Traffic Management Research Institute, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (Session 2)

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)
08:00 - 08:30	Registration	The organizer (Ministry of Planning and Investment)
<b>Opening Session</b>		
08:30 -08:35	Setting stage and introducing Forum participants	The organizer (a leader from the Foreign Economic Relations Department (FERD) or the Viet Nam Institute for Development Strategies (VIDS), MPI)
08:35 - 08:42	- Opening remarks	- <b>H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung</b> , Minister of Planning and Investment
08:42 - 08:49	- Welcoming remarks	- <b>H.E. Mr. Ousmane Dione</b> , Country Director of the World Bank in Viet Nam

08:49- 08:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introducing the agenda</li> <li>- Introducing Forum Session Chairs</li> <li>- Inviting Session 1 moderator, keynote speakers and panelists to the stage</li> </ul>	The organizer (a leader from FERD or VIDS, MPI)
<p><b>Session 1 Panel Discussion: Towards Modern and Internationally Integrated Market Economy Institutions</b></p> <p><b>Session 1 Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Vu Thanh Tu Anh</b>, Dean, Fulbright Economics Teaching Program in Ho Chi Minh City, Member of the Economic Advisory Group of Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc in his 2016-2021 Terms of Office (<b>confirmed</b>)</p>		
08:55 - 09:00	<b>Introductory remarks to Session 1</b>	Session 1 Moderator
09:00 - 09:15	<b>Presentation of Session 1 keynote speech:</b> Improvement and effective implementation of market economy institutions (with a focus on rule of law) and policy implications for Viet Nam	<b>Dr. David Dollar</b> , Former Country Director of the World Bank in China ( <b>confirmed</b> )
09:15 - 09:22	<b>Discussion by Panelist 1:</b> Improvement of full, modern and international integrated market economy institutions in Viet Nam: Some issues	<b>Dr. Cao Viet Sinh</b> , former Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Planning and Investment; Standing Member of the the Editorial Team of the Party Central Committee’s Sub-Committee for Socio-Economic Affairs ( <b>confirmed</b> )
09:22 - 09:29	<b>Discussion by Panelist 2:</b> International experience in liberalization of factor markets and policy implications for Viet Nam	<b>Mr. Alwaleed Alatabani</b> , Lead Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank in Viet Nam ( <b>confirmed</b> )
09:29 - 09:34	<b>Quick comments or questions to Panelists 1 and 2</b>	<b>Session 1 Moderator</b>
09:34 - 09:41	<b>Discussion by Panelist 3:</b> Some issues on how to improve State apparatus organization in Viet Nam	<b>Dr. Nguyen Si Dung</b> , Former Vice Chairman, Office of the Government (OOG) ( <b>confirmed</b> )
09:41 - 09:48	<b>Discussion by Panelist 4:</b> Institutional reforms for enhancing effectiveness and efficiency of public policy implementation in Viet Nam: Proposed priorities and Actions	<b>Dr. Jonathan Pincus</b> , President, Rajawali Foundation (RF), former UNDP Lead Economist and former Dean, Fulbright Economics Teaching Program in Ho Chi Minh City ( <b>confirmed</b> )
09:48 - 09:53	<b>Quick comments or questions to Panelists 3 and 4</b>	<b>Session 1 Moderator</b>

