Southeast Asia in an evolving global landscape
Prospects for an integrated region and implications for Canada

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May 30, 2017
125 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario

Registration

7.30 – 8.00

Opening remarks
François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, Global Affairs Canada (TBC)
Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (TBC)

8.00 – 8.20

Southeast Asia in a new strategic context
Discussant: Abidin Kusno, Professor, York University

Emerging regionalism: ASEAN after five decades
Christopher Goscha, Professor, Université du Québec à Montréal

Democratic crossroads and ongoing transformations
Kai Ostwald, Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia

Southeast Asia’s role in geopolitics
Amy Searight, Senior Advisor and Director (Southeast Asia Program), Center for Strategic and International Studies (TBC)

8.20 – 10.00

Break

10.00 – 10.20

Crunching the numbers: economic and trade opportunities in one of the world’s fastest growing markets
Discussant: Stewart Beck, President and CEO, Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada

An economic analysis of the region’s potential
Deborah Elms, Founder and Executive Director of the Asian Trade Centre

Infrastructure investments: Connecting Southeast Asia through public-private partnerships
Craig Steffensen, Representative, Asian Development Bank

Rationales for a Canada-ASEAN Free-Trade Agreement
Brian Kingston, Vice-President (International and Fiscal Issues), the Business Council of Canada

10.20 – 12.00

Lunch and keynote speaker
Joe Clark, former Prime Minister of Canada

12.00 – 13.30

The factors driving the regional security agenda
Discussant: James Manicom, Research Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation (TBC)

Radicalization and terrorism in Southeast Asia: The shifting nature of the threat
Sidney Jones, Director, Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict

The South China Sea: Current flashpoints and future prospects for resolution
Yanmei Xie, Analyst, Gavekal (TBC)

Stuck between a rock and a hard place: Managing great power competition
Elina Noor, Director, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia
15.10 – 15.30  **Break**

15.30 – 16.30  **Canada’s priorities and options in Southeast Asia**

Discussant: Scott Gilmore, Social Entrepreneur, Writer, Advocate and former Diplomat

*Canada as an indispensable partner? Perceptions from the region and from key allies*
Jonathan Miller, International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

*Embedding Southeast Asia into a larger Asia strategy*
Paul Evans, Professor, University of British Columbia

16.30 – 16.45  **Concluding remarks**
Leonard Edwards, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation