

“Doing Business with Indian States: Opportunities and The Way Forward”

Monday, 25 March 2019, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore

Jointly organized by

High Commission of India, Singapore, NITI Aayog, Enterprise Singapore, Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS-NUS) and Invest India

Conference Programme (Tentative)

Dress Code: Business Attire

| Monday, 25 March 2019 | |
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| 0900 – 0930 | Conference Registration |
| 0930 – 0940 | Welcome Remarks H.E. Mr Jawed Ashraf, High Commissioner of India to Singapore |
| 0940 – 0950 0950 – 1000 | Opening Remarks 1. Mr Tan Soon Kim, Asst CEO, Enterprise Singapore 2. Mr R Dinesh, Chairman, CII Southern Region and Managing Director, T V Sundram Iyengar and Sons Private Limited |
| 1000 – 1045 | Session 1 <u>Panel Discussion</u> <i>Role of States in Economic Development: Competitive & Cooperative Federalism</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Mr Girija Pande , Chairman, Apex Avalon Consulting Pte Ltd <u>Panellists/Speakers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies• Ms Anamika Singh, Director, NITI Aayog• Mr Vivek Kathpalia, Head of Nishith Desai Associates [Legal & Tax Counseling], Singapore• Mr Sanjeev Dasgupta, ED & CEO, Ascendas India Trust Question & Answer session |
| 1045 – 1100 | Tea Break |
| 1100 – 1145 | Session 2 <u>Panel Discussion</u> <i>Ease of Doing Business in Indian States: Making the Right Choices for Success</i> <u>Moderator:</u> Mr Prasoon Mukherjee, Vice Chairman, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Chairman, Universal Success Enterprise Group |

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| | <p><u>Panellists/Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Sarin Paraparath, Additional Director, EDB, Gov of Andhra Pradesh • Mr Vinesh Kumar Natali, Global Head, Meinhardt EPCM Group • Mr Anandan Karunakaran, Director, Urban Planning and Design (Africa and South Asia), Surbana Jurong • Mr Anderson Tan, Chairman, Skills SG Ventures Pte Ltd <p>Question & Answer session</p> |
| 1145 – 1230 | <p>Session 3</p> <p><u>Presentation</u></p> <p><i>“From Interest to Implementation: Facilitating Investment in States” –</i></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p>Mr. Dushyant Thakor, Vice President (States Outreach), Invest India</p> |
| 1230 – 1400 | <p>Lunch</p> |
| 1400 – 1445 | <p>Session 4</p> <p><i>“Sub-national Economic Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of India” by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS)</i></p> |
| 1400 – 1405 | <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS</p> |
| 1405 – 1420 | <p><u>Presentation 4a:</u> “2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on India’s Sub-national Economies”</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Aishwarya Narayanan, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap, Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS |
| 1420 – 1435 | <p><u>Presentation 4b:</u> “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of India’s Sub-national Economies”</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jigyasa Sharma, Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap, Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS |
| 1435 – 1445 | <p>Question & Answer session</p> |
| 1445 – 1600 | <p>Session 5</p> <p><i>“States As Partners”</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> |

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| | Assoc Prof Tan Khee Giap, Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS |
| | <u>Focus States</u> |
| 1445 – 1500 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Delhi (Officials from Delhi Development Authority) |
| 1500 – 1515 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Nadu (R Dinesh, Chairman, CII Southern Region and Managing Director, T V Sundram Iyengar and Sons Private Limited) |
| 1515 – 1530 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punjab (Mr B S Kohli, Advisor-Investment Facilitation, Gov of Punjab) |
| 1530 – 1545 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh (Mr Sarin Paraparath & Mr Aditya Nagarajan, Additional Director, EDB, Gov of Andhra Pradesh) |
| 1545 – 1600 | Question & Answer Session |
| 1600 – 1615 | Tea Break |
| 1615 – 1645 | One on One Interaction with States |
| End of Conference | |