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# ANNUAL REPORT

**BRUNEI ECONOMY  
PROGRAMME 2023**

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# Report Summary

The Brunei Economy Programme 2023 delivered a year-long series of business conferences, forums and roundtables that brought together the key stakeholders in the Brunei economy, from both the public and private sectors, to discuss how the global challenges facing ASEAN and APEC are impacting Brunei's economy.

The Brunei Economy Programme is hosted by the ASEAN and APEC Business Advisory Councils of Brunei in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Economy. The Brunei Economy Programme is made possible through the strong support of the following leading corporations:

- **Lead Partner:** Darussalam Assets.
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Established in 2022, the Brunei Economy Programme aims to create awareness and understanding of the key issues facing the economy and explore how, through a whole-of-nation approach, they can be addressed. By creating a dynamic and sustainable economy, the Brunei Economy Programme also hopes to contribute to Brunei's goal of achieving Wawasan 2035.

Watch the Brunei Economy Programme 2023 Summary Highlight Video [here](#).

# Key Outcomes

## Transformative Achievements and Contributions

The Brunei Economy Programme 2023 made significant contributions to economic development and collaboration throughout the year.

- **Enhanced Understanding of Key Economic Issues:** The year long series of discussions fostered a deeper understanding of the economic challenges facing Brunei, ASEAN, and APEC, paving the way for informed decision-making and strategic planning, especially in the areas of digital transformation and sustainability.
- **Strengthened Public-Private Sector Collaboration:** The programme facilitated cooperation between Brunei's public and private sectors, creating a comprehensive collaborative environment. This inclusive approach created an environment for greater open discussion between the public and private sector.
- **Innovative Solutions to Global Challenges:** The programme highlighted innovative solutions to global challenges affecting Brunei. Stakeholders actively engaged in constructive dialogues, resulting in solutions applicable at both local and regional levels.

## Promoting Intra-Regional Growth and Trade

The Brunei Economy Programme 2023 played a key role in promoting intra-regional growth and trade:

- **Borneo Business Roundtable:** The inaugural Borneo Business Roundtable brought together leaders from Brunei, Malaysia, and Indonesia to enhance intra-Borneo trade. This collaboration led to the creation of the [Borneo Economic Community](#) aimed at fostering economic growth and strengthening ties across the region.
- **APEC Business Advisory Council Meeting:** Hosting the second APEC Business Advisory Council meeting of the year elevated Brunei's regional presence. The discussions held in Brunei contributed significantly to the ABAC Report to Leaders and also led to an MOU signed between the ASEAN and APEC Business Advisory Councils.



# What was delivered in 2023?

This Brunei Economy Programme 2023 featured the following:

## BRUNEI BUSINESS CONFERENCE

27 April 2023

Over 450 delegates took part in the Brunei Business Conference including 150 overseas guests under the theme of **'Equity. Sustainability. Opportunity.'**

For the first time ever, the respective Chairs of the APEC and ASEAN Business Advisory Councils met together. An outcome of the meeting convened in Brunei, was a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to collaborate on digital economy issues signed during the APEC Summit in San Francisco.

Overseas speakers included (click the links to watch their interviews, see the full programme in the appendix for the list of overseas and local speakers):

- [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) and CEO Indika Energy
- [H.E. Tan Sri Dr Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria](#), Executive Director, APEC Secretariat
- [Wuger Xue](#), Chief Strategy Officer, Huawei (Asia Pacific)
- [Shinta Kamdani](#), CEO, Sintesa Group and ABAC Member Indonesia

The Conference focused on the business priorities for ASEAN and APEC, a discussion on Digital and Inclusive Growth and a discussion on Sustainable Growth and Energy Transition.

All the documents relating to the event including the digital booklet, presentations, press releases and more can be downloaded [here](#).

To watch the highlight video, click [here](#). To watch the video by Borneo Bulletin click [here](#).

To view the pictures, click [here](#).



*"You have such a wonderful environment here, it's gorgeous! How do you capitalise on it and make sure all of Brunei benefits when the whole world is interested in the environment, sustainability and nature"*

*Tan Sri Dr Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat*

Click [here](#) to watch the interview

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# 31

SPEAKERS

# BRUNEI BUSINESS CONFERENCE

27 April 2023



# APEC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

27 - 30 April 2023



Brunei was honoured to host the second APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) meeting of the year that brought senior business leaders to Brunei from across the Asia Pacific. The list of ABAC members can be seen [here](#).

