



Measuring Sustainability: Publication Launch in Hanoi, Viet Nam

The Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) launched a new publication *Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet – Part II: Measuring Sustainability* on Monday, 17 November 2014 in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

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This new research report outlines a set of illustrative templates for Sustainable Development Indicators (SDIs) that reflect respective priorities based on the sample of individual countries' sustainability issues. This publication is the second in a 3part series that builds on the innovative work from the first publication. It also complements the first publication, which focused on a Methodology and Goal Framework.

Speaking at the publication launch, Dr Le Dang DOANH complimented the report's methodology and outcomes. Dr DOANH is the Former Director, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM) in Viet Nam. "For further studies, the focus should be on existing contradictions within sustainable development goals such as the need for economic growth to ensure a sustainable framework," he highlighted.

Additional contributions at the launch were made by the Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), as well as ENVforum members - Hanns Seidel Foundation Viet Nam (HSF) and the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF).

Viet Nam was selected as the location for the Asian launch of the report as the country will be the geographical focus of a detailed case study that will be included in the final report in the series. This edition is due for publication in the first half of 2015.

About the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum):

Established in 2003, the ENVforum aims to foster inter-regional cooperation between Asia and Europe on sustainable development and its environmental dimensions. The partner organisations are the ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC) from Korea, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the German Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) from Japan. The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) is the Secretariat of the consortium.

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