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 Venue: Lobby, Oei Tiong Ham Building, LKYSPP, NUS

Time	Programme
0930 – 0955	Arrival of Keynote Speaker, Discussants, Moderators, Presenters and Participants
1000 – 1010	Welcome Remarks Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1010 – 1020	Opening Remarks Ms Fatouma Toure Ibrahima Operations Advisor, Singapore Infrastructure and Urban Development Hub, The World Bank
1020 – 1050	Keynote Speech Ms Smita Kuriakose Senior Economist, Finance Competitiveness and Innovation, The World Bank
1050 – 1105	Question & Answer Moderator: Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1105 – 1120	Coffee/Tea Break
1120 – 1305	Session 1: Sub-national Economic Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Greater China Economies
1120 – 1125	Moderator: Mr Isaac Tan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1125 – 1145	Session 1a: 2018 Annual Update of ACI's Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on Greater China Economies Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Mr Mao Ke Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1145 – 1205	Session 1b: Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Mainland China Economies Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mao Ke Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1205 – 1220	Discussant 1 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Professor Wu Chung-Shu (TBC) President, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taiwan, ROC
1220 – 1235	Discussant 2 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Dr He Dongni Deputy Director, China Institute for Reform and Development, People's Republic of China
1235 – 1250	Discussant 3 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Dr Fan Yubo Associate Professor, Policy Research Office, Shandong Academy of Social Sciences People's Republic of China
1250 – 1305	Question & Answer
1305 – 1335	Forum Luncheon Talk: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability: The Case of Singapore” Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Mr Henry Kwek Member of Parliament & Member, Government Parliamentary Committee for Trade and Finance, Republic of Singapore
1335 – 1350	Question and Answer Moderator Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1350 – 1430	Lunch
1430 – 1645	Session 2: Sub-national Economic Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of India
1430 – 1435	Moderator: Dr Zhang Yanjiang Post-doctoral Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1435 – 1455	Session 2a: 2018 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on India’s Sub-national Economies Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Melissa Poh Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Mr Nirnaya Bhatta Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1455 – 1615	Session 2b: Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of India Sub-National Economies Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Jigyasa Sharma Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Ms Ridhi Bhatnagar Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Associate Professor Tilak Abeysinghe Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, NUS
1615 – 1630	Discussant for Sessions 2a & 2b: Dr Manoj Panda Director, Institute of Economic Growth, India
1630 – 1645	Question & Answer

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1645 – 1700	Coffee/Tea Break
1645 – 1805	Session 3: Urban Composite Development Index for 17 Shandong Cities: Ranking and Simulation Analysis
1645 – 1650	Moderator: Mr Tan Kway Guan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1650 – 1710	Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Mr Lim Tao Oei Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Mr Isaac Tan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1710 – 1725	Discussant 1: Ms Sarah Lin Urban Specialist, Global Practice for Social Urban Rural and Resilience, The World Bank
1725 – 1740	Discussant 2: Professor Yang Jinwei Vice President, Shandong Academy of Social Sciences, People's Republic of China
1740 – 1755	Discussant 3: Mr Wang Kejian Chairman, Urban Construction Press, People's Republic of China
1755 – 1805	Question & Answer
1805 – 1815	Closing Remarks and Future Research Agenda Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS

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