The meeting made essential contributions to the final report that was submitted to APEC Leaders in San Francisco. The report can be downloaded [here](#).

While in Brunei, the ABAC Members also took part in the following which also included local business participation (click the links to see the photos):

- [ABAC Welcome Reception](#) at the Brunei Energy Hub.
- [ABAC Site Visits](#) to the Brunei Innovation Lab, RBC and CAE.
- [ABAC Lunch on Women and Sustainable Inclusion](#).
- [ABAC Gala Dinner](#)

Watch short interviews with [Laura Lane, Executive Vice President & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, UPS](#) and [Monica Retamal, Director of Nisum](#) in Chile reflecting on Brunei and the ABAC meeting.

To watch the highlight video of the ABAC Meeting, click [here](#).

To watch the highlight video of all the activities around the meeting, click [here](#).

# APEC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

27 - 30 April 2023



# APEC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

27 - 30 April 2023



# BORNEO BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

28 April 2023



The ASEAN Business Advisory Council of Brunei hosted the inaugural Borneo Business Roundtable that brought together business leaders from Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia.

The Forum focused on exploring how to further intra-Borneo trade and develop a business community across Borneo.

**Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Awang Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism**, in his Opening Keynote Address, noted that Borneo has ‘the potential to be an epicentre for a vibrant and sustainable business and economy’, particular with the relocation of Indonesia’s capital city to Borneo, called Nusantara.

Yang Berhormat Dato Dr Haji Awang Abdul Manaf, also said ‘As we move forward to unlock this economic potential further and harness maximum economic benefits, it is imperative for us to continue engaging in dialogue and collaboration, build networks and partnerships and create sharing and learning platforms. I would like to highlight the importance and power of collaboration’.

The Roundtable was attended by **Arsjad Rasjid, Chair of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council and Chair of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce** who was inspired to host the second Borneo Business Roundtable alongside the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Jakarta on 5th September. Watch Arsjad Rasjid speak in an interview on Borneo and Nusantara [here](#).

- At the second Borneo Business Roundtable, the [Borneo Economic Community](#) was announced and a legacy project championed by the ASEAN Business Advisory Council of Brunei called [Dagang Borneo](#) was launched. The video of the Roundtable can be viewed [here](#). The programme and related documents can be downloaded [here](#).

All the documents relating to the inaugural ASEAN BAC Roundtable on Borneo including the digital booklet, presentations, survey results, press releases and more can be downloaded [here](#).

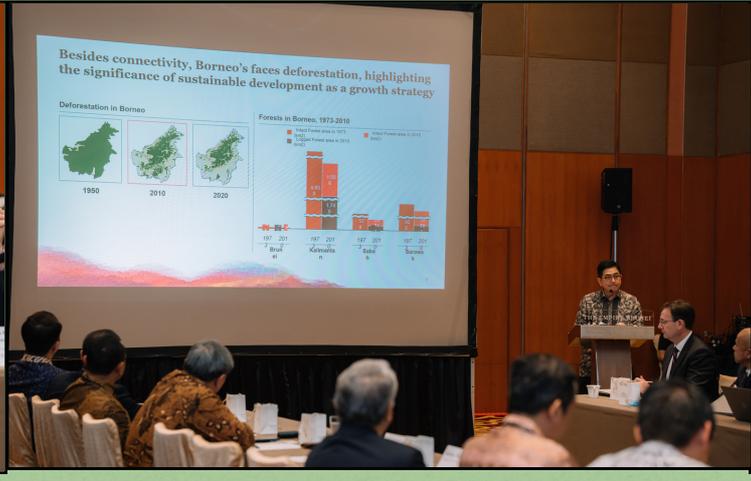
To view the photos of the inaugural Borneo Business Roundtable, click [here](#).

To view the photos of the Second Borneo Business Roundtable, [click here](#).

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# BORNEO BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE

28 April 2023, Bandar Seri Begawan & 5 September 2023, Jakarta



# DIGITAL ECONOMY FORUM

31 August 2023

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SPEAKERS

The Digital Economy Forum 2023, themed **"Accelerating Digital Adoption in Brunei,"** brought together over 100 public and private sector participants to discuss how to accelerate digital transformation in Brunei.

