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December 9, 2021 *Time*: **4.30 pm**

Venue: Italy Pavilion Expo 2020 Dubai

The pandemic has accelerated a process of change in the world economy stressing the paramount importance of sustainable development. The unprecedented, formidable amount of financial resources made available at national and multilateral level represents a once in an era opportunity. The member Countries of ASEAN, the UAE and Italy share a vital interest in taking part in this epochal process. The role they can play individually is relevant, but it can be even more significant and profitable for all if they pool their complementary ingenuity, experience, competences and resources.

Participants from the public and the private sector at decision makers level will be encouraged to introduce and discuss substantial and viable options of trilateral partnerships in strategic sectors where synergies look more promising.

Meeting programme

4.30 pm OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Welcome Remarks

• Paolo Glisenti, Commissioner General of Italy Pavilion

Keynote Speeches

- Romano Prodi, President of the Italy Asean Association and Former President of the European Commission
- · Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- Representative of the UAE (tbc)

Presentation of the business working groups

• Amedeo Scarpa, Trade Commissioner to the UAE Dubai Office, Italian Trade Agency

5.00 PM BUSINESS WORKING GROUPS

Technologies and finances for sustainability

- Moderator Michelangelo Pipan, Executive Vice President Italy Asean Association
- · Co-Moderator Giulia Ajmone Marsan, Director, Strategy and Partnership, ERIA
- Co-Moderator Hedi El Karoui, General Manager and Senior Executive Officer at Intesa Sanpaolo -Dubai Branch

Renewable energies

- Moderator Romeo Orlandi, Vice President Italy Asean Association
- Co-moderator Gurbuz Gonul, Director of the IRENA's Country Engagement and Partnerships (CEP)

Sustainable agriculture and environmental challenges

- Moderator Sara Roversi, President of Future Food Institute
- · Co-moderator Member of the board Confagricoltura Italy

6.15 PM SUMMING UP

Romano Prodi and the moderators of the three working groups

6.30 PM RECEPTION at Italy Pavilion Galleria

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