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Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development. ASEF is a not-for-profit intergovernmental organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Together with about 750 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 700 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 20,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

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Asia-Europe Meeting

Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern.

ASEM brings together 53 members: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, the Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Viet Nam plus the ASEAN Secretariat and the European Union.

For more information, please visit
www.aseminfoboard.org



Concept: The watercolor palette and canvas represents ASEM's role as a common platform to unite vibrant societies, institutions and people of Asia and Europe, to paint a brighter future together.

Chair's Message



The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) was established in 1996 to strengthen the relationship between Asia and Europe. ASEM membership is based on a shared vision to create a new partnership between these two important continents and their civilizations. A year later, ASEM established the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) to foster dialogue and forge mutual understanding between the two regions. Today, almost 18 years after its establishment, ASEF has played a significant role as an intellectual bridge-builder to connect artists and cultural practitioners, academics and students, civil society representatives and policy-makers, experts and youth, journalists and common people from both Asia and Europe.

In 2014, ASEM's membership expanded once again to include two new members during the 10th ASEM Summit in October in Milan, Italy. In this regard, I would like to welcome Croatia, a new EU member state, and Kazakhstan, the first Central Asian member, to ASEM as well as to ASEF. Their formal entry can be regarded as a reflection of ASEM's continued relevance and value as an informal dialogue process. I am confident that ASEM will continue to fulfil its vision in the face of new global challenges such as the fight against terrorism, conventional and non-conventional security issues, world economic and financial problems, the eradication of poverty, sustainable development, the prevention and mitigation of disasters, inter-cultural exchanges and

good governance. One of the biggest achievements of ASEM is probably the informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights, organised each year by ASEF.

ASEF, as the only brick and mortar institution of ASEM, takes forward the mandate of ASEM through multi-faceted programmes and projects such as conferences, seminars and workshops in the areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development. Through the years, ASEF has played a key role in providing the setting for the civil societies of Asia and Europe to develop recommendations and share them with the ASEM governments. ASEF actively participates in and contributes to ASEM's inter-governmental meetings, such as the last 10th ASEM Summit in which ASEF's contributions were acknowledged.

2014 also witnessed some changes in the leadership of ASEF's Board of Governors. It is a great honour for me to be the successor of my friend, H.E. Ambassador Prof. Rosario MANALO from the Philippines. I will do my best to follow her excellent example as well as to be guided by my colleagues and ASEF's Executive Director, Ambassador ZHANG Yan, to help design the future orientation of the organisation in order to address new challenges and issues such as climate change, sustainable development, urbanisation, energy, creative industries, e-learning and good governance.

ASEF's success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of its main stakeholders, the ASEM governments, ASEF's partners and participants, and most importantly, by my fellow Governors and the highly dedicated ASEF management team and staff. I would like to commend the entire ASEF team for their hard work, dedication and belief in ASEF's vision and mission in bringing together the people and institutions of Asia and Europe.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claude BlancheMaison', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ambassador Claude BLANCHEMAISON (France)
Chair, ASEF Board of Governors

Executive Director's Message



In 2014, the synergies between ASEF activities and the ASEM process were evident on many occasions:

The 10th ASEM Summit (ASEM10) in October in Milan, Italy offered a unique opportunity for ASEF to make a valuable contribution and to showcase its relevance to the ASEM process. ASEF seized the opportunity by organising 2 impressive events, namely the Model ASEM 2014 and the 7th ASEF Editors' Roundtable, on the side-lines of the Summit. Both events were highly recognised by the ASEM members. Model ASEM 2014 culminated with a meeting between the student representatives and the ASEM Co-Chair, the President of the European Council, His Excellency Mr Herman VAN ROMPUY, and the President of the European Commission, His Excellency Mr José Manuel BARROSO. The ASEF Editors' Roundtable helped increase the visibility and raised the awareness about ASEM among senior journalists and media practitioners from Asia and Europe.

Apart from that, ASEF also contributed substantially and significantly to the success of the 6th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (ASEM CMM6) in October in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The Culture Ministers acknowledged the 7th ASEF Public Forum on Creative Industries and the ASEF commissioned publication, *Enabling Crossovers: Good Practices in the Creative Industry*, as valuable inputs to the Ministerial Meeting. The Ministers also highly commended ASEF's efforts in facilitating bi-regional cooperation in arts and culture through culture-related projects.

In 2014, ASEF generated both tangible and intangible results in its 6 thematic areas. The 14th Informal ASEM Seminar on *Human Rights and Businesses*, the 10th Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) Conference, and the Asia Europe Economic Forum (AEEF) were some of the highlights. Furthermore, ASEF

published the *ASEF Outlook Report 2014/2015*, which provided detailed statistics and useful analysis of ASEM members' socio-economic development, as well as publications related to sustainable development and other issues. In addition, ASEF revamped and re-launched the ASEM InfoBoard maintained by ASEF, which serves as the official information platform of the ASEM process.

In line with the request of the 10th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM10), ASEF completed the paper on *Suggestions on Closer Synergies between ASEF Activities and the ASEM Process*. At the same time, the review of the ASEF Funding Mechanism is progressing according to schedule.

Looking into 2015, ASEF is facing another busy but promising year ahead. With Croatia and Kazakhstan joining the ASEF family, ASEF's work now reaches 53 members. While focusing on existing core areas of expertise, ASEF will also address new challenges, among others, climate change, urbanisation, connectivity and e-learning. In 2015, ASEF will start the year by organising the 8th ASEF Experts' Meeting and Public Forum on Creative Cities in South Korea, the 4th ASEM Rectors' Conference (ARC4) and Students' Forum in China, followed by the 19th ASEF Summer University (AU19) in India, the 12th ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet) Conference in Bulgaria, the 15th Informal ASEM Seminar on *Human Rights and Human Trafficking* in Switzerland, and the 11th Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) Conference on Sustainable Development Goals. Alongside the 12th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM12) in Luxembourg, we will also organise the 10th ASEF Journalists' Colloquium and, for the first time, an ASEF Young Leaders Summit. Furthermore, ASEF will contribute its share to lay a solid ground for the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of ASEM.

ASEF counts on the continuous support and active participation of all stakeholders: ASEM governments, ASEF Governors, partners and participants in fulfilling its targets set for 2015. I am confident that, with our joint efforts, ASEF will continue to achieve success in its noble mission of promoting mutual understanding and cooperation between Asia and Europe in the year ahead.

Ambassador ZHANG Yan
ASEF Executive Director

Board of Governors

(1 January 2014 – 31 March 2015)



ASEF Governors, ASEF Executive Director and ASEF Deputy Executive Director at the 32nd ASEF Board of Governors' Meeting in December 2014, Singapore

The Board of Governors of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) comprises 53 members appointed by the respective members of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). The Board reviews the Foundation's strategy and policies, ensuring their adherence to ASEM's principles

and priorities. At the same time, it oversees ASEF's finances and budgeting, and approves its activity portfolio. The Board members elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair on an annual basis and appoint a new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director every four years.

