

## 2019 Meetings Calendar

## Singapore

**TIMES:**

Breakfast: 08.00 – 10.30 Lunch: 12.15 – 14:00 Full morning: 09:00 - 12:00 Cocktail: 17:00 - 19:00

**CHAIR:** Andrew Staples, PhD. Global Editorial Director, The Economist Corporate Network*THE PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. We will add or drop events, depending on external developments.*

<b>Jan. 24</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>ECN RESEARCH AGENDA: ASIA BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY 2019</b> <p>The Asian Business Outlook Survey is our annual survey of business dynamics in the Asia-Pacific. The survey draws on the views and critical insights of over 500 business leaders at some of the world's largest multinationals. Join us as we review the findings and consider how business leaders across sectors are positioning for 2019.</p>
<b>Feb. 21</b> <i>Lunch</i>	<b>COUNTRY FOCUS: INDONESIA - JOKOWI 2.0?</b> <p>The main contenders for Indonesia's presidency in 2019 is similar to the 2014 election, when Joko Widodo and Prabowo Subianto battled to lead the complex archipelago. What's changed this time? What has Jokowi achieved to earn him another term? What is Prabowo doing differently that could turn the tables around? We invite the country's insiders to discuss the election, and the dynamics shaping Indonesia's growth story.</p>
<b>Mar. 21</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>ASIA REGIONAL STRATEGIC FORECAST</b> <p>Our twice-yearly look at the economic, political &amp; business outlook for the year ahead. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to get updated on the EIU's latest analysis of global trends and what they mean for the regional economy and business.</p>
<b>Apr. 4</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>CEO BREAKFAST: FUTURE THREATS</b> <p>From climate change to cybersecurity, and from big power rivalry to the fourth industrial revolution, join us as we look over the horizon to identify important threats to your business model and share insights on how to mitigate the risks. We draw on the expertise of the Public Policy and Economics Practice (PPEP) arm of The Economist Intelligence Unit for this lunch.</p>
<b>Apr. 25</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>ECN RESEARCH AGENDA: THE PROMISE OF BLOCKCHAIN</b> <p>The blockchains that run cryptocurrencies could have far wider applications than tracking the transaction history of electronic cash. For all the technology's potential, though, most attempts to use it remain tentative. Moreover, the advantages of blockchains are often oversold. We take stock of what the technology has achieved so far, and examine what blockchains can do for your business -- and what they can't.</p>
<b>May. 9</b> <i>Lunch</i>	<b>COUNTRY FOCUS: THAILAND - DEMOCRACY DILUTED, BUT DARE TO DREAM</b> <p>While Thailand settles for a diluted form of democratic governance, the country is progressing on many other fronts - such as advancing its digital economy, improving infrastructure and upgrading the skills of its people. As the chair for the ASEAN grouping this year, to what extent will the new Thai government lead the country, its politics and its economy to new heights?</p>
<b>May. 30</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>ECN RESEARCH AGENDA: AI AND THE INNOVATOR</b> <p>The most valuable resource for business is now big data. Some companies are managing, controlling and leveraging on this "new oil" much better than others. It's not just about how to use data better, but crucially about how to organise your business around machine learning, AI and new tech. We examine the race to</p>

	build the next globally intelligent enterprise, how corporate leaders are strategising in the battle for data and digital dominance, and what it means for business and innovation in Asia.
<b>Jun. 27</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>ASEAN ECONOMIC UPDATE</b> Our network director delivers a mid-year update on the political, economic and business outlook for South-east Asia, and discusses key corporate trends in the region with invited experts of The Economist.
<b>Jul. 18</b> <i>Lunch</i>	<b>CEO LUNCH: THE BUSINESS OF DIGITAL HEALTH</b> A revolution in healthcare is coming, fuelled by big data and machine learning. The world's biggest tech firms see an opportunity in solving some of the sector's biggest bottlenecks, and if they succeed this could mean empowered patients, better diagnosis of disease and lower costs. Yet, at the same time, a health and ageing crisis threatens to blow up national healthcare and pension systems. How will the war to manage human health be won, and which firms will gain ground to profit in this crucial sector?
<b>Aug. 1</b> <i>Lunch</i>	<b>ECN RESEARCH AGENDA: THE INTERPLAY OF REGULATORY TRENDS AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</b> Regulations have always been a part of business. They are an essential way in which governments influence economies and protect societies, and their authority has always had a big influence on how a company operates. However, the scale of compliance and regulation across industries has increased significantly, with a consequent impact on corporate costs, risks and opportunity. What does the future regulatory landscape in Asia look like for organisations, and how are they adapting to meet these challenges?
<b>Aug. 22</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>CEO BREAKFAST: ASIA 2050</b> New and rapidly advancing technology is reshaping humanity and the way we work, live and interact. The speed at which cities have to be rebuilt, or at least reorganised, is both an opportunity and a challenge. From autonomous vehicles to sinking cities, what will the future of civilisation look like in the next decade? We look both within and outside Asia to identify how governments and businesses are reimagining sustainable urban environments into the future.
<b>Sep. 5</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>ASIA REGIONAL STRATEGIC FORECAST</b> Our twice-yearly look at the economic, political & business outlook for the year ahead. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to get updated on the EIU's latest analysis of global trends and what they mean for the regional economy and business.
<b>Oct. 24</b> <i>Full morning</i>	<b>C-SUITE GROWTH CONGRESS 2019</b> A high-level brainstorming and sharing session among Asia's CEOs, to stimulate the transfer of insights from one industry to another and to learn strategic best practice, applicable to all companies in all industries. Beyond our regular agenda, this session focuses directly on the leadership challenges facing the C-suite.
<b>Nov. 28</b> <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>ECN RESEARCH AGENDA: THE FUTURE OF WORK</b> We report the findings of our annual 'Global Talent' survey from the CEO's perspective and discuss the relevance for Singapore and ASEAN. In particular how is work changing, are corporate strategies aligned with talent strategies in a rapidly changing jobs market? Based on a survey of ECN members throughout the region, the Global Talent series offers unique insight from the business leader's perspective.
<b>Dec. 10</b> <i>Cocktails</i>	<b>2019 IN REVIEW, PROSPECTS FOR 2020</b> An opportunity to reflect on the year that was, and to contemplate the year ahead. We invite a special guest from The Economist newspaper to identify the key political, economic, technological and societal themes that have shaped this year and those to keep in mind for 2020.