The Forum discussed:

- The advancement in digital technologies and how it is changing the business landscape. The Forum noted the development of the ASEAN QR code and the ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement and that the Brunei business community needs to be aware of the developments in the region.
- The APEC Business Advisory Council has launched an MSME Supply Chain Toolkit which gauges supply chain resilience. The Toolkit can be accessed [here](#).
- How artificial intelligence is playing a profound role in the world of work and creating significant enhancements in productivity.
- The importance of inclusivity and ensuring all aspects of society and the business community, especially MSMEs are aware of the digital tools that are available.

Senior figures from Darussalam Assets, Baiduri Bank, Microsoft, Cyber Security Brunei, the National Digital Payments Network, Dynamik Teknologies spoke in the Forum.

All the documents relating to the event including the digital booklet, presentations, survey results, press releases and more can be downloaded [here](#).

To view the photos of the Digital Economy Forum, click [here](#).

To watch the highlight video, click [here](#).



# DIGITAL ECONOMY FORUM

31 August 2023



# SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY FORUM

23 November 2023

The Brunei Sustainable Economy Forum 2023, themed '**Sustainable Goals: Balancing Growth and Climate Commitments**,' focused on how the Brunei business community can play a more active role in achieving the country's sustainable development goals.

Over 180 participants from the public and private sector took part to hear from overseas and local experts including:

- **Shanta Helena Dwarkasing**, Director of the UN Global Compact Network for Malaysia & Brunei
- **Charis Yeap**, SE Asia Regional Lead for Green Finance and Carbon Pricing Mechanisms, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom
- **Megain Widjaja**, Founder & Board Member, Indonesia Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Group (ICDX) and CEO, Indonesia Climate Exchange (ICX)
- **Stanislav Urzhumtsev**, Head of Executive Operations, Destinus

A highlight of the forum was the panel discussion on the role of business in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), featuring prominent figures including Jerome Saniez of TotalEnergies EP, Hajah Nurul Akmar binti Haji Md Jaafar of BIBD, Ir. Ahmad Za'iemaddien of the Brunei Climate Change Secretariat, and Shanta Helena Dwarkasing, Director of UN Global Compact Network for Malaysia & Brunei. Moderated by Shirley Sikun of Brunei Shell Petroleum, the panel explored ways for the business community to contribute to sustainable development while fostering growth in a climate-conscious era.

The Forum also discussed:

- Brunei's steadfast commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the [Second Voluntary National Review](#).
- Jerome Saniez, Country Manager for TotalEnergies Brunei shared that they are working with UN Global Compact Network for Malaysia and Brunei to run a workshop in 2024 for their supply chain to enhance their supply chain's capacity to operate sustainably and reduce their impact on the environment.
- The role of green finance and carbon trading, including shariah compliant commodity trading, in energy transition and carbon offsetting.
- In the survey taken at the forum, 80% of the respondents said their organisation does not have a formal sustainability policy and expressed a strong interest in wanting to know how to implement one.

All the documents relating to the event including the digital booklet, presentations, survey results, press releases and more can be downloaded [here](#).

To view the photos of the Brunei Sustainable Economy Forum, click [here](#).

To watch the highlight video, click [here](#).



# SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY FORUM

23 November 2023



# ASEAN and APEC Reports

In 2023, ASEAN was Chaired by Indonesia and APEC was Chaired by the USA.

- The 'ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on 'ASEAN as an Epicentrum of Growth' can be downloaded [here](#).
- The ASEAN Business Advisory Council's 'ASEAN Business Roadmap Towards Epicentrum of Growth' can be downloaded [here](#).
- '2023 APEC Leaders' Golden Gate Declaration' can be downloaded [here](#).
- The 'APEC Business Advisory Council Report to Leaders 2023' can be downloaded [here](#).



**Above:** ASEAN Business Advisory Council and APEC BAC discussed opportunities for collaboration at the ABAC II meeting hosted in Brunei.

**Below:** The MoU between ASEAN BAC and APEC BAC signed at the APEC Summit in San Francisco.



# Media Highlights

Below are a few media highlights from the programme:





# Looking Ahead to 2024:

In 2024, ASEAN will be Chaired by Laos under theme ‘ASEAN: Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience’. The official website can be seen [here](#).

