4th CLMV Regional Conference

Introductory Session
26 March 2018 | Bangkok, Thailand

Overview

1. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
2. Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum)
3. 4th CLMV Regional Conference
1. Asia-Europe Foundation

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

- Founded in 1997 (26 partners; 2018: 53)
- Inter-governmental not-for-profit organisation
- Only established institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process
- Physically based in Singapore
- Funded by annual voluntary contributions from the 53 ASEM partners
ASEF’s Mandate

• Promote better **understanding** between Asians & Europeans
• Enable **exchanges** between people, institutions & organisations of Asia & Europe
• Organise & implement **projects** in Asia & Europe

*(Dublin Agreed Principles, 1996; amended 2004)*
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- Culture
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- Governance
- Sustainable Development
- Public Health
- Economy
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2. Asia-Europe Environment Forum

- Established in 2003
- Partners:
  - Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
  - Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)
  - ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC)
  - Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
  - Government of Sweden through the Regional Asia Environment Conference Support Programme administered by Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
ENVforum’s Activities

AIM
Foster inter-regional cooperation between Asia and Europe on sustainable development and its environmental dimensions

• Platform for knowledge-sharing and capacity building for policy makers and partner organisations on sustainable development

• 3 types of activities:
  1. Research
  2. Knowledge exchange
  3. Capacity building
ENVforum’s Activities

RESEARCH

The ENVforum has been conducting research on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) since 2013.
ENVforum’s Activities

RESEARCH

Who Will Pay for the Sustainable Development Goals? Addressing Development Challenges in ASEM Countries

- What should countries do in order to finance implementation?
  - Overview of the post-2015 development financing landscape
  - Explores implications for ASEM countries
  - Provides ideas for reforms to national tax systems and to improve domestic development financing
ENVforum’s Activities

**RESEARCH**

Implementation Guide for the Sustainable Development Goals

- How should developing countries implement SDGs?
  - Step-by-step process in mainstreaming SDGs into policymaking
  - Provides examples of countries that have begun mainstreaming to provide insights
ENVforum’s Activities

**KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**
Organise international conferences to promote knowledge exchange between Asia and Europe on issues related to Agenda 2030 and SDGs

- **Asia-Europe Environment Forum Annual Conference**
  2017: Hanoi, Viet Nam

- **Sustainable Development Transition Forum (SDTF)**
  2017: Incheon, Korea

- **COP23 Side-Event**
  2017: Korean Pavilion, Bonn, Germany
ENVforum’s Activities

CAPACITY BUILDING
Support policymakers in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam in mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda

- In close partnership with Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Viet Nam Office
- Activities:
  1. National workshops
  2. CLMV Regional Conference

2017: Naypyidaw, Myanmar
ENVforum’s Activities

**CAPACITY BUILDING**

Support policymakers in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam in mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda

- **Objectives:**
  1. Provide insight into practical matters in implementing SDGs (esp. financing, monitoring, governance)
  2. Map existing national policies to evaluate alignment with SDGs
ENVforum’s Activities

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• Objectives (cont’d):
  3. Assess how SDGs can be tailored and integrated
  4. Set national targets based on an assessment of priorities, capacities, and resources
  5. Prepare implementation and monitoring frameworks
3. 4th CLMV Regional Conference

• Format:
  • Main plenary sessions
    • Auditorium (Ground Floor)
  • Parallel roundtables
    • Auditorium (Ground Floor)
    • B202 (First Floor)
  • Highlights of the thematic roundtables
Day 1

- Main plenary sessions
  - Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) and its involvement in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
  - CLMV National Progress Overview
- Parallel Roundtables
  - Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for SDGs Policy Making
  - Benchmarking on Sustainable Consumption and Production Practices
Day 2

• Parallel Roundtables
  • Measuring What Matters
  • SDG12: National SDGIs Challenges

• Main plenary session
  • Experts’ Panel on SDGs Financing on National Level
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Thank you!