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Arrival Day: Monday, November 21, 2016

Time	Agenda
	Arrival of International Delegates

Day 1: Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Time	Agenda	Details
08.30 - 09.00	Registration of delegates	MC for November 23: Minnie Salao , Program Manager, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF), the Philippines and Pett Jarupaiboon , Regional Program Manager (Economic Freedom and Human Rights), FNF Southeast and East Asia
09.00 - 09.30	Welcoming remarks Siegfried Herzog Head of Regional Office, FNF South East and East Asia Prof. George Manzano Board Member, Philippine Economic Society H.E. Frank Jessen Head, EU Delegation to the Philippines	
09.30 - 10.40	Opening Keynote Address Economic Freedom and Human Rights Markus Loening Former Commissioner on Human Rights, Federal Republic of Germany	





	<p>Hon. Chito Gascon Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights, Republic of the Philippines</p> <p>Followed by interview by Lala Rimando, Forbes Philippines</p>	
10.40 - 11.10	Refreshments	

11.10 - 12.20	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 1: Global Supply Chains and Human Rights</p> <p>Wan Saiful Wan Jan Chief Executive, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), Malaysia</p> <p>Peter Kompalla Executive Director, German-Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (GPCCI-AHK Philippines)</p> <p>Rishi Sher Singh Co-Founder, Advisory for Sustainable and Responsible Business, India</p> <p>Dr. Manzoor Ahmad President, Policy Research Institute of Market Economy (PRIME) and Pakistan's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Rainer Heufers Executive Director, Center for Indonesian Policy Studies</p> <p>Note: Should transnational corporations (TNC) be responsible for their supply chains? Can TNCs made liable when human rights violations occur in their supply chains? What can realistically be done by TNCs to control global sourcing? How should a framework for TNCs look like (voluntary self-regulation or binding law)?</p>
12.20 - 13.50	Lunch	
13.50 - 15.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2: International Trade Regimes and Human Rights</p> <p>H.E. Franz Jessen Ambassador and Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Atty. Tony Abad Bloomberg TV</p> <p>Note: Should human</p>





	<p>Dr. Lee Taekyu Research Fellow, Korea Economic Research Institute (KERI)</p> <p>Atty. Arpee Santiago Executive Director, Ateneo Human Rights Center</p>	rights clauses be included in trade regimes? If so, what rights? To what extent should they be included? What are the prospects of trade regimes in the future concerning human rights?
15.00 - 15.30	Refreshments	
15.30 - 18.00	Session 3: Open Space Technology on Economic Freedom and Human Rights	<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Siegfried Herzog Head of Regional Office, FNF South East and East Asia and</p> <p>Dr. Pimrapaatt Dusadeeisriyakul, Program Manager, FNF Thailand</p>
	End of First Day Conference	
19.00	Welcome Dinner	<p>Venue: Pool side Pavilion Tent, Dusit Thani Manila Hotel</p> <p>*by invitation only</p>
	<p>- Welcome Wolfgang Heinze, Head of Office, FNF Philippines</p> <p>- Trade and Economic Freedom Dr. Razeen Sally Chairman, Sri Lanka Institute for Policy Studies</p> <p>- Presentation Noel Cabangon</p> <p>- Globalization, Democracy, and Dignity Hon. Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan Senator, Republic of the Philippines</p> <p>- Economic Freedom & Human Rights Live performance by El Gamma Penubra</p>	





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Day 2: Wednesday, November 23, 2016

Time	Agenda	Details
08.30 - 09.00	Registration of delegates	<p>MC For November 23:</p> <p>Tricia Yeoh, Chief Operating Officer, Institute of Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), Malaysia</p>
09.00 - 09.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 4: The Economic Freedom of the World (EFW) Report 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Introduction</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wolfgang Heinze Head of Office, FNF Philippines</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Remarks on EFW Report 2016</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fred McMahon Fraser Institute Resident Fellow and holder of the Dr. Michael A. Walker Research Chair in Economic Freedom, Canada</p>	
09.30 - 10.20	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 5: Presentation of the EFW Report 2016 and Keynote Address</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Stella Quimbo Commissioner, Commission on Human Rights, Republic of the Philippines</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Leni Robredo Vice President, Republic of the Philippines</p>	





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10.20 - 10.50	Refreshments	
10.50 - 11.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 6: Questions and Answers for EFW Report 2016 and Past Experience of Country Audit Report</p> <p>Fred McMahon Fraser Institute Resident Fellow and holder of the Dr Michael A.Walker Research Chair in Economic Freedom, Canada</p> <p>Dr. Laveesh Bhandari Director, Indicus Foundation, India</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Dr. Ronald U. Mendoza Dean, Ateneo School of Government, Ateneo De Manila University</p>
11.30 - 12.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 7: Private Sector Initiatives in Human Rights Safeguard</p> <p>Nicholas Sallnow-Smith Chairman, Lion Rock Institute, Hong Kong</p> <p>Peter Perfecto Executive Director, Makati Business Club, the Philippines</p> <p>Markus Loening Former Commissioner on Human Rights, Federal Republic of Germany</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Regina Lay Bloomberg TV</p>
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 - 15.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 8: Women, Business and Human Rights</p> <p>Pitikarn Sittidej Director-General, Department of Rights and Liberty</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ruben Dieckhoff Project Manager, FNF South Asia</p>





	<p>Protection, Ministry of Justice, Thailand</p> <p>Atty. Kristine Alcantara Program Director, Startups Development Department of Trade and Industry, Republic of the Philippines</p> <p>Sagarica Delgoda Head of Office, FNF Sri Lanka</p>	<p>The objective is to look at the specific issues facing women in business (women as business leaders, entrepreneurs and decision-makers). It may address the rights issues connected to women's contribution, leadership gap, barriers, access to credit, financial services, training and opportunities. The issue like corporate responsibility and the gender impact of corporate and trade practices can also be included.</p>
15.00 - 15.30	Refreshments	
15.30 - 17.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 9: Human Freedom: Personal, Civil and Economic Freedom</p> <p>Dr. Tom Palmer Executive Vice President for International Programs, Atlas Network, USA</p> <p>Dr. Razeen Sally Assoc. Prof, The Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, the National University of Singapore and Chairman, the Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Barun Mitra Director, Liberty Institute, India</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Vergel Santos, Publisher and Editorial-Board Chairman, <i>BusinessWorld</i>; Trustee, Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, the Philippines</p> <p>Note: Can economic freedom exist without rule of law and human rights? Can human rights and political freedom exist without economic freedom? Economic freedom as</p>





		forgotten human right. To what extent rule of law and human rights help market economy and vice versa?
17.00 - 17.30	Session 10: Economic Freedom of the World Report Game	Facilitators: Dr. Pimrapaat Dusadeesriyakul , Program Manager, FNF Thailand and Pauline Sanchez , FNF Philippines
17.30 - 18.10	Closing Remarks for EFN Asia Program Ruben Dieckhoff Project Manager, FNF South Asia Atty. Arpee Santiago Executive Director, Ateneo Human Rights Center, the Philippines	Note: 'Big Thank You' format and closing remarks
19.30	Farewell Dinner	<i>*by invitation only</i>

Departure day: Wednesday, November 24, 2016

Time	Agenda	Details
	Departure of Delegates	