APEC will be Chaired by Peru under the theme ‘People, Business, Prosperity’. The official website can be seen [here](#).



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# APPENDIX



## BRUNEI BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2023 & APEC BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING II

“Equity. Sustainability. Opportunity.”

27 - 30 April, 2023. Indera Samudra Grand Hall, The Empire Brunei

### PROGRAMME

#### THURSDAY, 27 APRIL

08:00 - 08:45	Brunei Business Conference Registration
08:45 - 09:15	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p>Welcome remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Haslina Taib</b>, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei; CEO of Dynamik Technologies</li> <li>• <b>Hafimi Abdul Haadii</b>, Chair, APEC Business Advisory Council Brunei and Executive Director of LVK Group of Companies</li> </ul> <p>Official launch of the Brunei Economy Programme 2023 and Opening Keynote Address by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew Abdullah</b>, Minister at The Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II</li> </ul>
09:15 - 10:15	<p><b>Panel Discussion on APEC and ASEAN 2023</b></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"> <li>• <b>Dominic Ng</b>, Chairman, APEC Business Advisory Council and Chairman and CEO of East West Bank, USA</li> <li>• <b>Arsjad Rasjid</b>, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council, Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN) and CEO Indika Energy</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Tan Sri Dr Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria</b>, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Hajah Farida Dato Talib</b>, Managing Director &amp; CEO, Brunei LNG</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by <b>Dato Timothy Ong</b>, Board Member, Baiduri Bank Group</p>
10:15 - 10:45	<p><b>Networking Break</b></p>
10.45 - 11.35	<p><b>Panel Discussion on Digital and Inclusive Growth</b></p> <p>How can AI and 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>Followed by a Panel Discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shinta Kamdani</b>, CEO, Sintesa Group and ABAC Member Indonesia</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Steffen Oehler</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Unified National Networks Sdn Bhd</li> <li>• <b>Suzanna Suharju</b>, CEO, imagine Sdn Bhd and ABAC Member Brunei</li> <li>• <b>Haslina Taib</b>, CEO of Dynamik Technologies and Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei</li> <li>• <b>Wuger Xue</b>, Chief Strategy Officer, Huawei (Asia Pacific)</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by <b>Chris Humphrey</b>, Executive Director, EU-ASEAN Business Council</p>
11:35 - 12:30	<p><b>Panel Discussion on Sustainable Growth and Energy Transition</b></p> <p>Advancing realistic energy transition towards low carbon in the region is a global challenge. How can economies balance economic growth and its climate change commitments? What can be done to help the private sector with its net-zero journey? What does the future of energy look like?</p> <p>Panel Discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Timothy D. Dattels</b>, Senior Advisor, TPG Global</li> <li>• <b>Leigh Howard</b>, CEO, AsiaLink Business, Australia</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agnete Johnsgaard-Lewis</b>, Managing Director Brunei Shell Petroleum</li> <li>• <b>Jerome Saniez</b>, General Manager &amp; Country Chair, TotalEnergies EP (Brunei)</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by <b>Monica Hardy Whaley</b>, President, National Center for APEC, USA</p>
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
	Brunei Business Conference Concludes
13:15 - 14:15	<p><b>By Invitation Roundtable hosted by ABAC Brunei</b></p> <p>ABAC Informal Session with <b>Vanessa Tierney, Founder &amp; CEO, Aboodo and Ambassador European Year of Skills 2023</b> on The New World of Work, Corporate Sustainability and Remote Working.</p> <p>The Roundtable will share how Aboodo works with the European Commission Start Up Village Initiative to support Villages in achieving economic prosperity as new <a href="#">“Live Work” destinations</a> and supporting the Rural School for Women Academy in providing the skills to connect with global opportunities through <a href="#">My Work Life Vision</a>.</p> <p>For ABAC Members &amp; Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
15:30 - 16:45	<p><b>ABAC Roundtable on Trade in Environmental Goods and Services</b></p> <p><b>By Invitation Roundtable hosted by ABAC Singapore and the Singapore Business Federation</b></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 &amp; Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>



