**Agenda**

**Vietnam - UK Economic and Trade Forum 2021**

**Hanoi, 21st October 2021**

| **Time** | **Content** | |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 8:00 - 8:30 | **Registration** | |
| 8:30 - 9:30 | **Plenary Session: Introduction and Welcome Speeches:**  *- Assoc.Prof. Pham Bao Son, Vice President, Vietnam National University, Hanoi*  *- H.E. Gareth Ward, British Ambassador to Vietnam*  *- Dr. Mai Kim Lien, Deputy Director, Department of Climate Change, MONRE*  *- Dr. Nguyen Quang Tan, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)*  *- Dr. Nguyen Quang Vinh, Vice Chairman, the Vietnam - UK Friendship Association*  *- Assoc.Prof. Nguyen Truc Le, Rector, VNU University of Economics and Business* | |
| 9:30 - 9:40 | - Launching the book *“Vietnam and United Kingdom: Economic and trade relations towards a low carbon economy and sustainable development”*  - Photo Session | |
| 9:40 - 10:40 | **Paper Session** | |
| **Session 1: Vietnam - UK Economic, Trade and Investment**  *Chair: Assoc.Prof. Nguyen Anh Thu (VNU-UEB) and Mr. Denzel Eades (BritCham)* | | **Session 2: Climate Change**  **and Low Carbon Economy**  *Chair:* *Dr. Mai Kim Lien* (*MONRE Department of Climate Change) and Dr. Nguyen Quang Tan (ICRAF)* |
| * “Some highlights of the Free Trade Agreement between Vietnam and the UK” (*Mr. Vu Viet Thanh, European-American Market Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade)* * “Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on bilateral trade between Vietnam and the UK” (*Ms. Nguyen Thi Thanh Mai, VNU-UEB*) * “Creative economy: UK development strategy and opportunities for Vietnam” (*Ms. Tran Phuong Chi, VNU-UEB*) | | * “[Policies to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions](https://www.oecd.org/env/cc/2956442.pdf) towards low carbon economy in Vietnam” (*Mr. Pham Nam Hung, Department of Climate Change, MONRE*) * “Potentials, opportunities and challenges in developing the forest carbon market contributing to the national commitment in implementation of the Paris Agreement and 17 sustainable development goals” (*Ms.* *Pham Thu Thuy, CIFOR*) * “Sustainable Business and Low Carbon Economy” (*Mr. Nguyen Quang Vinh, VCCI)* * “Nature-based solutions in agriculture – implications on sustainable development and climate resilience” (*Ms.* *Le Thi Tam, ICRAF*) |
| 10:40 - 10:45 | Tea break | |
| 10:45 - 12:00 | **Session 3: Panel Discussion *“UK-Vietnam economic and trade relations towards a low-carbon economy and sustainable development: policy recommendations”***  *Chair:* *Prof.Dr. Mai Trong Nhuan (Vietnam National University, Hanoi), Assoc.Prof. Nguyen An Thinh (VNU-UEB), Dr. Nguyen Quang Vinh (VCCI)*   1. Prof. Truong Quang Hoc (VNU, Hanoi) 2. Mr. Virender Kumar Duggal (Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB) 3. Mr. Brian Bean (Chief, Vietnam Forests and Deltas Program)   (Q&A)   1. Mr. Denzel Eades (British Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Working Group) 2. Mr. Vu Viet Thanh, (Ministry of Industry and Trade) 3. Dr. Pham Thu Thuy (CIFOR) 4. Assoc.Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Chi (VNU-UEB) 5. Assoc.Prof. Mai Quang Vinh (Vietnam - Armenia Friendship Association)   (Q&A)   1. Others | |
| 12:00 - 12:10 | Closing: *VNU-UEB* | |