



2019 Viet Nam's Labour Forum
Future of Work: The Choice of Viet Nam

Date: Wednesday 27 November 2019

Venue: Melia Hotel, Hanoi, Viet Nam

Agenda

Morning: High-Level Plenary Session

Thang Long Ballroom

8:00 – 8:45 Arrival, coffee and registration

8:45 – 9:00 Welcome

Placing the event into a time frame, economic and social context, and global context

9:00 – 9:15 Keynote address: H.E. Dao Ngoc Dung, Minister, MOLISA

Opening speech: Changhee Lee, Director, International Labour Organization (ILO) Viet Nam

Group photo

9:15 – 10:15 ***The future of work and society: A vision for Viet Nam***

High-Level dialogue

Representatives of key institutions shaping the world of work in Viet Nam will discuss their vision for their respective organizations. The objective of this session is to provide participants to the Forum with the framework of long-term objectives that Viet Nam is planning to pursue, and current priorities on how to pursue them.

Facilitator: Journalist Nguyen Thu Ha

Speakers:

- H.E. Le Van Thanh, Vice Minister, MOLISA
- Vo Tan Thanh, Vice President, Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industries (VCCI)
- Ngo Duy Hieu, Vice President, Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL)
- Nguyen Van Thinh, Vice President, Viet Nam Cooperatives Alliance (VCA)
- Changhee Lee, Director, International Labour Organization (ILO) Viet Nam

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15 ***Towards Viet Nam's vision – Trends, opportunities and challenges***

Plenary session



The opening session has provided the long-term vision and aspirations of Viet Nam's leading institutions of the world of work. This session will present global, regional and national socioeconomic trends and challenges that will be influencing the country's pursuit of its long-term goals.

Facilitator: Valentina Barcucci, Labour Economist, ILO Viet Nam

Speakers:

- Marva Corley-Coulibaly, Chief, Globalization, Competitiveness and Labour Standards Unit, ILO
- Jan Rielander, Head, Multi-Dimensional Country Reviews, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- Nguy Thi Khanh, Executive Director, Green Innovation and Development Centre (Green ID)
- Santosh Mehrotra, Professor of Economics and Chairperson, Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Nguyen Xuan Thanh, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy, Fulbright University Viet Nam

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch break

Afternoon: Parallel Sessions

13:45 – 15:45 ***Realizing the vision: Understanding skills needs in a dynamic economy***

Ballroom 3

Parallel session 1

This session will compare the vision provided by national leaders with the trends, challenges and opportunities discussed by researchers in morning section of the Forum. In this session, participants will discuss how skills supply and demand can support decent work and economic progress, in a context where change is the only constant.

Facilitator: Akiko Sakamoto, Senior Regional Skills Specialist, ILO

Speakers:

- Dao Quang Vinh, Director General, Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs (ILSSA), MOLISA
- Truong Anh Dung, Deputy Director General, Department of Vocational and Education Training (DVET), MOLISA
- Tran Thi Thu Trang, Chief Executive Officer, Hanel PT
- Tony Asper, Federation of Free Workers (FFW - Philippines)
- Johnny Sung Chi Keung, Centre Director, Centre for Skills, Performance and Productivity, Institute for Adult Learning

13:45 – 15:45 ***Realizing the vision: Building effective industrial relations institutions***

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Parallel session 2

Viet Nam needs to move towards high performance workplaces based on genuine social dialogue, away from a low-wage manufacturing and export model. In this session, participants will assess current policy and institutional challenges, and debate on alternative strategies to build workplaces based on genuine social dialogue.

Co-facilitators: Nguyen Manh Cuong, Director General, ICD, MOLISA and Changhee Lee, Director, ILO Viet Nam

Speakers:

- Do Quynh Chi, Director, Research Center for Employment Relations (ERC)
- Tran Thi Lan Anh, Director General of Bureau for Employers Activities, VCCI
- Nguyen Huy Hung, Acting Director General, Department of Industry Relation and Wage policies, MOLISA
- Pham Thu Lan, Deputy Director, Workers Institute, VGCL
- Pham Thi Phuong, President of Mabuchi Motor company
- Nguyen Liem, Board Chairman of Lam Viet Joint-Stock company
- Paapa Danquah, Legal Officer, ITUC
- Gregor Murray, Canada Research Chair and Director, Interuniversity Research Centre on Globalization and Work, School of Industrial Relations, University of Montreal

13:45 – 15:45 **Realizing the vision: Universal social protection floor**

Function Room 1&2

Parallel session 3

This session will provide an overview of various categories of workers who often face social protection gaps, and provide proposals for innovative approaches that Viet Nam can take to close coverage and adequacy gaps, and to adapt its social protection system to changing circumstances and demands.

Facilitator: Luu Quang Tuan, Deputy Director General, Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs (ILSSA), MOLISA

Speakers:

- Francois Painchaud, Resident Representative for Viet Nam and Lao PDR, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Tran Hai Nam, Deputy Director, Social Security Department, MOLISA
- Nguyen Thanh Cam, Director, Policy Department, Viet Nam Women's Union
- Vi Thi Hong Minh, Deputy Director General of Bureau for Employers Activities, VCCI
- Giang Thanh Long, Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, National Economics University

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break

16:15 – 16:45 **Conclusion**
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Plenary session

Facilitator: Valentina Barcucci, Labour Economist, ILO Viet Nam

Speakers:

- Facilitators of Parallel Sessions 1, 2, and 3

Concluding remarks:

- Changhee Lee, Director, ILO Viet Nam
- H.E. Le Van Thanh, Vice Minister, MOLISA