In both cases one is European and the other Asian to ensure a balanced representation. The Board also comprises an Executive Committee (ExCo) and a Finance & Administration Committee (FAC), each with an equal Asian and European membership.

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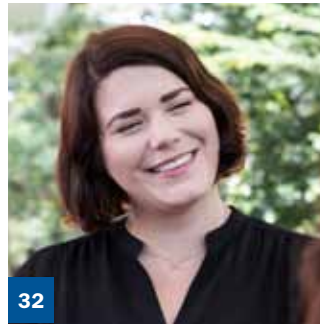


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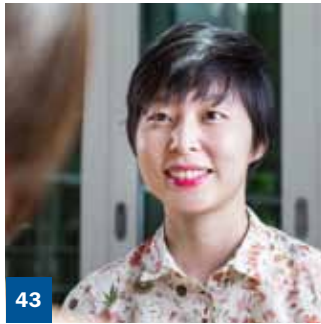
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Culture

In the field of culture, ASEF promotes various forms of cultural cooperation between Asia and Europe including policy dialogue, bi-regional networks and artistic collaborations. In addition to fostering sustainable partnerships between Asian and European arts organisations, ASEF also facilitates dialogue between the arts sector and government agencies in Asia and Europe.



ASEF Cultural Policy Dialogue Series

The ASEF Cultural Policy Dialogue Series stimulates analysis and engagement that reflect current debates in the arts in Asia and Europe, including the cultural agenda of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

7th ASEF Public Forum on Creative Industries in Asia and Europe

18 October 2014
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Creative industries were in the spotlight as the central theme of the 6th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (ASEM CMM6). To provide inputs to the ministerial discussions, ASEF co-organised the 7th ASEF Public Forum on Creative Industries in Asia and Europe, titled *Enabling Crossovers*. The forum facilitated the sharing of good practices and policy debates, focusing on economic growth, sustainable development, social inclusion and empowerment in the creative industries in Asia and Europe. It also explored ideas for new projects and highlighted opportunities for greater bi-regional collaboration between Asia and Europe.

Over 150 arts practitioners, cultural professionals, representatives of cultural agencies and media persons attended this forum. Speakers from the forum also addressed the Ministers during the opening ceremony of ASEM CMM6. The event was organised in partnership with the Netherlands' Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, and Het Nieuwe Instituut based in the Netherlands. It was supported by the European Cultural Foundation (ECF) based in the Netherlands.

Partners



Panelists at the 7th ASEF Public Forum on Creative Industries in Asia and Europe



Ambassador ZHANG Yan with H.E. Jet BUSSEMAKER, Minister for Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands



Ambassador ZHANG Yan speaking at the 6th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (ASEM CMM6)

ASEF at the 6th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (ASEM CMM6)

19-21 October 2014
Rotterdam, Netherlands

An ASEF delegation led by Ambassador ZHANG Yan, ASEF's Executive Director, attended the 6th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (ASEM CMM6). They presented the outcomes of the 7th ASEF Public Forum. The primary focus was on the role of governments

in supporting creative industries through policy, specifically on the key areas of creative cities, skills and entrepreneurship. ASEF also prepared a compilation of 36 case studies in policy and practice from 33 countries in Asia and Europe, which was launched at the 1st Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEM CMM6. The Ministers expressed their appreciation and positively received the outcome of the forum, and acknowledged the publication as a useful input to the Ministerial Meeting.

WorldCP-International Database of Cultural Policies

2014

As a partner of *WorldCP-International Database of Cultural Policies*, ASEF continued to support research studies on cultural policy issues and trends in Asia and Europe throughout 2014. The cultural policy profiles commissioned under the WorldCP-Asia project are accessible on www.culture360.asef.org and www.worldcp.org.

This project is led by the International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA). The national partners are: Arts Council of Mongolia; Korean National Commission for UNESCO; Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Mongolia; Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, Singapore; Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Korea; and Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Viet Nam.

Partners



Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam



Ministry of Education, Culture
and Science, Mongolia

ASEF Cultural Platforms and Networks Programme

The *ASEF Cultural Platforms and Networks Programme* actively supports artistic collaborations and bi-regional networking among cultural professionals from Asia and Europe. It also facilitates wider access to information on arts and culture through online platforms.

ASEF culture360

2014

www.culture360.asef.org is an online platform for information exchange among artists, cultural professionals and policy-makers from Asia and Europe. The *ASEF culture360* web portal is a one-stop resource for news, events, and opportunities relating to the

arts and culture in the 51 ASEM member countries in Asia and Europe. It also features a special magazine with commissioned articles.

ASEF culture360's project highlights in 2014 include the launch of the 3rd edition of the research study on funding opportunities and resources for international cultural exchange

for 19 countries in Asia. The portal also presented updated guides for 27 countries of the European Union, as well as Norway, Switzerland and the Russian Federation. The portal supported various arts initiatives, including the IETM Asian Satellite Meeting in Melbourne, Australia, which was attended by 300 delegates from Asia and Europe's performing arts sectors.

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ASEF Creative Networks

2014

Australia, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, India, Singapore

ASEF Creative Networks recognises the growing importance of cultural networks as a channel for dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe. In 2014, the 1st edition of *ASEF Creative Networks* supported 3 projects from a pool of 54 proposals. 6 meetings and public lectures took place in 6 countries (Australia, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, India,

Singapore). They involved 12 partners and benefitted 150 participants from Asia and Europe. Supported projects included were:

- *Asia-Europe Network of Urban Heritage for Sustainable Creative Economies*
- *Network as Learning Experience – Capacity-building for Cultural Managers*
- *Asia-Europe Creative Residency Network*

The launch of the 2nd edition of *ASEF Creative Networks* attracted 39 proposals.

Partners



Culture

Creative Encounters: Cultural Partnerships between Asia and Europe

2014

Finland, Germany, India,
Indonesia, Italy, Poland

Creative Encounters supports innovative collaborations between artists and arts organisations in Asia and Europe. To this end, the programme invites proposals through a competitive annual call. In 2014, the 3rd edition of *Creative Encounters* supported 4 multi-lateral projects covering a wide range of fields, including creative industries, film and visual arts. There were 9 activities, including artists' residencies, exhibition, panel discussions and workshops, which took place in 6 countries. The events were held in Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy and Poland. They benefitted 98 participants and sizeable public audiences who joined in the activities.



EARS on Helsinki conference in Helsinki, Finland



Workshop at Jatiwangi Art Factory in Indonesia as part of Focus+Indonesia, a project selected under ASEF's Creative Encounters, 3rd edition in 2014

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Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS)

September 2014
Vienna, Austria

Comprising of a cross-cultural network of museums, the *Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS)* promotes mutual understanding across Asia and Europe through collaborative activities. In particular, it facilitates the sharing

and use of museum collections.