17:30 - 19:00	<p><b>ABAC Welcome Reception</b></p> <p>For ABAC Members &amp; Staffers, Speakers, Overseas Guests and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p> <p>Venue: <a href="#">Brunei Energy Hub</a>, Bandar Seri Begawan          Guest of Honour: <b>YB Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin</b>, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism</p>
<b>FRIDAY, 28 APRIL</b>	
08:30 - 14:30	ABAC Meetings for Members Only
09:00 - 11:00	<p><b>ASEAN Business Advisory Council Roundtable on Borneo</b></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>Welcome remarks by <b>Haslina Taib</b>, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei; CEO of Dynamik Technologies</p> <p>Opening Keynote Address by <b>The Hon. Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin</b>, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p>Remarks by Arsjad Rasjid, Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council; Chairman, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.</p> <p>Presentation on Nusantara, Indonesia's Future Capital by Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)</p> <p>Remarks by Daniel Leong, Acting CEO, Brunei Economic Development Board</p> <p>Presentation on DagangBorneo by ASEAN BAC Brunei</p> <p><b>Roundtable Discussion</b></p> <p><b>A discussion on how to develop greater collaboration to grow intra-Borneo trade.</b></p>



	<p>Facilitated by Haslina Taib, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei; CEO of Dynamik Technologies</p> <p><b>Networking Lunch with the APEC Business Advisory Council</b> For Invited Guests and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
15:00 - 17:00	<p><b>By Invitation Site Visit</b></p> <p><a href="#">CAE Brunei Multipurpose Training Centre.</a></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 &amp; Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
19:00 - 21:00	<p><b>Gala Dinner</b></p> <p>Gala Dinner for ABAC Members &amp; Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p> <p>Guest of Honour: <b>YB Dato Seri Setia Dr Awang Haji Mohd Amin Liew Abdullah</b>, Minister at The Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II</p> <p>Venue: Tarindak d'Polo Restaurant, Royal Brunei Polo And Riding Club</p> <p>Featuring Performances by Relentless</p>
<b>SATURDAY, 29 APRIL</b>	
08:30 - 12:45	ABAC Meetings for Members Only
13:00 - 14:30	<p><b>By Invitation Luncheon Women and Sustainable Inclusion</b></p> <p>The Importance of Inclusion in Economic Empowerment: A conversation about the economic benefits of women's inclusion in sustainable development initiatives.</p> <p>What strategies will promote gender equality, women's empowerment and deliver equity for the underserved and under-represented in economic development?</p> <p>A Conversation facilitated by <a href="#">Rachel Taulelei</a>, Co-founder, Oho and APEC Business Advisory Council Member for New Zealand with:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Siti Kamaluddin, Filmmaker &amp; Founder of Mahakarya Institute of the Arts Asia</li> <li>• Colonel Norsuriati Hj Sharbini, Head Judge Advocate General, Judge Advocate General (AG) Office, Commander RBAF Secretariat Office</li> <li>• Hajah Farida Dato Talib, Managing Director &amp; CEO, Brunei LNG</li> <li>• Ms Eyon Ukoi, Co-Founder Eco Ponies Garden (Community-based business)</li> </ul> <p>For ABAC Members &amp; Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
15:00 - 17:00	<p><b>By Invitation Site Visits</b></p> <p><b>Options are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Brunei Innovation Lab</a> Site Visit and Roundtable Conversation with Brunei StartUps. Brunei Innovation Lab is a local ecosystem comprising developers, start-ups, business, academia and government institutions.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Royal Brunei Culinary</a>. Royal Brunei Culinary brings trusted and delightful culinary experiences that modern Brunei desires. With a state of the art central kitchen, professional services and creative cuisine choices, RBC brings pride and joy to our customers in Brunei, and in Asia.</li> </ul> <p>For ABAC Members &amp; Staffers and Partners of the Brunei Economy Programme.</p>
17:30 - 18:30	ABAC Meetings for ABAC Members and Staffers Only
19:00 - 22:00	<p><b>By Invitation Private Dinners</b></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>
<b>SUNDAY, 30 APRIL</b>	
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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## Useful Links

- [‘Towards a Dynamic and Sustainable Economy’ Economic Blueprint for Brunei Darussalam](#) by Ministry of Finance and Economy
- [Digital Economy Masterplan](#) by Ministry of Transport and Infocommunications
- [Brunei Economic Outlook 2023](#) by Center for Strategic and Policy Studies
- [Brunei Economic Update Aug 2022](#) by Center for Strategic and Policy Studies
- [Strategy and Policy Journal](#) by Centre for Strategic and Policy Studies
- [2022 APEC Economic Policy Report](#) by APEC Secretariat
- [Digital First Economy](#) by ABAC in collaboration with Huawei
- [Digital Identity in APEC](#) by Stephanie Honey for ABAC
- [ABAC Report to Leaders 2022](#)



