



Initiative for Policy Dialogue
Vietnam Country Dialogue
March 2002

Thursday 21 March

1. 07:45-08:45 -- Fuller Briefing of Professor Stiglitz and Full IPD Mission.

Venue: UNDP

2. 09:00-11:30 -- A session on "**The New Global Context and Implications for Vietnam**" with a group of around 50 policy advisors and other officials from the Party (the Economic Commission of the Party, the Theoretical Council of the Party, the Ho Chi Minh Political Academy, and others). Issues here include implications of September 11, Doha, WEF, US protectionism, etc.). To be co-chaired by Professor Do Hoai Naam, Deputy Director of the National Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities (NCSSH).

Venue: Government Guest House

3. 11:45-13:45 -- A session on "**The New Global Context and Implications for Developing Countries like Viet Nam**" tailored to the interests of the International Donor Community (Ambassadors of major donor countries, World Bank, IMF, ADB, UN, NGOs, etc.) within the framework of Monthly Donor Group Forum.

Venue: UNDP

4. 14:00-16:30 -- A public lecture on "**New Frontiers in Development Thinking**" which might also include interesting elements of the "New Global Context" with the Viet Nam Economics Association and a number of local universities. Planned welcoming remarks by Professor Tran Phuong, President of VEA (a former Deputy Prime Minister). This public lecture will involve some 700 participants.

Venue: Opera House

Friday 22 March

1. 08:15-11:45 -- "**Some Challenges in Implementing the New Ten Year Socio-Economic Development Strategy 2001-2010: Trade, SOE and Financial Sector Reforms**" with around 40 officials from a cross-section of government ministries and key policy research institutions. Co-chaired by Dr. Luu Bich Ho, President, Development Strategy Institute (DSI).

Venue: Development Strategy Institute (DSI).

2. 12:00-13:15 -- Private lunch with Andrew Steer, World Bank.

3. 14:00-16:00 – Meeting with Prime Minister.

Venue: Vietnam Development Information Center

Saturday 23 March

1. 10:00-11:00 -- Debriefing Session at UNDP on Follow-up Actions