In 2014, the 6th *ASEMUS General Conference* brought together 85 museum leaders and professionals to present their works and visions of museum landscapes and research topics. With its theme of *Exploring Borders*, the conference featured 3 keynote speakers and 27 presentations. ASEF also contributed to the session on

The Post-colonial Museum: Visions and Trends from Asia and Europe. The conference was organised by the Weltmuseum Wien in Vienna, Austria, in cooperation with ASEF and with the support of the ASEMUS Secretariat.

Partners



6th ASEMUS General Conference held at the Weltmuseum in Vienna, Austria

Economy

ASEF's activities in the area of Economy address both current economic concerns and long-term trends impacting the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) constituencies. These activities connect representatives from the governments, think-tanks, academia, civil society organisations, the private sector, and international agencies to develop policy recommendations for ASEM leaders.



ASEF Economy Programme

Currently, ASEF's work under Economy supports the following priorities: post-crisis developments in Asia and Europe, the concept of sustainable growth, and the impact of migration policies on the socio-economic welfare of labour migrants.

Asia Europe Economic Forum (AEEF)

ASEF continued its strong engagement with the *Asia Europe Economic Forum (AEEF)* in 2014, participating in 2 high-level events in both regions. The AEEF consortium consists of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Bertelsmann Stiftung, Bruegel (overall secretariat), Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII), Institute of World Economic and Politics – Chinese Academy for Social Sciences (IWEPP-CASS), and Korea University.

10th AEEF Conference: Asia and Europe in Times of Global Change

15-16 May 2014
Berlin, Germany

The 10th AEEF Conference examined key economic trends, including the new EU governance structures, revitalising of Europe's economy, and evolving global monetary policy.

11th AEEF Conference: What can Asia Learn from Economic Reforms in Europe?

5-6 December 2014
Tokyo, Japan

Key issues discussed at the 11th AEEF Conference included small-and-medium-enterprise (SME) development and the financial sector, globalisation and income distribution, and strengthening of the world trading system.

Economist Roundtable (Side-event to the 11th ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FinMM11))

12 September 2014
Milan, Italy

In addition to 2 conferences, ASEF, in partnership with AEEF secretariat Bruegel, organised a special *Economist Roundtable*. This event was held in conjunction with the 11th ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FinMM11). Featuring leading Asian and European economists, the

discussions offered insights into key macroeconomic and financial trends of interest to participants at ASEM FinMM11.

Partners



ADBI Institute ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK INSTITUTE ADBI Institute
Participants at 11th AEEF Conference in Tokyo, Japan

ASEF Editors' Roundtable

In 2014, ASEF drew attention to the rapidly-evolving global media landscape. New media technologies continue to bring about new platforms and paradigms of communication which can create impact on economic, social and political change across Asia and Europe.

7th ASEF Editors' Roundtable: Asian and European Media in the Digital Age

15-17 October 2014
Milan, Italy

Organised in conjunction with the 10th ASEM Summit (ASEM10) in Milan, Italy, the 7th ASEF Editors' Roundtable: Asian and European Media in the Digital Age brought together more than

25 editors-in-chief and senior media commentators from leading Asian and European media. The Roundtable provided a platform for the media leaders to share the experiences of their agencies in dealing with and adapting to the changing face of the media. In addition to providing a learning opportunity, this event helped identify opportunities for closer cooperation between Asian and European media.

The concluding session of the Roundtable brought together more than 40 experts from Asian and European think-tanks along with the participating editors and media leaders. This was an open session with a panel discussion on *Facing Asia-Europe Challenges: The Role of Media and New Communication Tools* moderated by Mr Gilles DEMPTOS, Asia Director of World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers



One of the discussion sessions during the 7th ASEF Editors' Roundtable in Milan, Italy

(WAN-IFRA). The speakers of this session included Ms Maria A. RESSA, Chief Executive Officer, and Executive Editor, Rappler Inc., Philippines, Mr Didier LAURAS, France Chief Editor, AFP, France, Mr Fraser CAMERON, Director, EU-Asia Centre, Belgium, and Ms Carolina HERNANDEZ, President, ISDS, Philippines. The session saw an engaging panel discussion and active audience participation.

The event was co-organised with the German Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), in cooperation

with the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), and supported by World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers (WAN-IFRA) and Chatham House.

The conclusions and recommendations from the 7th ASEF Editors' Roundtable will be published as a monograph by Chatham House. The free download version of this publication will be available on ASEF and Chatham House websites.

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Panel discussion during the closing session of the 7th ASEF Editors' Roundtable in Milan, Italy

Education

In the field of education, ASEF has set in motion projects which contribute to education policy dialogue and facilitate youth networks. Through interdisciplinary and pragmatic approaches as well as the integration of ICT as an essential component, ASEF's education projects strengthen collaboration between education institutions, exchange among young people and link them to the ASEM Education Process and ASEM Leaders' Meetings.



ASEF Education Policy Programme

ASEF's Education Policy Programme stimulates practice-based and policy-oriented dialogues and solutions with a focus on cooperation between the education, business and industry sectors, Lifelong Learning, and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) as key priorities of the ASEM Education Process.

Intermediate ASEM Senior (Education) Officials Meeting and 1st ASEM Senior (Education) Officials' Meeting

7-9 May 2014
Hangzhou, China

10-11 November 2014
Riga, Latvia

In preparation of the 5th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEM ME5) in April 2015 in Riga, Latvia, ASEF participated in 2 ASEM Senior Education Officials Meetings that were held consecutively in China and Latvia.

ASEF presented its contributions to the ASEM Education Process following the 4th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEM ME4), which took place in 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The Senior Officials discussed trends and developments in 4 priority areas as identified at ASEM ME4:

- quality assurance and recognition
- engaging business and industry in education
- balanced mobility

- lifelong learning including technical and vocational education and training

Amongst ASEF's key contributions to the ASEM Education Process are projects in the fields of balanced mobility, lifelong learning and university-business cooperation.



ASEM Senior Education Officials at their meeting in Latvia

ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning (ASEM LLL Hub)

2014
Several ASEM Countries

In line with its charter to provide a platform for researchers, practitioners and policy-makers across Asia and Europe to develop lifelong learning, the ASEM LLL Hub – with the support of ASEF – organised a series of meetings in 2014:

- ASEM International Seminar on Lifelong Learning, 25-26 August 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ASEM LLL Hub Coordinators' Meeting, 27-28 November 2014, Copenhagen, Denmark

- ASEM LLL Hub Task Force Meeting, 17-20 December 2014, Innsbruck, Austria.

The meetings promoted comparative research in lifelong learning and research-based lifelong learning policy recommendations, focusing on 5 areas:

- Development of ICT skills and e-learning
- Workplace Learning
- Professionalisation of Adult Teachers and Educators in ASEM countries
- National Strategies for Lifelong Learning
- ASEM LLL Core Competences

Results were published in the form of policy briefs and the

ASEM Magazines for Lifelong Learning – *Lifelong Learning and the Force of Comparison* and *Lifelong Learning and the Digital Revolution*. More than 100 researchers from 63 universities in 23 countries are currently part of the ASEM LLL Hub research network.

