

VIETNAM DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2017
Leveraging Productivity Growth for Sustainable Development
Sheraton Hotel Hanoi, Wednesday, 13 December 2017

Time	Content
07:30 – 08:00	Registration
08:00 – 08:15	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening remarks (7 m) - Opening remarks (7 m)
08:15 – 09:45	Session 1: Productivity Growth: Global Trends and Vietnam challenges
8:15-8:35	The quest for Productivity Growth– Global Trends and Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts of productivity – Concepts and sources of productivity growth - Recent productivity slump: New normal or low cycle? - What are the appropriate policies to overcome the slump
8:35-8:55	Productivity in Vietnam: recent trends and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declining productivity growth and contribution to GDP growth - Looking at main sources: structural changes, linkages to FDI/networks, innovation - Firm level, SOEs and domestic private firms SME vs large firms - Sectors – Agriculture, services, manufacturing - Articulating a policy agenda: institutions and state effectiveness
8:55-9:45	- Open Discussion
09:45 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 11:45	Session 2: Unlocking Vietnam’s Productivity Growth for Sustainable Development
10:00-10:15	Moving up the value chains to strengthen competitiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matching demand for and supply of skills - Promoting enterprise innovation - Taking advantage of technology spillovers: Linking to FDI and Global Network - Leverage international trade opportunities to productivity grow
10:15-10:30	Structural changes: Producing More with Less in Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benchmarking Vietnam w/ regional peers in agricultural efficiency and product quality - Slow movement of labor force from primary agriculture to food manufacturing and industry - Major changes in policies needed to shift future growth towards innovation and diversification
10:30-10:45	Ensuring a conducive environment for productivity growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competition policy (including SOE Reform), - Business environment, SME policies - Market-based institutional reforms
10:45-11:00	Getting the incentives “right” to address productivity challenges: International experiences
11:00-11:45	Open Discussion
11:45 – 12:15	Key note speech by the Prime Minister
12:15 – 12:30	Closing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing remarks (7 m) - Closing remarks (7 m)
12:30	Lunch