



# MYANMAR ECONOMIC SUMMIT: NAVIGATING THE CRISES

August 2021

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## **Frontier Myanmar Myanmar Economic Summit: Navigating the Crises August 2021**

Join Frontier Myanmar's inaugural "Myanmar Economic Summit 2021: Navigating the Crises" as we bring together the nation's leading economists, policy experts, advocates, investors and corporate leaders to examine the immediate and multiple crises facing Myanmar, and their implications for the economy.

The virtual Summit is set to cover a wide range of topics, notably the current COVID-19 crisis, disruptions to company operations, poverty, border trade, employment and energy security.

The Summit is supported by our Supporting Partners: the American Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (AmCham Myanmar), the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar (BritCham Myanmar), CCI France Myanmar, the European Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (EuroCham Myanmar), the Myanmar-Taiwan Business Association and the US-ASEAN Business Council.

The event will be held under the Chatham House Rule via Zoom. Under the Chatham House Rule, anyone who comes to a meeting is free to use information from the discussion, but is not allowed to reveal who made any particular comment.

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**SUMMIT AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**

Day 1 - August 5 (4.00pm MMT)

Opening address

Keynote presentation: Businesses steering through Myanmar's 2021

Panel discussion: Navigating the Crises in Myanmar

Panellists:

Peter Brimble, ex-DaNa Facility

Josephine Price, Anthem Asia

Tomoaki Yabe, Thilawa Special Economic Zone investor

Chair: Thompson Chau, Frontier Myanmar

Day 2 - August 10 (7.30pm MMT<sup>2</sup>)

Keynote presentation: World Bank's Myanmar Economic Monitor

Panel discussion: Myanmar's Economic, Food, Health and Energy Security

Panellists:

Stephen Anderson, United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP)

Benedikt Hofmann, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Guillaume de Langre, independent energy expert

Dr Gershu Paul, Pun Hlaing Hospitals

Chair: Kyaw Soe Htet, Frontier Myanmar

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<sup>1</sup> Views expressed by individual speakers do not necessarily reflect the opinions and beliefs of Frontier Myanmar or Supporting Partners. Arrangements are subject to changes.

<sup>2</sup> To be confirmed, please check the Facebook event for the latest arrangement:  
<https://fb.me/e/2IVSyyPIX>

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CEO Sonny Swe said: “Frontier Myanmar’s inaugural Economic Summit is being planned and prepared at a very precarious time for everyone in Myanmar. We hope our members as well as the broader economic, policy, diplomatic and human rights communities will find it a constructive platform for discussing how to tackle the immediate challenges facing the national economy that are taking such a heavy toll on ordinary people. We would like to thank a number of foreign chambers of commerce and business groups who are lending their support to the Summit.”

“Building on our March webinar about the implications for business, ‘Economic Summit 2021: Navigating the Crises’ aims to explore Myanmar’s most pressing and timely issues, bringing together the country’s industry and policy leaders as well as multilateral heads for high-level debates and discussions.”

Editor-at-large and corporate director Thompson Chau added: “Frontier’s Myanmar Economic Summit 2021 will help our members understand the current crises and assess the economic prospects following the military takeover and amid a devastating third wave of COVID-19. We appreciate the contribution to be made by the World Bank and other distinguished speakers from the United Nations, the private equity, health and energy industries, Thilawa Special Economic Zone and beyond.”

“We have been excited to see many multinationals and investors joining Frontier’s institutional membership programme over the past few months. We hope this Summit will provide further value for our members by sharing valuable updates and creating a safe and shared space for the policy circle, businesspeople, communities, civil society and others who want to see a more peaceful and prosperous Myanmar.”

### **ABOUT THE SUMMIT:**

“Myanmar Economic Summit 2021: Navigating the Crises” is part of Frontier’s virtual event series which connects members with industry leaders, experts and Frontier journalists, enabling participants to engage in high-level panel discussions.



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By becoming a member, you're not just getting access to the Frontier Myanmar's Economic Summit 2021 - you're also helping to support independent media at a time when it's needed more than ever. If you'd like to donate to Frontier or upgrade your membership, feel free to get in touch.

Facebook link:

<https://fb.me/e/2IVSyyPIX>

Venue and registration:

The entire Economic Summit will be conducted via Zoom. Registration details will be sent to Frontier members and selected contacts.

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