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Sponsors

Aarhus University, Department of Education (DPU)

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Education

ASEF Young Leaders Programme

The projects under *ASEF's Young Leaders Programme* are platforms for dialogue and solution-centred and pragmatic skills development, which enable youth to establish networks and create direct connections with the ASEM policy-makers.

Model ASEM 2014

8-12 October 2014
Milan, Italy

In conjunction with the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM10) Summit, 127 students representing 49 ASEM member countries participated in a simulation of the ASEM Summit to exercise their skills in multilateral negotiations and diplomacy.

Model ASEM 2014 consisted of plenary sessions, bilateral meetings and working groups. In the discussions' spotlight were ASEM's 3 pillars (political, economic and socio-cultural) and public health issues. The student participants jointly developed a consensus-based Chair's Statement, which 4 student representatives later personally handed over to the Presidents of the European Council and of the European Commission, H.E. Herman VAN ROMPUY and H.E. José Manuel BARROSO.

Several students also received invitations to share their experience at *Model ASEM* with their respective national leaders, including: H.E. Joseph MUSCAT, Prime Minister of Malta, H.E. Didier BURKHALTER, President of Switzerland, and Mr Syed Tariq FATEMI, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Pakistan.



Student delegates attending the Opening Ceremony



4 selected Model ASEM 2014 representatives meeting H.E. Herman VAN ROMPUY, President of the European Council, and H.E. José Manuel BARROSO, President of the European Commission

Partners



This project is sponsored by the Government of Japan.

ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet)

2014

Several ASEM Countries

The *ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet)* is ASEF's primary channel to connect secondary and high schools, educators and students in Asia and Europe. Launched in 1998, it provides opportunities for collaborative learning and intercultural learning exchanges. At the same time, it functions as a cyber-classroom for students and educators alike to forge stronger bi-lateral networks and partnership through common online projects and face-to-face exchanges.

In 2014, more than 200 teachers and 3,884 students from 113 schools in 31 ASEM countries worked jointly on online collaborations (*ASEF ClassNet Projects*). 6 project groups received awards in recognition of their outstanding achievements:

Gold Awards

- *Let's Travel and Explore!* (Participating countries: India, Korea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Singapore and Slovenia)
- *World History in Family Photos* (Participating countries: Bulgaria, India, Italy, Poland, Russian Federation and Sweden)
- *World War II: Keep It a History* (Participating countries: Estonia, France, Greece, India, Indonesia,

Japan, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation and Slovenia)

Merit Awards

- *iMagz – Making Myself Heard – Season 2* (Participating countries: Denmark, Finland, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovenia and Sweden)
- *Our Blue Planet* (Participating countries: Bulgaria, Finland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Philippines, Slovakia and Sweden)
- *Play to Learn* (Participating countries: Bangladesh, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Slovenia and Viet Nam)

Governance

Respect for human rights, rule of law, effective participation and accountability of public institutions are some areas that lay the foundation for good governance. Both Asia and Europe have much to benefit from sharing information and exchanging best practices from their respective legal, judicial and political frameworks. ASEF encourages informal, open and non-confrontational dialogue between government and civil society representatives in this field, through its current programmes on human rights and public diplomacy.



ASEF Human Rights Programme

The *ASEF Human Rights Programme* is the central element of ASEF's work under the theme of Governance. Initiated by the Foreign Ministers of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) at their first meeting in 1997, Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights series remains the only multi-lateral human rights dialogue platform between Asian and European government representatives and civil society members.

14th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights: Human Rights and Business

18-20 October 2014
Hanoi, Viet Nam

With over 125 government and civil society representatives in attendance, the *14th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights: Human Rights and Business* addressed the relationship between businesses and human rights protection. The working groups focused on:

- the state duty to protect human rights against violations by businesses
- corporate responsibility and its contribution to human rights implementation

- monitoring, reporting and access to remedies
- multi-stakeholder cooperation

Participants identified 10 key messages as a means of framing policies and practices at the national and regional level. Included in these was the need for all ASEM members to promote and apply the UN Guiding Principles on Human Rights and Business (UNGPs). The meeting also proposed that all ASEM members should develop National Action Plans (NAPs) on business and human rights, which are fully inclusive, participatory and transparent. The key messages were sent to the ASEM governments.

Partners



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ASEF's contribution is with the financial support of the European Union.



Participants at the 14th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights in Hanoi, Viet Nam

Governance

14th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights: Side-event at the 3rd Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights

3 December 2014
Geneva, Switzerland

ASEF also shared the outcomes of the 14th Seminar at the side-event *Regional Implementation of the Guiding Principles: Lessons from Asia and Europe*, held at the 3rd Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights.



Panel discussion during the 3rd Annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland

ASEF Public Diplomacy Programme

The *ASEF Public Diplomacy Training Programme* conducts training for young Asian and European diplomats engaged in public diplomacy efforts. Through interactive training courses, the programme aims to build young diplomats' skills and further establish public diplomacy initiatives between ASEM partners.

Asia-Europe Public Diplomacy Training Initiative

The *Asia-Europe Public Diplomacy Training Initiative* is a joint cooperation between the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the DiploFoundation, and the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) – University of Canterbury.

Development of the training materials was based on the findings of ASEF's dual perceptions studies, *EU through the Eyes of Asia* and *Asia in the Eyes of Europe*. The studies revealed a limited public understanding of Asia in Europe and vice versa. Incorporating data and findings from the studies, the training curricula and toolkits were designed by public diplomacy practitioners and senior diplomats, with the support of Asian and European diplomatic institutions.

The initiative aims to improve relations between Asia and Europe by enhancing public diplomacy efforts among the members of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process. It provides young diplomats with a practical skills-oriented training.



Participants at the 1st Face-to-face Training in Geneva, Switzerland

1st Online Training

12 May–13 July 2014

In 2014, 18 representatives from 12 ASEM members participated in the 1st online training.

1st Face-to-face Training

2–4 July 2014
Geneva, Switzerland

21 young diplomats from 18 ASEM countries attended the 1st face-to-face training.

2nd Online Training

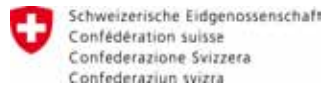
20 October–21 December 2014

31 representatives from 20 ASEM members took part in the 2nd online training.

Partners



Sponsors



Public Health

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Initiative for the Rapid Containment of Pandemic Influenza was launched in 2009 by ASEM leaders to combat the Influenza A (H1N1) and possible human influenza pandemics. ASEF's work in the area of Public Health is designed to achieve 2 objectives of the ASEM Initiative: to create a platform to address public health issues across Asia and Europe, and to build up a stockpile of anti-viral drugs and personal protective equipment.