## Borneo Business Roundtable 2023

### Connecting Borneo: Building the Regional Value Chain through Cooperation

11:00 - 12:00 | 05 September, 2023 The Sultan Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia

#### PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 5th September 2023	
15 mins (10.45 am)	<b>Registration</b>
10 mins	<p><b>ASEAN Business Advisory Council Business Roundtable on Borneo</b></p> <p>By invitation roundtable with stakeholders in the Borneo economy to discuss greater connectivity, collaboration and economic integration across the world's 3rd largest island consisting of the nine territories of Brunei, Kalimantan Provinces, Labuan, Sabah and Sarawak.</p> <p>Welcome remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M. Arsjad Rasjid P.M.</b>, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council 2023; Chair, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>• <b>Haslina Taib</b>, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei; CEO of Dynamik Technologies</li> </ul>
<b>Way Forward</b>	
5 mins	Signing of <b>Statement of Cooperation for the formation of the Borneo Economic Community</b>
5 mins	Launching of registration of interest to <b>DagangBorneo Digital Marketplace</b>
5 mins	<b>Insight from Nusantara National Capital Authority</b>



	<b>Dr. Agung Wicaksono, M.Sc., M.B.A.</b> , Deputy for Funding and Investment of Nusantara National Capital Authority.
5 mins	Announcement of Borneo Economic Community inaugural implementation partners on <b>Digital Trade, Tokenized Economy and Business Participation in the Carbon Market</b>
25 mins	<b>Statements from Territorial Representatives and Roundtable Participants</b>
5 mins	<b>Wrap up of roundtable discussions by</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bernardino M. Vega</b>, Alternate Chair, ASEAN-BAC2023; Vice Chairman of International Relations, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>• <b>Haslina Taib</b>, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei; CEO of Dynamik Technologies</li> </ul>
	<b>Roundtable Concludes</b>
	<b>Networking Lunch at Taman Sari, Sultan Hotel</b>



## DIGITAL ECONOMY FORUM 2023

### Accelerating Digital Adoption in Brunei

Thursday, 31 August 2023 | 08:30 - 14:00 | Mutiara Ballroom, Radisson Hotel

#### PROGRAMME

Time	Programme
08:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:00	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p>Welcome remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Musa Adnin</b>, Managing Director, Adinin Group of Companies and Member, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei</li> <li>• <b>Hafimi Abdul Haadii</b>, Executive Director, LVK Group of Companies and Chair, APEC Business Advisory Council Brunei (virtual)</li> </ul>
09:15	<p><b>Panel Discussion on Digital Transformation in Brunei</b></p> <p>How can the public and private sectors accelerate digital transformation? What are the key developments in Brunei to prepare for? Where do the gaps lie and how do we ensure all sizes of business and all aspects of society embrace digital tools?</p> <p>Panel Discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simon Hansman</b>, Head of Group Information &amp; Technology Division, Baiduri Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mohammad Azad Zaki Haji Mohd Tahir</b>, Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (Deputy CISO), Cyber Security Brunei</li> <li>• <b>Apurv Sharma</b>, Senior Information Technology Services Manager, Darussalam Assets</li> <li>• <b>Akflash Latibu</b>, Country Manager, Microsoft Brunei</li> <li>• <b>Hafiz Haslen</b>, CEO, National Digital Payments Network</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by <b>Rozana Yunos</b>, Head of Corporate Services, Dynamik Technologies</p>
10:30	<b>Networking Break</b>



11:00	<p><b>Presentation on Business Document and Data Security</b></p> <p>By <b>Damien Newn</b>, Senior Operations Manager, ASDS Sdn Bhd</p>
11:30	<p><b>Presentation on 'The New Future of Work' (virtual)</b></p> <p>By <b>Vinod Muralidharan</b>, General Manager, Modern Work Asia, Microsoft followed by Q&amp;A</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Aimi Ramlee</b>, Co-founder and Director of Innovation and Growth, Tyne Solutions</p>
12:00	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
14:00	<p><b>Forum Concludes</b></p>