09:53 - 10:45	<b>Plenary discussion</b>	<b>Session 1 co-chairs and moderator will moderate/facilitate the discussion.</b> The forum participants are invited to make comments and/or raise questions to the four panelists who will then respond to those comments/questions.
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Tea break</b>	
<b>Panel Discussion Session 2: Leveraging Innovation to Overcome the Middle-Income Trap</b> <b>Session 2 Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Duong Nguyen Vu</b> , Professor of Aerospace Engineering, School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering; Director, Air Traffic Management Research Institute, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) <b>(Confirmed)</b>		
11:00 - 11:05	<b>Introductory remarks to Session 2</b>	Session 2 Moderator
11:05 - 11:20	<b>Presentation of Session 2 Keynote Speech</b> Innovation: International experience and implications for Viet Nam	<b>Mme. Mari Elka Pangestu</b> , Former Minister of Trade and Former Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy <b>(confirmed)</b>
11:20 - 11:27	<b>Discussion by Panelist 1:</b> International experience (with a focus on Republic of Korea's experience) in improving the national innovation system and lessons for Viet Nam	<b>Prof. Sungchul Chung</b> , University of Science and Technology, Korea (UST); former President, Korean Science and Technology Policy Institute (STePI) <b>(confirmed)</b>
11:27 - 11:34	<b>Discussion by Panelist 2:</b> Innovation in the Middle Billions	<b>Dr. Michael Tan</b> , Managing Director and Partner, Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Singapore, Head of Public Sector Practice Area, BCG Southeast Asia (SEA) <b>(to be confirmed)</b>
11:34 - 11:39	<b>Quick comments or questions to Panelists 1 and 2</b>	Session 2 Moderator
11:39 - 11:46	<b>Discussion by Panelist 3:</b> Strengthening innovative capacity of private businesses in Viet Nam	<b>MSc. Thach Le Anh</b> , Founder, Director, Vietnam Silicon Valley (VSV) <b>(confirmed)</b>
11:46 - 11:53	<b>Discussion by Panelist 4:</b> The future of artificial intelligence (AI) in Viet Nam	<b>Prof. Massimo Piccardi</b> , Head of Discipline, Signal Processing and Analytics, School of Electrical and Data Engineering (SEDE; Core Member, Global Big Data Technologies Centre; Associate Member, AAI - Advanced Analytics Institute, University of Technology

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11:53- 11:58	<b>Quick comments or questions to Panelists 3 and 4</b>	<b>Session 2 Moderator</b>
11:58 - 12:40	<b>Plenary discussion</b>	<b>Session 2 co-chairs and moderator will moderate/facilitate discussion.</b> The forum participants are invited to make comments and/or questions to the four panelists who will then respond to those comments/questions.
12:40 - 12:50	<b>Panel Sessions 1 and 2 Wrap-up and Closing</b>	<b>H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung,</b> Minister of Planning and Investment
12:50 - 14:00	<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>All forum participants</b>
<b>Plenary session: Actions for a Prosperous Vietnam</b> <b>Co-chairs:</b> - H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Government of Viet Nam - H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung, Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment - H.E. Mr. Ousmane Dione, Country Director of the World Bank in Viet Nam		
14:00 - 14:05	Introducing the Co-chairs of the Plenary Session	The organizer (a leader from the FERD or VIDS, MPI)
14:05 - 14:20	Summary of outcomes from Sessions 1 and 2 to brief the Prime Minister	<b>H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung,</b> Minister of Planning and Investment
14:20 - 14:25	Introducing the Plenary Session agenda and keynote speakers	<b>H.E. Mr. Ousmane Dione,</b> Country Director of the World Bank in Viet Nam
14:25 - 14:45	<b>Keynote speech 1:</b> Moving up the global value chain for higher productivity: International experience and implication for Viet Nam	<b>Dr. Pinelopi Goldberg,</b> Senior Vice President, Chief Economist, the World Bank ( <b>confirmed</b> )
14:45 - 15:05	<b>Keynote speech 2:</b> Experience in how to overcome the middle-income trap through innovation and recommendations for Viet Nam	<b>Mr. Datuk K. Yogeesvaran Kumaragurutham,</b> former Secretary General, Ministry of Plantation Industry and Commodities, Malaysia; former Head, Secretariat for the drafting of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Malaysian Plan 2016-2020 ( <b>confirmed</b> )
15:05 - 15:25	<b>Keynote speech 3:</b> Development orientations for Viet Nam to become a prosperous nation by 2030 and Vision to 2045	<b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bui Tat Thang,</b> Head of Office of the Editorial Team of the Party Central Committee's Sub-Committee for Socio-Economic Affairs; former President of Viet Nam Institute for Development Strategies, MPI ( <b>confirmed</b> )

<b>15:25 - 15:40</b>	<b>Tea break</b>	
15:40 - 16:40	<b>Plenary discussion</b>	Moderated by both H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung, Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment and H.E. Mr. Ousmane Dione, Country Director of the World Bank in Viet Nam
<b>Closing Session</b>		
16:40 - 17:15	Guiding Remarks by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Government	
17:15 - 17:30	Remarks in response to the Government Prime Minister's Guiding Remarks and Closing Remarks by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Chi Dung, Minister of Planning and Investment	
<b>17:30</b>	<b>End of Forum</b>	