



**Agenda Tourism Investment Forum
Dili Convention Center - November 21 to 22, 2024**

Time	Agenda	Speakers
Day 1		
08:00-08:20	Registration and coffee	
08:20-08:25	Delegates to be seated	
Opening & remarks		
08:25-08:30	Official welcome & opening	Master of ceremonies - National anthem
08:30-08:40	Cultural performance	
08:40-08:45	Welcoming Remarks from ASEAN (Video Presentation)	
08:45-09:00	Welcome and Keynote Address	Francisco Kalbuadi Lay, Vice Prime Minister
09:10-09:20	Official opening - Speakers & moderators group photo	
09:20-09:35	Global investment trends in emerging tourism markets	Krishneel Achari, Manager Finance & Operations, SPTO (Pacific Tourism Organization)
Tourism's landscape & growth potential in Timor-Leste		
09:35-09:50	Timor-Leste Economic outlook and diversification strategy	Helder Lopes, Governor of the Central Bank of Timor-Leste (BCTL)
09:50-10:05	Ushering Timor Leste into a New Competitive Era	Dr. Yeow Ming Choo, Executive Chairman of Asia-Pacific Strategic Investments Limited - Singapore
10:05-10:20	Strategic investments to improve connectivity	Gastão Francisco de Sousa, Minister, Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment
10:20-10:50	Strengthening Partnerships: Signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) and Technical Agreements between the Timorese Government and international investors	
10:50-11:15 Coffee break (SMEs booth exhibition - Networking)		
11:15-11:30	Tourism sector overview: Strategy, policy, key trends, and initiatives	Antonio Da Silva, Director General, Ministry of Tourism and the Environment
11:30-11:45	Reasons to invest in Tourism: Investment opportunities, and incentives	Arcanjo Da Silva, Executive Director, TradInvest Timor-Leste
Panel session 1: International experiences in tourism development - Case studies of successful tourism destinations (Each panelist will have 15 minutes to present their business case, followed by a 30-minutes moderated discussion)		
11:45-11:50	Introduction to the session by Moderator	Moderator: David Freedman, Country Representative, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
11:50-12:05	Bali Tourism Polytechnic (Tourism vocational training center - Indonesia)	Dr. Irene Hanna H. Sihombing, Head of the Cultural Tourism Studies
12:05-12:20	Rosie Holidays Fiji (Inbound tour operator & hotel owner - Fiji)	Tony Whitton, Managing Director
12:20-12:35	Bobobox (Tech-based hospitality company - Indonesia)	Indra Gunawan, Co-Founder & CEO
-	Pacific Tourism Organization (SPTO - Fiji)	Krishneel Achari, Manager Finance & Operations
12:35-13:00	Moderated panel discussion	
13:00-14:30 Lunch (SMEs booth exhibition - Networking)		
Panel session 2: Building the Timor-Leste business climate - Successful investment stories in Timor-Leste (Each panelist will have 10 minutes to present their business case, followed by a 30-minutes moderated discussion)		
14:30-14:35	Introduction to the session by Moderator	Moderator: Drew Johnson, Country Director MDF (Market Development Facility)
14:35-14:45	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Timor-Leste (CCI-TL)	Jorge Manuel de Araújo Serrano, President
14:45-14:55	HOTL Association	Jeremiah Chan, Chairperson
14:55-15:05	Timor Plaza - Jape Group (Hotel & developer)	Alan Jape, Executive Chairman
15:05-15:15	Maddog Adventures (Inbound tour operator - Australia)	Sam Maddock - Founder & CEO
15:15-15:45	Moderated panel discussion	
15:45-16:10 Coffee break (SMEs booth exhibition - Networking)		
Panel session 3: Enabling workforce as engine for tourism development in Timor-Leste (Each panelist will have 10 minutes to present their business case, followed by a 30-minutes moderated discussion)		
16:10-16:15	Introduction to the session by Moderator	Moderator: Hector Salazar, Country Representative The Asia Foundation
16:15-16:25	Tibar Training Center (Vocational training center)	Simao Tito Barreto, Director
16:25-16:35	Proema (Restaurant & vocational training center)	Simone Assis, Founder and chef
16:35-16:45	Fundasaun Cicanada / STVJ (Vocational training center)	Antonio Cepeda, Director
-	Bali Tourism Polytechnic (Vocational training center - Indonesia)	Dr. Irene Hanna H. Sihombing, Head of the Cultural Tourism Studies
16:45-17:00	Moderated panel discussion	
17:00	Ending	
DAY 2		
Network - Partnering		
8:30-11:30	Business matching agenda with one-on-one meetings for participants with relevant tourism local stakeholders. Targeted short-focused meetings to explore potential collaborations and business opportunities.	
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
Touristic site visits - Familiarization trip		
13:00-17:00	International visitors: Dili area landmarks & sightseeing / Local registries: Aileu tour Participants will be taken in buses for guided tour. Prior registration required.	