ASEF Public Health Network

ASEF Public Health Network is a participatory platform that encourages dialogue between health and non-health sector representatives from Asia and Europe. It engages multiple-sector stakeholders in areas such as pandemics, infectious diseases, risk communications and migrant health. This is done through developing recommendations for improving risk communications for public health emergencies and joint Asian-European research projects. The network receives financial support from the Government of Japan.

Workshop on Risk Communications for Public Health Emergencies: What to Learn from Real-life Events

2-3 October 2014
Oslo, Norway

The workshop brought together 20 risk communication experts and public health officials involved in managing public health events. Participants shared their

experiences and evaluated the challenges and capacity needs in the communication of public health emergencies. As part of the learning and information-exchange process, participants identified core elements from their past experience, which would be critical to include when managing future public health emergencies. The objectives were achieved through presentations of case studies, working group discussions as well as a simulation exercise.

Partner



 This project is sponsored by the Government of Japan.



Simulation Exercise at the Workshop on Risk Communications for Public Health Emergencies

Public Health

Seminar on Strengthening Asia-Europe Collaboration on Migrants' Health

7 November 2014
Manila, Philippines

The seminar presented the highlights from 3 research publications on migrants' health, which were published in 2014. The 3 publications were:

- *Staying Healthy in Italy: How to Better Use the Italian Healthcare System*
- *Policy Brief: Ways to Improve the Utilisation of Health Services and Intake of Prescribed Medicines*
- *Migrants and Healthcare: Social and Economic Approaches*

Drawing from the key findings of the ASEF-supported joint research projects, the panellists discussed the impact and importance of collaboration between Asia and Europe for improving the health of migrants.

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Presentation by Prof. PHUA Kai Hong, National University of Singapore, on labour migrants' access to healthcare



Dr Alistair R.G. HUMPHREY, Medical Officer, Canterbury District Health Board, posing a question on universal health coverage for irregular migrants

ASEM Workshop on Public Health Emergency Management

10-13 September 2014
Beijing, China

The topics of the workshop covered various aspects of public health emergency management, including surveillance, risk assessment, response, post-event evaluation and improvement, and response to infectious diseases and natural disasters. The workshop consisted of presentations by experts, interactive discussions,

desk exercises, and case studies on public health emergency management. Workshop attendees included 57 health practitioners, experts from the World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters and its Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO), representatives from ASEM Embassies in China, professionals from Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCs) of some ASEM members and Chinese provincial CDCs, as well as representatives from universities and research institutions across Asia and Europe.

Partner



Supporter

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China

Sustainable Development

Since its inception, ASEF has initiated several dialogue platforms amongst stakeholders in Asia and Europe on sustainable development and environmental issues. Reflecting priorities and needs from stakeholders at international, regional, and national levels, ASEF's sustainable development and environment programmes focus on contributing to the global debate on the post-2015 development agenda, climate change policy and practices, and other environmental issues. ASEF's contribution is made through multi-national research and case studies projects, consultation process, and capacity-building and training activities.



ASEF Sustainable Development Programme

At the 10th ASEM Summit (ASEM10), which took place in October 2014 in Milan, Italy, Asian and European leaders reaffirmed their joint commitment to work together with other UN members to agree on an ambitious, universal and transformative post-2015 development agenda. In response to this call by ASEM leaders, the ASEF's activities in the area of Sustainable Development strengthened a consultative project on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), contributing to the global debate on the post-2015 development agenda.

Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum)

The *Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum)*, established in 2003, collaborates with top environmental institutions to work on pertinent sustainable development issues. ENVforum's members consist of ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC), Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) and Swedish International Development Cooperation (Sida).

The *ENVforum's* main focus is currently on the post-2015 development agenda, specifically towards the need for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to replace the outgoing Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Sustainable Development Transition Forum (SDTF) & Sustainable Development Planning Network for Asia and the Pacific (SDplanNet-AP)

7-11 April 2014
Incheon, Korea

In 2014, the *ENVforum* participated in the first annual *Sustainable Development Transition Forum (SDTF)* and *Sustainable Development Planning Network for Asia and the Pacific (SDplanNet-AP)*. The 2 high-level global platforms brought together more than 60 policy-makers and experts in sustainable development. The stakeholders welcomed the opportunities for dialogue, as well as interdisciplinary knowledge-sharing with their science-policy-practice counterparts.



Head of Office of UNOSD giving his opening remarks at the 1st Sustainable Development Transition Forum

Sustainable Development

Climate Change Negotiation for Policy-Makers from ASEAN Member Countries

18-19 June 2014
Hanoi, Viet Nam

The *ENVforum* also co-organised a workshop on climate change. It was designed as a platform for the ASEAN diplomats to establish common understanding of regional challenges posed by climate change in preparation for upcoming sessions of the Conference of the Parties.



Participants at the workshop on climate change

Conference on Sustainable Development Goals for Asia and Europe: Means of Implementation for the Post-2015 Development Agenda

29-30 September 2014
Brussels, Belgium

The *ENVforum* Conference on Means of Implementation for the Post-2015 Development Agenda was held to examine the outcomes of the SDG Open Working Group consultation process. Leading experts held discussions on the feasibility of the new sustainable development landscape and on financing SDGs at a national level.

The *ENVforum* also spearheaded research initiatives in SDG implementation in 2014, organising research coordination meetings in Brussels and Hanoi. Their findings will be published in Part III of the *Small Planet Reports* in 2015.



Participants at the ENVforum Conference

Partners



ASEF's contribution is with the financial support of the European Union.

ASEF Environment Programme

ASEF's work in the area of environment addresses various issues on climate change and its impact across Asia and Europe. In 2014, ASEF also cast light upon other equally urgent topics such as sustainable water management and measures for food safety.

Asia-Europe Energy Challenges and Climate Change

As climate change continues to present challenges to the global community, ASEF in partnership with the Paris-based think-tank Asia Centre launched a joint series focusing on the critical role of energy. Organised ahead of the 21st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, which is due to take place in the final quarter of 2015 in Paris, France, the primary objective of the project is to gain a deeper understanding of global energy trends and developments in Asia and Europe that affect regional policy-making and cooperation efforts.

Coal and Climate Change: the "Chinese Way"?

26-27 June 2014
Beijing, China

This 2-day seminar examined closely key issues arising from China's coal industry, from both national and global perspectives. Seminar participants included leading domestic and international organisations such as the International Energy Agency (IEA). Outcomes from the high-level discussions included detailed observations about the wider global implications of the role of coal within China's energy mix and the impact of this on the global climate in the coming decades.



Participants at the seminar on energy and climate change

Sponsor



Sustainable Development

13th ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) Academic Conference and Annual General Meeting

5-8 July 2014
Hangzhou, China

Organised in conjunction with Zhejiang University's Cultural China Annual Forum, the ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and 13th ASEFUAN Academic Conference in July 2014 in Hangzhou, China. This year's event focused on the theme of *Managing Our Water Resources Sustainably: The Roles of Youth, Education and Cooperation between Asia and Europe*.

