

Tourism Investment Forum 2025

Time for Action

TIME	AGENDA		SPEAKER	
DAY 1				
08:30-08:45	Registration and coffee			
08:45-09:00	Delegates to be seated			
Opening & remarks				
09:00-09:05	Official welcome & opening (MC)			
09:05-09:10	Opening & welcome		David Freedman, World Bank Group Resident Representative	
09:10-09:15	Opening & welcome		Jorge Serrano, President, CCITL (TBC)	
09:15-09:20	Timor-Leste Tourism Promotional Video			
09:20-09:30	Welcome and keynote address		Francisco Kalbuadi Lay, Vice Prime Minister	
09:30-09:40	Welcome and keynote address		Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister (TBC)	
09:40-09:50	Official opening - Speakers group photo			
Strategic vision for tourism in Timor-Leste				
09:50-10:10	Enabling the Ecosystem: Strategies for Access to Digital Payments and Finance		Helder Lopes, Central Bank Governor	
10:10-10:30	Unlocking Timor-Leste blue economy for tourism growth: Policies, strategies and roadmap		Ines Goncalves, Blue Economy Coordinator, Land and Maritime Boundary Office	
10:30-10:45	Developing tourism in Timor-Leste: Strategy, policy, and sector priorities		Antonio Da Silva, Director General, Ministry of Tourism and the Environment	
10:45-11:00	Ecosystem to support tourism development		Jorge Martins, General Coordinator, Minister Coordinator for Economic Affairs (MCAE)	
11:00-11:30	Coffee break (SMEs booth exhibition - Networking)			
Panel discussion: Unlocking Timor-Leste's tourism potential				
11:30-11:35	Introduction to the session by Moderator		Mr. Simon Payne, VSA	
11:35-12:30	Moderated panel discussion: Exploring opportunities, challenges, and strategies to boost tourism investment in Timor-Leste		Panellist: Tourism & Hospitality Training : Australian Vocational Management (AVMTL) Tour operator: Dreamers Dive Academy Travel agency: Island Explorer Holidays Hotel Operator: HOTL Association	
12:30-14:00	Lunch (SMEs booth exhibition - Networking)			
Master Classes (parallel rotating sessions)				
(Each speaker will have 40 minutes to deliver their hands-on lecture, followed by a 20-minute Q&A session)				
-	Room A Access to funding: How to apply for business loans at BNCTL	Room B Trade & Travel	Room C Success factors and pitfalls in community-based tourism	
	Speaker: Lead by BNCTL Team	Speakers: Lead by MDF	Speakers: Kafe Natarrohan	
14:00-15:00	Session #1: Participants join their first selected session			
15:00-15:10	Transition (move between rooms)			
15:10-16:10	Session #2: Participants rotate to their second session			
16:10-16:30	Coffee break (SMEs booth exhibition - Networking)			
16:30-17:25	Session #3: Final rotation to third session			
17:25-17:30	Ending - Closing remarks			

DAY 2	
Speed networking session (Open to any participant)	
09:00-09:15	Registration and coffee
09:15-11:00	Fast-paced session where participants engage in brief 10-minute conversations to introduce themselves and explore potential collaboration, followed by a 1-minute transition. One group remains seated while the other rotates to the next table after each round
11:00-11:25	Coffee break (SMEs booth exhibition - Networking)
11:25 -11:30	Ending - Closing remarks
Public-private Roundtable on tourism development (By invitation only. Focused sessions by subsector, where private sector representatives share challenges and recommendations with senior government officials)	
Session 1: Tourism infrastructure (Accommodation & real estate, bar & restaurants, airlines, transport services, and development partners)	
8:30-8:40	Arrival and coffee
8:40-8:45	Opening remarks (moderator)
8:45-9:00	Round of introductions
9:00-9:10	Framing input (Vice Prime Minister)
9:10-10:00	Open roundtable dialogue
10:00-10:10	Wrap-up and summary of key takeaways
10:10-10:30	Coffee break and group transition
Session 2: Tourism products & services (Travel agencies, tour operators, community-based & agrotourism projects, artisans, vocational training centres, and development partners)	
10:30-10:35	Opening remarks (moderator)
10:35-10:50	Round of introductions
10:50-11:00	Framing input (Vice Prime Minister)
11:00-11:50	Open roundtable dialogue
11:50-12:00	Wrap-up and summary of key takeaways
12:00-13:30	VIP Lunch only for roundtable participants
DAY 3	
Festival with municipality & commercial exhibition	
9:00	Opening
09:00-19:00	An open day featuring cultural performances, local food, and a commercial exhibition showcasing tourism products, services, and investment opportunities from across Timor-Leste
19:00	Ending - Closing remarks