#### Further Reading

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## SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY FORUM 2023

### Sustainable Goals: Balancing Growth and Climate Commitments

Thursday, 23 November 2023 | 13:00 - 17:00 | Mutiara Ballroom, Radisson Hotel

#### PROGRAMME

Time	Programme
13:00	<b>Registration, Networking and Light Bites</b>
14:00	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p>Welcome remarks by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Haslina Taib</b>, CEO of Dynamik Technologies and Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei</li> <li>• <b>Hafimi Abdul Haadii</b>, Executive Director, LVK Group of Companies and Chair, APEC Business Advisory Council Brunei</li> </ul>
14:10 - 15:10	<p><b>Panel Discussion on the Role of Business in Achieving the SDG's</b></p> <p><i>What are the Sustainable Development Goals? How can the Brunei business community contribute to Brunei's Sustainable Development Goals? How can we grow our businesses in a climate-conscious era? How do we help our supply chain and clients be part of the solution?</i></p> <p>Scene Setting by Shanta Helena Dwarkasing, Director of Programmes &amp; SME Center of Excellence, UN Global Compact Network for Malaysia &amp; Brunei (UNGCMYB) followed by Q&amp;A.</p> <p>Panel Discussion with senior business figures including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jerome Saniez</b>, General Manager and Country Chair, TotalEnergies EP (Brunei) B.V.</li> <li>• <b>Hajah Nurul Akmar binti Haji Md Jaafar</b>, Chief Marketing Officer, BIBD</li> <li>• <b>Shanta Helena Dwarkasing</b>, Director of Programmes &amp; SME Center of Excellence, UN Global Compact Network for Malaysia &amp; Brunei (UNGCMYB)</li> <li>• <b>Ir. Ahmad Za'iemaddien bin Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi</b>, Head of the Brunei Climate Change Secretariat</li> </ul>



	Moderated by <b>Shirley Sikun</b> , , Head of Energy Transition, Brunei Shell Petroleum
15:10 - 15:25	<p><b>Presentation on Sustainable and Shariah Compliant Commodities</b></p> <p><i>How are ESG regulations changing the future of commodity trading? What are the implications and opportunities for Brunei to trade in sustainable and shariah-compliant commodities, such as carbon?</i></p> <p>By <b>Megain Widjaja</b>, Founder &amp; Board Member, Indonesia Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Group (ICDX) and CEO, Indonesia Climate Exchange (ICX)</p>
15:25 - 15:45	<b>Networking Break</b>
15:45 - 16:00	<p><b>Presentation on Green Finance and Carbon Credits</b></p> <p><i>What are the opportunities for Brunei with Green Finance and Carbon Credits? Can Brunei participate in Voluntary Carbon Markets?</i></p> <p>As the world adopts green finance and carbon credits, it will be essential for Brunei to understand the opportunities and challenges and how financial instruments can accelerate a low-carbon transition.</p> <p>By <b>Charis Yeap</b>, SE Asia Regional Lead for Green Finance and Carbon Pricing Mechanisms, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom.</p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Presentation on ASEAN Alliance on Carbon Market (AACM) and A Conversation on Opportunities for Brunei Business with Green Finance and Carbon Markets</b></p> <p>With</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Haslina Taib</b>, CEO of Dynamik Technologies and Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council Brunei</li> <li>• <b>Megain Widjaja</b>, Founder &amp; Board Member, Indonesia Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Group (ICDX) and CEO, Indonesia Climate Exchange (ICX)</li> <li>• <b>Charis Yeap</b>, SE Asia Regional Lead for Green Finance and Carbon Pricing Mechanisms, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom followed by Q&amp;A.</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by <b>Allen Lai</b>, Managing Director, Confer Sdn Bhd</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Energy Transition: The Role of Hydrogen in a Sustainable Future.</b>



	Presentation by <b>Stanislav Urzhumtsev</b> , Head of Executive Operations, Destinus followed by Q&A moderated by <b>Hafimi Abdul Haadii</b> , Executive Director, LVK Group of Companies and Chair, APEC Business Advisory Council Brunei
17:00	<b>Networking Refreshments</b>
17:30	<b>Forum Concludes</b>

#### Further Reading

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