The conference was hosted by the Centre for Confucian Entrepreneurs and East Asian Civilisations at Zhejiang University. Almost 100 participants, including 13 experts in the field of water resources, security and sustainability, shared



Participants of the ASEFUAN Annual General Meeting 2014

examples from their own countries and discussed best practices in small working groups.

During the AGM, the ASEFUAN Executive Committee (ExCo) reported on the activities of the past year and a new ExCo for 2014-2015 was elected.

Partners



ASEM Seminar on Sustainable Management of Water Resources in the Context of Urbanisation

22-23 May 2014
Changsha, China

Designed to enhance the exchange and cooperation among ASEM partners on sustainable water management, this seminar provided a useful platform for policy exchange, information sharing, networking and the development of new technologies and products.

The seminar focused on 3 areas:

- innovation in urban water management, including policy measures, laws and regulations and their enforcement, innovative financing and management evaluation

- water-ecology-oriented city planning with an emphasis on water environment impact assessment, flood risk management, and urban waterlogging prevention and control
- water technology innovation and application, including latest technologies on drinking water and water conservation.

Partners



Supporter

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China



Signing ceremony of a Memorandum of Understanding by participating organisations

ASEM Food Safety Week Seminar: Promoting Cooperation and Coordination

6-7 November 2014
Changsha, China

As part of the ASEM Food Safety Week, this seminar brought together more than 300 attendees from various food industries and sectors to share knowledge, experiences and expertise. In line with the event theme of *Promoting Cooperation and Coordination*, the food industry specialists and government officials discussed and exchanged views on national and global challenges in promoting and implementing measures for food safety.

Throughout the seminar and training sessions, participants emphasised the importance of food safety across the complete food production cycle, spanning the stages of cultivation, processing, transport and retail – what the food industry refers to as ‘from farm to fork’.

Partners



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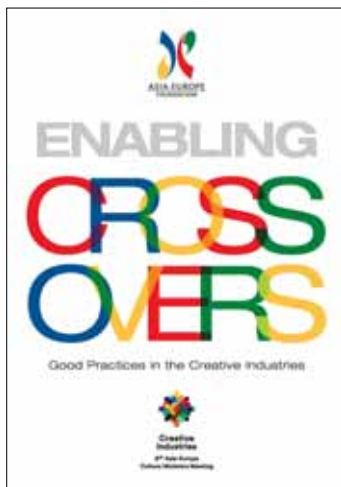
Panelists of Workshop during the Q&A Session



Vice-Mayor of Changsha, Ms ZHANG Yingchun (left) visiting the Exhibition Hall at the ASEM Food Safety Week

Publications

Culture



Enabling Crossovers: Good Practices in the Creative Industries
June 2014

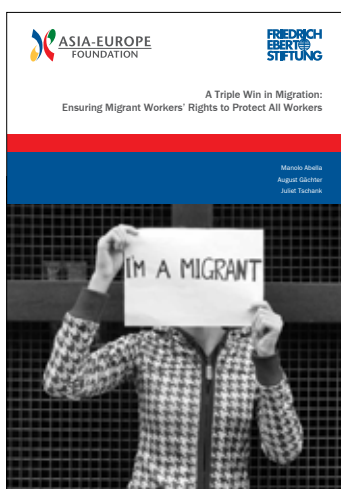
The publication highlights 36 good practices in the creative industries from 33 countries in Asia and Europe. The featured case studies map key areas of focus at the 6th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (ASEM CMM6), namely creative skills, creative entrepreneurs, creative cities-sustainability, and creative cities-quality of life. *Enabling Crossovers: Good Practices in the Creative Industries* serves as a tool for networking, collaboration and policy-making. The publication was prepared in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands and Het Nieuwe Instituut in ASEF's capacity as an official partner of ASEM CMM6. It was launched in June 2014 during the 1st Senior Officials' Meeting of the ASEM CMM6 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.



Mobility Funding Guides for International Cultural Exchange
December 2014

The *Mobility Funding Guides for International Cultural Exchange* provide a comprehensive list of resources that support cultural mobility across 49 countries in Asia and Europe. The 3rd edition of *Mapping of Funding Opportunities for International Cultural Exchange in Asia*, which was launched in 2014, presents mobility funding resources for 19 Asian countries. In addition, ASEF culture360 published updated Guides for 27 countries of the European Union, as well as Norway, Switzerland and the Russian Federation, in partnership with the European network On-The-Move. All 49 Guides are downloadable free-of-charge from www.culture360.asef.org

Economy



A Triple Win in Migration: Ensuring Migrant Workers' Rights to Protect All Workers
November 2014

This publication reports on the outcomes of a 2-year study of migration policies in Asia and Europe. It examines migration policies that are initiated by sending and receiving countries, as well as policies that are jointly created by cooperating countries. The report highlights good practices that support equitable migration systems and offer migrants access to protection.

Governance



Human Rights and the Environment: 13th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights – Proceedings

June 2014

This publication explores the complex inter-connection between sustainable development, environmental protection and human rights, in the face of increasing environmental degradation and climate change. It details the exchanges among participants and the outcomes from working group discussions at the *13th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights: Human Rights and the Environment*. The report elaborates on key concepts and topics including: access to information, participatory rights and access to justice; actors, institutions and governance; and climate change and human rights implications.



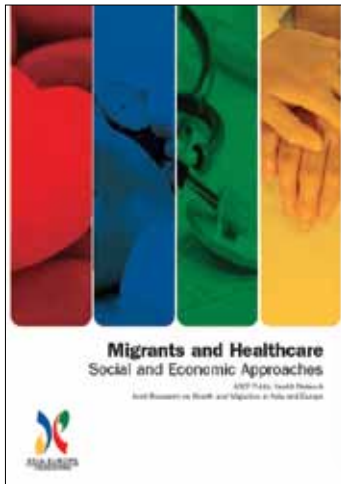
Political Parties and Citizen Movements in Asia and Europe

November 2014

This publication focuses on initiatives and activities undertaken by political parties in Asia and Europe in relation to civil society organisations and citizen movements. As political parties in the two regions operate in different domestic political contexts and socio-economic conditions, the result is a diverse array of approaches and experiences that exist between countries. This includes the idea that there is no common definition of democracy and no single political trajectory towards democracy. Case studies are presented to highlight common issues, challenges and lessons that can be shared between Asia and Europe. They also serve as examples of good practice from which actors across the two regions and beyond can benefit and learn.

Publications

Public Health



Migrants and Healthcare: Social and Economic Approaches

October 2014

This research report presents an in-depth analysis of the social and economic impact when migrants are not provided with full access to healthcare. By examining case studies in Austria, Italy, Hong Kong SAR and Singapore, this report aims to enrich discussions on the issue of migrants' health policies. Researchers provide evidence to support the argument that excluding migrants from primary healthcare causes delays in or denial of treatment. This, in turn, results in unnecessary loss of human capital.



