

PROGRAMME

HO CHI MINH CITY ECONOMIC FORUM 2023 (HEF 2023)

Theme: “Green Growth - Towards Net Zero”

Time: Tentatively September 13-17, 2023

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| Activities prior to HEF | |
| From May to July 2023 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press conference introducing HEF 2023 on May 11, 2023 - Organize overseas visits for departments and businesses of Ho Chi Minh City to study green and circular economic models at developed countries | |
| August 2023 | |
| - Press conference launching HEF 2023, tentatively on August 31, 2023 | |
| Activities within the framework of HEF | |
| September 13-17, 2023 | |
| Exhibition on green growth products and services of Ho Chi Minh City and presenting the Green Awards to City’s businesses at the Nguyen Hue Pedestrian Street | |
| Wednesday, September 13, 2023 | |
| All day | Receiving delegates and hotel check-in |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Opening of the Exhibition on green growth products and services of Ho Chi Minh City at the Nguyen Hue Pedestrian Street |
| Thursday, September 14, 2023 | |
| 08:30 – 10:30 | Exchange programme between prestigious national and international experts, speakers with students of Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City |
| Morning | Talkshow with the participation of national and international experts and speakers at Ho Chi Minh City Television |
| Morning <i>(to be confirmed)</i> | Conference "Green Growth: Investment and Development Potential in Ho Chi Minh City" at the headquarters of Saigon Giai Phong Newspaper |
| 14:30 – 17:30 | Ho Chi Minh City meets with international VIP delegations, national and international experts, financial institutions, foreign business associations and 100 CEOs of corporations operating in green and circular economy sector |
| 17:30 – 20:00 | Dinner hosted by the Ho Chi Minh City leadership to welcome HEF guests, national and international organizations, financial institutions, experts, speakers, CEOs. |
| Friday, September 15, 2023 | |
| I. Opening Ceremony | |
| 7:30 - 8:00 | Greeting delegates and tour of companies’ display booths of green products and services |
| 8:00 - 8:05 | Introduction clip about Ho Chi Minh City and HEF’s trailer |

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| 8:05 - 8:20 | Greetings by MC and introduction of delegates |
| 8:20 - 8:50 | Welcome remarks by the Prime Minister |
| 8:50 - 9:05 | Opening remarks by Mr. Nguyen Van Nen, Politburo Member, Secretary of Ho Chi Minh City Party Committee |
| 9:05 - 9:10 | Remarks by Mr. Jan Jambon, Minister-President of the Government of Flanders, Flemish Minister for Foreign Policy, Culture, Digitization and Facilities of Flanders, Belgium |
| | Key presentations: (6 presentations, 10 minutes/each) |
| 9:10 - 9:20 | <i>Presentation 1: Development trend of green growth and circular economy for megacities (such as Ho Chi Minh City) (Identifying trends, green growth models and the circular economy)</i> |
| 9:20 - 9:30 | <i>Presentation 2: Building circular economy ecosystems in the context of striving to achieve net zero. (Identifying the circular economy)</i> |
| 9:30 - 9:40 | <i>Presentation 3: Policies for generating green growth towards net zero and corporate mission</i> |
| 9:40 - 9:50 | <i>Presentation 4: Resources for developing the circular economy towards net zero and corporate mission (Human resources, governance, finance - capital, technologies, etc.)</i> |
| 9:50 - 10:00 | <i>Presentation 5: Lessons and international experience to promote green growth and the circular economy (As compiled from the 4 previous presentations)</i> |
| 10:00 - 10:10 | <i>Presentation 6: Situation in Ho Chi Minh City and solutions for applying green growth models</i> |
| 10:10 - 10:25 | Break Photo session with the leadership of Viet Nam, Ho Chi Minh City, speakers and Organizing Committee Tour of companies' display booths of green products and services |
| 10:25 - 11:25 | Remarks by the leadership of Central Agencies: - Party Central Committee's Economic Commission - Ministry of Planning and Investment - Ministry of Industry and Trade - Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment - Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs - Ministry of Finance - Ministry of Information and Communications - Ministry of Science and Technology <i>(Focusing on policies and commitments of the Central Agencies to support green growth and the circular economy)</i> |
| 11:25 - 11:55 | Guidance by the Prime Minister |
| 11:55 - 12:10 | Remarks by Mr. Phan Van Mai, Member of the Party Central Committee, First Deputy Secretary of Ho Chi Minh Party Committee, Chairman of Ho Chi Minh |

