



BRUNEI BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2023 & APEC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING II

27 - 30 April, 2023. The Empire Hotel, Brunei Darussalam

The Brunei Business Conference 2023 is held in-conjunction with the APEC Business Advisory Council meeting and will bring together business leaders from APEC, ASEAN and Brunei. It will be a unique opportunity to engage two of the region's most important multilateral organisations with the Brunei business community.

The APEC Business Advisory Council and the ASEAN Business Advisory Council are the leading voices of business in the Asia Pacific and Southeast Asian regions with shared priorities in economic integration, digital innovation and sustainable growth with cross-cutting themes such as finance and inclusion.

We look forward to hearing from:

- H.E. Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew Abdullah, Minister at The Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II
- H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat
- H.E. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General, ASEAN
- Dominic Ng, Chairman, APEC Business Advisory Council and Chairman and CEO of East West Bank, USA
- Arsjad Rasjid, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council, Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)

The Brunei Business Conference is an element of the Brunei Economy Programme hosted by the ASEAN and APEC Business Advisory Councils of Brunei Darussalam in-collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economy and in partnership with leading public and private sector organisations to link APEC and ASEAN priorities with the business community.

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL

08:00 - 08:45	Registration
08:45 - 09:15	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcome remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hafimi Abdul Haadii, Chair, APEC Business Advisory Council Brunei and Executive Director of LVK Group of Companies ● Haslina Taib, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei; CEO of Dynamik Technologies <p>Official launch of the Brunei Economy Programme 2023 and Opening Keynote Address by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew Abdullah, Minister at The Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II*
09:15 - 10:15	<p>Panel Discussion on APEC and ASEAN 2023</p> <p>In 2023, APEC is Chaired by the USA and ASEAN is Chaired by Indonesia. What are the business priorities for APEC and ASEAN? How can businesses in Brunei and the wider region benefit?</p> <p>Panel discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● H.E. Tan Sri Datuk Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat* ● H.E. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General, ASEAN* ● Dominic Ng, Chairman, APEC Business Advisory Council and Chairman and CEO of East West Bank, USA ● Arsjad Rasjid, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council, Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
10:15 - 10:45	Networking Break
10:45 - 11:35	<p>Digital and Inclusive Growth</p> <p>How can technology enable inclusive economic growth? What skills are needed for the new world of work? How can digital tools and fintech help ASEAN and APEC reach and benefit medium and small sized cities and far away places?</p> <p>Panel Discussion with senior business and government figures.</p>
11:35 - 12:30	Panel Discussion on Sustainable Growth and Energy Transition

	<p>How can economies balance economic growth and its climate change commitments? What can be done to help the private sector with their net-zero journey? What does the future of energy look like?</p> <p>Panel Discussion with senior business and government figures.</p>
	<p>Brunei Business Conference Concludes</p>
12:30 - 14.00	<p>Lunch for ABAC Members & Staffers, Speakers, Overseas Guests and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme</p>
13:15 - 14:15	<p>By Invitation Roundtable hosted by ABAC Brunei</p> <p>ABAC Informal Session with Vanessa Tierney, Founder & CEO, Abodoo and Ambassador European Year of Skills 2023 on The New World of Work, Corporate Sustainability and Remote Working.</p> <p>The Roundtable will share how Abodoo works with the European Commission Start Up Village Initiative to support Villages in achieving economic prosperity as new “Live Work” destinations and supporting the Rural School for Women Academy in providing the skills to connect with global opportunities through My Work Life Vision.</p> <p>For ABAC Members & Staffers, Overseas Guests and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
15:30 - 16:45	<p>ABAC Roundtable on Trade in Environmental Goods and Services</p> <p>By Invitation Roundtable hosted by ABAC Singapore and the Singapore Business Federation</p> <p>The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Singapore is organising a roundtable on Trade in Environmental Goods and Services as part of ABAC’s workstream to facilitate environmental trade in the region, on the sidelines of the Second ABAC Meeting in Brunei Darussalam.</p> <p>The roundtable aims to gather industry feedback from businesses on the challenges they face when engaging in trade of environmental goods and services, which would then be used to identify possible solutions to address them. The outcomes of the roundtable will contribute to the ABAC Letter and Report which will be submitted to APEC Economic Leaders at the end of the year.</p> <p>For ABAC Members & Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>

18:00 - 19:30	<p>ABAC Welcome Reception</p> <p>For ABAC Members & Staffers, Speakers, Overseas Guests and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p> <p>Venue: Brunei Energy Hub, Bandar Seri Begawan</p>
FRIDAY, 28 APRIL	
08:00 - 12:00	ABAC Meetings for Members Only
09:30 - 11:30	<p>ASEAN Business Advisory Council Roundtable on Borneo</p> <p>By invitation roundtable with stakeholders in the Borneo economy to discuss greater collaboration and economic integration across the world's 3rd largest island.</p> <p>The focus will be on how Brunei, Sabah, Sarawak and Kalimantan can work together to grow the regional economy and create 'Dagang Borneo'.</p> <p>Opening Remarks by Arsjad Rasjid, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council, Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.</p> <p>Facilitated by Haslina Taib, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei; CEO of Dynamik Technologies</p> <p>For Invited Guests and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
14:00 - 16:00	<p>By Invitation Site Visit</p> <p>CAE Brunei Multipurpose Training Centre.</p> <p>The Centre is a joint venture between CAE (then known as Canadian Aviation Electronics Ltd) and the Government of Brunei and boasts one of the region's largest helicopter simulator training facilities.</p> <p>For ABAC Members & Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
18:30 - 20:00	<p>Gala Dinner</p> <p>Gala Dinner for ABAC Members & Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p> <p>Venue: Jerudong Park Country Club</p>

SATURDAY, 29 APRIL

08:30 - 12:45	ABAC Meetings for Members Only
13:00 - 14:30	<p>By Invitation Themed Lunch on Women</p> <p>Facilitated by Rachel Taulelei, Co-founder, Oho and APEC Business Advisory Council Member for New Zealand</p> <p>For ABAC Members & Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p>By Invitation Site Visits</p> <p>Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunei Innovation Lab Site Visit and Pitching Session with Brunei Start Ups. Brunei Innovation Lab is a local ecosystem comprising developers, start-ups, business, academia and government institutions. • Ghanim-Brunei Food Industry Development (BFID). Ghanim actively works in partnership with local businesses for food product development and production of innovative Made in Brunei products. <p>For ABAC Members & Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
16:30 - 19:00	ABAC Meetings for ABAC Members and Staffers Only
19:30 - 22:00	<p>By Invitation Private Dinners</p> <p>By invitation dinners for ABAC Members and Brunei Economy Programme partners.</p> <p>Venue: Small dinners hosted by Ambassadors and High Commissioners of APEC Economies.</p>

SUNDAY, 30 APRIL

09:00 - 12:00	ABAC Meetings and ABAC Press Conference for ABAC Members & Staffers Only
12:00 onwards	Tour Programme for ABAC Members & Staffers available (at own cost)

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