Staying Healthy in Italy: How to Better Use the Italian Healthcare System

November 2014

This publication serves as a health booklet for Filipino migrants departing for and living in Italy. It aims to help Filipino migrants by: increasing their understanding of the Italian health system and the services that they are entitled to, encouraging them to utilise the health services in Italy and to only consume drugs that are prescribed by the health system, and improving their cross-cultural competencies – such as learning Italian language – that enables better integration into Italian society.



Policy Brief: Ways to Improve the Utilisation of Health Services and Intake of Prescribed Medicines

November 2014

Based on ASEF Public Health Network's research project *The Health Dimension of Asian Migration to Europe*, this policy brief provides government officials and policy-makers in the Philippines and Italy with 2 key recommendations. Firstly, it encourages the 2 governments to incorporate key research findings into policy development and modification, with a view to helping Filipino migrants in Italy better understand and utilise health services. Secondly, it aims to increase government participation in public discussions for improving health inequities faced by Filipino as well as other migrants in Italy.

Sustainable Development



ASEF Outlook Report 2014/2015: Facts and Perspectives – Volume 1

October 2014

In October 2014, the *ASEF Outlook Report 2014/2015: Facts and Perspectives* was published to elaborate on emerging global and regional challenges associated with sustainable growth and development. This 2-volume report, which presents over 100 pages of data and statistics of demographics, economy, social development, education, culture, public health, as well as energy and carbon emissions, was presented at the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Senior Officials' Meeting on 15 October 2014 in Milan, Italy, during the 10th ASEM Summit (ASEM10).

Key issues addressed in this latest report aligned closely with ASEM10's theme of *Responsible Partnership for Sustainable Growth and Security*. This complemented the debate and discussions that took place during the Summit.



ASEF Outlook Report 2014/2015: Facts and Perspectives – Volume 2

October 2014

Volume 1: *Facts at a Glance* provides data that will allow the reader to better understand the political and socio-economic conditions in ASEM countries as well as the differences and similarities between them.

Volume 2: *Perspectives on Sustainable Development* focusses on the future of Asia and Europe in the light of trends in sustainable development and growth. The volume offers in-depth insights into selected priority areas including inequality, education, creative industries, quality of growth, migration, health, climate change and governance.



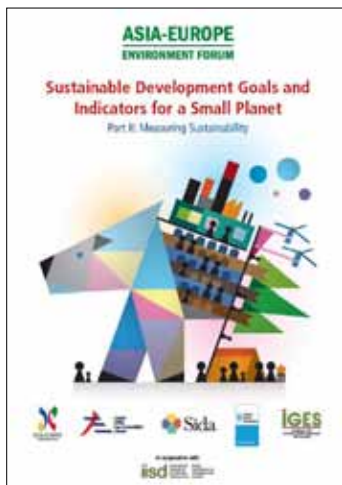
ASEF Media Handbook: Sustainable Development Reporting for Journalists

March 2014

The ASEF Media Handbook is written for journalists by journalists. It is the result of exchanges between Asia-Europe media professionals. The Handbook tackles a specific area of journalism and its challenges. It also presents suggestions for better quality stories based on experiences and insights shared during the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) media programme. *ASEF Media Handbook: Sustainable Development Reporting for Journalists* is the result of discussions made by 28 journalists during the 9th ASEF Journalists' Colloquium held from 9-12 November 2013 in Gurgaon, India. The Colloquium, entitled, *Media and the Green Agenda*, tackled sustainable development reporting, its challenges, and ways to improve one's journalistic standards while covering green issues.

Publications

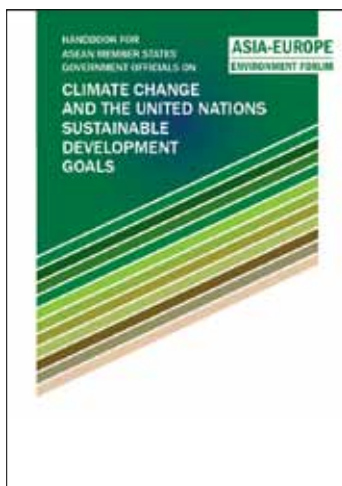
Sustainable Development



Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet – Part II: Measuring Sustainability

August 2014

This publication is the 2nd handbook in a series by the *ENVforum* for policy-makers involved in creating Sustainable Development Goals. This publication presents a set of illustrative Sustainable Development Indicators (SDIs) that reflect individual countries' priorities, goals and targets for sustainability. Part II complements Part I, which focused on Methodology and Goal Framework by providing a fundamental set of tools that is critical in driving forward the international public discourse on SDIs.



Handbook for ASEAN Member States' Government Officials on Climate Change and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

November 2014

This publication aims to contribute to the discussions taking place in preparation for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It also serves as a resource for ASEAN government officials and other UNFCCC negotiators involved in this process. The handbook presents clear evidence on climate change and global climate negotiations in the introduction and proceeds to elaborate on the role of regional groups in these negotiations, describing the climate change challenges faced by ASEAN policy-makers at both a national and regional level.

Newsletters



ASEF eNewsletter

ASEF's eNewsletter is the one-stop information source of its latest and upcoming projects and activities. Published monthly, the eNewsletter currently reaches out to more than 17,000 subscribers in Asia and Europe.



ASEF culture360 e-newsletter

The monthly e-newsletter by ASEF *culture360* features news, events, and opportunities in the field of arts and culture across Asia and Europe. In 2014, the newsletter reached over 10,000 subscribers.



ASEMUS e-newsletter

The *Asia-Europe Museum Network* (ASEMUS) publishes a quarterly e-newsletter which features news, events, and opportunities across its cross-cultural network of museums in the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) member countries. In 2014, the newsletter reached over 2,000 subscribers.



ASEF Classroom Network e-newsletter

The ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet) e-newsletter features the activities of the ASEF Classroom Network programme and its members. The newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and sent to all members of the ASEF ClassNet and other subscribers.



ASEM Infoboard e-newsletter

The ASEM InfoBoard e-newsletter, updates recipients every month on upcoming ASEM meetings and activities. The ASEM InfoBoard e-newsletter reaches out to over 1,000 subscribers and stakeholders monthly.