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| | City People's Committee, wrapping up the Opening Session and laying out discussion orientations for the afternoon sessions. | | |
| 12:10 - 13:30 | Luncheon | | |
| II. Parallel Sessions | | | |
| | Auditorium A (topic 1) | Auditorium B (topic 2) | Auditorium C (topic 3) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by: A Vice Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee - Agency in charge: Ho Chi Minh City Institute for Development Studies - In collaboration with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Department of External Relations + Department of Science and Technology + Department of Natural Resources and Environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by: A Vice Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee - Agency in charge: Ho Chi Minh City Union of Business Associations - In collaboration with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Department of External Relations + Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City + Ho Chi Minh City Finance Investment State-owned Company (HFIC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chaired by: A Vice Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee - Agency in charge: Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City |
| 13:30 - 16:30 | <p>Topic 1: Ecosystems of the circular economy and green growth - Domestic and international experience in striving to achieve net zero <i>(Discuss in depth and solve issues raised in Presentations 2 and 5, focusing on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + <i>Issues and challenges faced by businesses and Ho Chi Minh City (Establishment of Eco-Industrial Parks; Shifting/adaptation of the Vietnamese businesses (regarding household waste, industrial production, healthcare);</i> | <p>Topic 2: Solutions to promote green growth and circular economy models among businesses, towards achieving sustainable development for a megacity (such as Ho Chi Minh City) <i>(Discuss in depth and solve issues raised in Presentations 3 and 4, focusing on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + <i>Situation and challenges faced by Ho Chi Minh City in developing circular economy.</i> + <i>Benefits/disadvantages experienced by businesses when applying circular</i> | <p>Topic 3: Cooperation in developing circular economy in Asia Pacific. + <i>Role of circular economy in international deals and trade agreements (e.g. Green Deal)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + <i>Bio-economic model, circular economy, green economy in Southeast Asia.</i> + <i>Roadmap for developing circular economy in Viet Nam and countries around the world.</i> + <i>Solutions to attract international investment and support small and medium enterprises.</i> + <i>Role of multinational corporations in local circular economy development</i> |

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| | <p><i>Experience of Viet Nam and other countries in dealing with these issues).</i></p> <p>+ <i>Components of the circular economy as viewed from different perspectives:</i></p> <p><i>production chain – supply chain, by industry, by territory, etc. for export and domestic markets.</i></p> <p>+ <i>Current policy barriers in the application of circular economic models (material circulation, waste recycling, waste reuse and waste exchange, etc.).</i></p> <p>+ <i>Barriers to pursuing green growth goals in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as production/use of clean energy, renewable energy, greening of production and lifestyles, promotion of sustainable consumption.</i></p> <p>+ <i>Proposing solutions to promote green growth, circular economy in Ho Chi Minh City.</i></p> <p>+ <i>Sharing of domestic and international models and experience.</i></p> | <p><i>economy models or shifting to cleaner production in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and realize green growth goals.</i></p> <p>+ <i>The role of local governments at different levels in promoting green growth and the circular economy.</i></p> <p>+ <i>Traffic issues and waste treatment</i></p> <p>+ <i>Resources (human resources, governance - finance - science and technologies - the role of enterprises, including the circular ecosystem within production and commercial enterprises).</i></p> <p>+ <i>Defining corporate mission.</i></p> <p>+ <i>Role of consumers.</i></p> <p>+ <i>Role of policies.</i></p> <p>+ <i>From there, specific solutions are proposed for megacities, like Ho Chi Minh City.</i></p> | <p>+ <i>Role of science, technology and innovation.</i></p> <p>+ <i>The relationship among stakeholders in formulating circular economy development policies at the national and local levels.</i></p> |
| 14:00 – 15:20 | Viet Nam - Belgium Business Event (To be confirmed) | | |
| III. Press Conference | | | |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | Press Conference on the outcomes of HEF | | |
| IV. Wrapping-up Session and Gala Dinner | | | |
| 1. Wrapping-up Session | | | |

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| 17:00 – 17:10 | Clip summarizing the preparation, organization and outcomes of HEF |
| 17:10 – 17:30 | Remarks by Mr. Phan Van Mai, Member of the Party Central Committee, First Deputy Secretary of Ho Chi Minh Party Committee, Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee, wrapping up HEF 2023 and laying out directions for following up on HEF's outcomes. <i>(Focusing on highlighting the role of the State: Enabling, formulating policies and commitments from Ho Chi Minh City Administration)</i> |
| 17:30 – 17:50 | Presenting HEF Acknowledgement Medals to speakers and photo sessions |
| 2. Gala Dinner | |
| 17:50 - 18:10 | Opening performance |
| 18:10 - 18:12 | Toast by Mr. Phan Van Mai, Member of the Party Central Committee, First Deputy Secretary of Ho Chi Minh Party Committee, Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee |
| 18:12 - 20:00 | Gala Dinner and musical performances |
| 3. HEF Side Events | |
| All day | Leadership of the Government of Viet Nam and Ho Chi Minh City have meetings with VIP delegations, international experts; Businesses of Ho Chi Minh City can register to meet and network with other businesses, experts, international organizations <i>(HEF Organizing Committee is pleased to facilitate such exchanges based on businesses' requests and arrange the meeting venue during the opening day of the HEF)</i> |
| Saturday, September 16, 2023 | |
| Field visits to industrial parks, businesses in Ho Chi Minh City applying circular economy and green growth models for domestic and international delegates. | |
| Sunday, September 17, 2023 | |
| Seeing off international delegates | |