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Asia and Europe contribution to sustainability agenda ahead of Rio+20

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), with its co-partners in the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum), will convene 20 experts in environment policy and governance to assess options for global institutional reform in this field.

The workshop will take place in Uppsala (11-12 Oct 2011) with the aim of providing inputs for the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) to be held in Brazil (4-6 June 2012). The UNCSD will be held in Rio de Janeiro, marking the 20th anniversary of the 1992 Earth Summit. The Rio+20 meeting will result in a focused political document with a number of anticipated outcomes, including the possible creation of a World Environment Organisation.

The UN has asked key stakeholders and civil society organisations for suggestions on the “zero draft” of a Rio+20 declaration. The Uppsala workshop is the second step in a three-part process, continuing a deliberation that started in Jogjakarta, Indonesia last July. The outcomes of the first workshop were presented to over 350 officials from 90 countries, 56 United Nations bodies and environment activists at the High Level Dialogue on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development, convened by the UN and the Indonesian government on 20th July.

The Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) is a partnership consisting of the Asia-Europe Foundation, the Hanns Seidel Foundation, the Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia, the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, with financial contribution from the European Commission.

More information: <http://www.asef.org/index.php/projects/themes/environment/1998-strategies-for-the-earth-summit-2012->

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