Tentative Program

Day 1: Tuesday, 24 August 2021
(GMT+7 Bangkok time zone)

12.45 – 13.00hrs. Welcoming Remarks:

- Chairman, the Board of Directors, the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)

13.00 – 14.00hrs. Keynote Speaker: Investment reshoring: “How to rejuvenate the global economy and trade policy in the post COVID-19?” What steps or measures should countries take?

- Mr. Richard Bolwijn
  Head, Investment Research Branch, Division on Investment and Enterprise (DIAE), The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

This session will focus on lessons learnt from trade wars and the consequences of COVID-19 towards global investment as well as supply chains, impact of new economic policies of the US, EU, and China towards international trade and investments in developing countries, investment strategies for the new decade: digital economy, innovation, new employment, reducing inequality and green investment, the global expansion of foreign direct investment: new labor skills standard, new rules and regulations, and the new allocation of financial resources, and WIR Report 2021: “Investing in Sustainable Recovery”.


- Representative, The World Trade Organization (WTO) (TBC)

This session will focus on trade measures taken in response to the time of COVID-19, the return of multilateralism trade system and the new opportunities of developing countries, cooperation in international trade and towards sustainable development: reducing trade protectionism, intellectual property, trade facilitation and international logistics, digital trade: from quantity to inclusive growth, strategy for new products: foods for future, environmental goods and services and medical sectors.

15.00 – 15.10hrs. Commission Paper: COVID-19 and Disruption in Supply Chains and Logistical Arrangements: Case study of Asia

- Dr. Aadil Nakhoda
  Assistant Professor of Economics & Research Fellow, CBER, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi.
Panel Discussion: “Building resilience while facing COVID-19: Case study”

- Dr. Ni Yueju  
  Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

- Prof. Dr. Prabir De  
  ASEAN India Centre, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

- Dr. Giuseppe Busini  
  Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission Delegation of the European Union to Thailand

- Representative, the U.S. Embassy Bangkok (TBA)

This session will focus on (1) Trade and Investment Opportunity for Asia from Belt and Road Initiative in the Post COVID-19 (2) How Asia act in Indo-pacific strategies to maximize economic gain in Post COVID-19 (3) Effects of the ‘European Green Deal’ towards investment in Asia Developing Countries (4) Effects of ‘Build Back Better’ policies towards trade and investments in Asia Developing Countries

Commission Paper: BCG model fostering sustainable development in Thai economy

- Dr. Narong Sirilertworakul  
  President, National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)

Commission Paper: E-Commerce in India and Japan

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Takashi Tsukamoto  
  School of Political Science and Economics, Meiji University

- Ms. Kanupriya Dua  
  Lecturer, International College of Liberal Arts, Yamanashi Gakuin University

Day 2: Wednesday, 25 August 2021

Welcoming Remarks:

- Chairman, the Board of Directors, the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)

Keynote Speaker: Shaping ASEAN’s COVID-19 Recovery Strategy

- H.E. Mr. Satvinder Singh (TBC)  
  Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community

This session will focus on the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF) which serves as the consolidated exit strategy from the COVID-19 crisis. ASEAN’s recovery efforts will focus on five Broad Strategies that are deemed most...
impactful to take the region through the recovery process and its aftermath. The Broad Strategies will, in turn, be pursued through several Key Priorities: (1) Enhancing Health Systems, (2) Strengthening Human Security, (3) Maximizing the Potential of Intra-ASEAN Market and Broader Economic Integration, (4) Accelerating Inclusive Digital Transformation, and (5) Advancing towards a More Sustainable and Resilient Future.

14.00 – 14.10hrs. Commission Paper: Thailand’s International Investment Agreements (IIAs): A move towards a balanced investment protection regime?

- **Dr. Kraijakr Thiratayakinant**
  Counsellor, Head of International Agreements Subdivision, International Economic Policy Division, Department of International Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand


- **Mr. Kobsak Duangdee**
  Member, ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC)

- **Dr. Netithorn Praditsarn**
  Deputy Secretary General, Global Compact Network Thailand (GCNT)

- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dao Ngoc Tien**
  Vice President, Foreign Trade University (FTU), Vietnam

- **Prof. Dr. Sufian Jusoh**
  Director, Institute of Malaysia and International Studies (IKMAS), National University of Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia

- **Dr. Mia Mikic** (Moderator)
  Advisor at Large, The Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT)

  This session will focus on sharing recommendations and best practices that will address the opportunities from positive impacts of COVID-19 on international trade. These recommendations and best practices are draw from Vietnam which exports are already above pre-corona levels, and Malaysia had a strong rebound. How we ensure that these recoveries will not a “K-Shaped Recovery” and leads to greater inequality?

15.10 – 15.20hrs. Commission Paper: Managing tourism development for sustainable and inclusive recovery: Case study of ASEAN economies (TBA)

- **Mr. Steven Schipani**
  Senior Portfolio Management Specialist, The Asian Development Bank (ADB)
15.20 – 15.30hrs. Commission Paper: The Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic to Unlock the Potential of Aid for eTrade in Laos

- Dr. Somdeth Bodhisane
  Researcher, Institute for Industry and Commerce (IIC), Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC), Laos

Day 3: Thursday, 26 August 2021

13.00 – 15.00hrs. Welcoming Remarks:

- **Representative**, Ministry of Commerce (MOC)
- **Representative**, The World Trade Organization (WTO)
- **Representative**, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- **Representative**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- **Representative**, Federation of Thai Industries (FTI)
- **Representative**, International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)

Opening Remarks:

- **H.E. Mr. Jurin Laksanawisit**
  Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce

Awards and Recognition Remarks

- **H.E. Mr. Sinit Lertkrai**
  Deputy Minister of Commerce

Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi**
  Former Director-General, The World Trade Organization (WTO) and former Secretary-General, The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

15.15 – 15.45hrs. Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Ms. Isabelle Durant**
  Acting Secretary-General, The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (TBC)

15.45 – 16.15hrs. Keynote Speaker:

- **H.E. Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**
  Director-General, The World Trade Organization (WTO) (TBC)
16.15 – 17.15hrs. **Keynote Speaker:**

- **H.E. Prof. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai (TBC)**
  Chairman, Asian Peace and Reconciliation Council (ARPC) and former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand

17.30 – 18.45hrs. **Plenary Session**

- **Representative**, The Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC)
- **Representative**, Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (TCC)
- **Dr. Darmp Sukontasap**, Board of Directors, the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)
- **Ms. Sirikan Prasertying** (Moderator)
  Director, Office of International Cooperation, the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)

**Closing Session**

- **Mr. Manu Sithiprasasana**
  Executive Director, the International Institute for Trade and Development (ITD)