Websites



ASEF Corporate Website

ASEF's corporate website is the first stop for information about the organisation. It showcases ASEF's existing and upcoming events and activities in the fields of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development. Visitors have access to information on participation as well as latest ASEF publications, news articles and links to partner organisations.

www.asef.org

ASEM InfoBoard

Mandated by the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) members, the ASEM InfoBoard is a one-stop information service for all ASEM affairs. It is the main source of information on the ASEM process and it plays a key role in elevating ASEM's profile in the public eye.

www.aseminfoboard.org



ASEF culture360 Website

culture360.asef.org is a platform for both information and online collaboration for the cultural communities of Asia and Europe, including artists, cultural practitioners and policy-makers. In addition to commissioned magazine articles, news and opportunities, the portal initiates development of research projects. In 2014, ASEF culture360 published the *Mobility Funding Guides for International Cultural Exchange* in 49 countries of Asia and Europe. The ASEF culture360 web portal and sub-sites increased their traffic to 35,000 unique visitors per month in 2014 and counted over 3,900 registered members.

www.culture360.asef.org





Film culture360 Website

film.culture360.asef.org, a sub-site of ASEF culture360, provides comprehensive information on the film industry. The area of film is of particular relevance and interest in the framework of cultural exchanges between Asia and Europe, with a strong emphasis on independent cinema. The site provides a platform for professionals working in the film industry across Asia and Europe to share relevant information.

www.film.culture360.asef.org

ASEMUS Website

The Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS) web portal promotes information exchange between museum professionals in Asia and Europe. The site is hosted on ASEF culture360.

www.asemus.culture360.asef.org



ASEF Classroom Network Website

Launched in 1998, the ASEF Classroom Network (ASEF ClassNet) provides opportunities for collaborative learning and intercultural exchanges through the use of ICT among secondary and high schools in ASEM countries. The ASEF ClassNet web-portal serves as the main platform for collaboration, networking and communication among the teachers and students from Asia and Europe.

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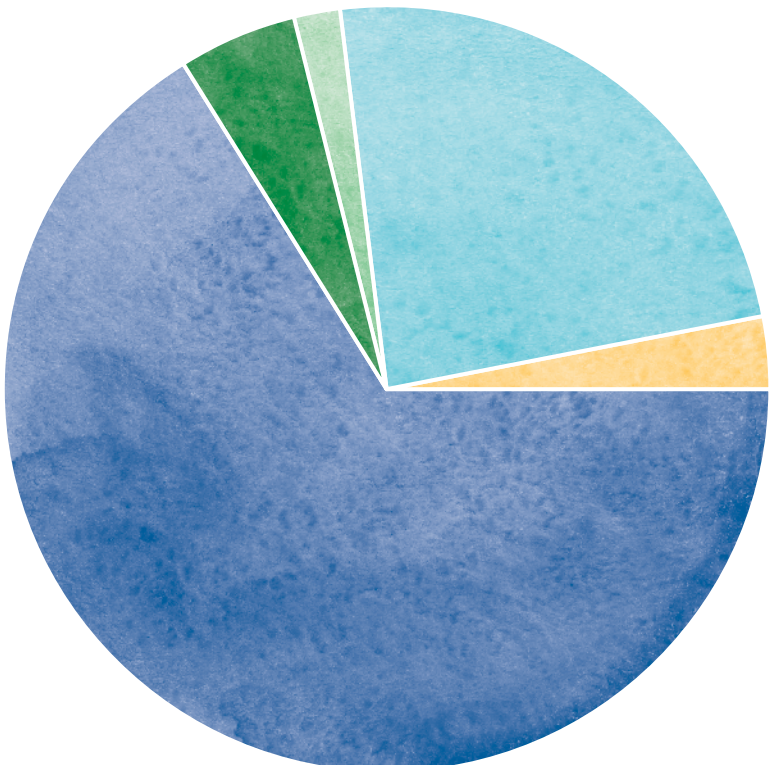
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2	Austria	81,369	1,952,139	–	–	1,952,139
3	Bangladesh	18,968	18,968	–	–	18,968
4	Belgium	56,731	1,096,066	87,282	1,406,678	2,590,026
5	Brunei Darussalam	75,149	2,204,082	–	–	2,204,082
6	Bulgaria	38,026	271,398	–	–	271,398
7	Cambodia	–	101,917	–	–	101,917
8	China	651,160	5,906,137	667,992	–	6,574,128
9	Croatia	–	–	–	–	–
10	Cyprus	3,496	116,573	–	–	116,573
11	Czech Republic	29,208	616,453	–	–	616,453
12	Denmark	197,017	3,796,729	–	–	3,796,729
13	Estonia	16,153	167,681	–	–	167,681
14	Finland	103,798	3,689,979	–	–	3,689,980
15	France	304,053	1,152,502	5,191,347	1,014,400	7,358,249
16	Germany	367,259	7,377,282	–	–	7,377,282
17	Greece	–	377,871	–	25,530	403,401
18	Hungary	76,555	581,549	–	–	581,549
19	India	150,088	1,168,153	–	–	1,168,153
20	Indonesia	64,055	1,428,774	–	–	1,428,774
21	Ireland	113,146	2,320,009	–	–	2,320,009
22	Italy	43,470	2,170,848	–	–	2,170,848
23	Japan	731,913	3,816,550	8,599,041	–	12,415,591
24	Kazakhstan	–	–	–	–	–
25	Korea	261,220	3,889,374	345,900	1,342,038	5,577,312
26	Lao LDR	6,370	70,330	–	–	70,330
27	Latvia	37,241	286,738	–	–	286,737
28	Lithuania	16,277	182,170	–	–	182,170
29	Luxembourg	169,090	5,104,166	–	1,053,854	6,158,021
30	Malaysia	74,774	821,373	–	565,911	1,387,284
31	Malta	10,824	36,812	–	–	36,812
32	Mongolia	9,143	17,847	–	–	17,847
33	Myanmar	23,547	251,921	–	–	251,921
34	Netherlands	118,412	3,088,396	–	–	3,088,396
35	New Zealand	100,000	499,965	–	–	499,965
36	Norway	243,997	421,808	37,497	–	459,305
37	Pakistan	31,312	269,237	–	–	269,238
38	The Philippines	78,054	993,076	–	–	993,076
39	Poland	83,832	931,569	–	–	931,569
40	Portugal	–	582,792	–	877,313	1,460,105
41	Romania	32,367	266,655	–	–	266,655
42	Russia Federation	196,638	383,079	–	–	383,079
43	Singapore	252,290	3,878,997	–	3,429,300	7,308,297
44	Slovakia	17,223	94,789	–	–	94,789
45	Slovenia	16,153	261,375	–	–	261,374
46	Spain	–	2,795,986	–	–	2,795,987
47	Sweden	191,474	2,635,836	–	–	2,635,836
48	Switzerland	179,250	357,120	–	–	357,120
49	Thailand	98,107	728,173	–	1,398,114	2,126,288
50	United Kingdom	103,755	951,104	1,051,495	–	2,002,599
51	Viet Nam	30,148	598,303	–	–	598,303
52	European Union	538,332	1,846,343	16,025,560	1,853,400	19,725,304
53	ASEAN Secretariat	–	–	–	–	–
	Total SGD	6,096,912	72,830,948	32,006,114	12,966,539	117,803,599

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General and Administrative Expenses	5%
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