**Asia-Europe Business Forum**

**18 October 2018, 9:00-13:00**

**“*Connectivity – Building Bridges
between Europe and Asia*”**

Egmont Palace, Brussels

**08:00 - 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 9:30 Opening Session**

President of BusinessEurope

**9:30 - 10:00 Keynote Address**

Mr. Shinzō Abe, Prime Minister of Japan (invited)

**10:00 – 11:00 Panel 1 – What are business needs?**

How to respond to global technological challenges – innovation, digitalisation, skills shortage and education

**11:00 – 11:15** *Coffee break*

**11:15 – 11:30 Presentation of the Connectivity Monitor**

Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

**11:30 – 12:30 Panel 2 – What role for business in building bridges?**

**12:30 – 13:00 Keynote Address**

 Mr. Nguyễn Xuân Phúc, Prime Minister of Vietnam (invited)

**13:00 – 14:30 Networking Lunch**