Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) and its Involvement in the 2030 Agenda Implementation

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Overview
1. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
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- 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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- 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 Strategic Collaborative Fund administered by Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
Objectives

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
Research

The ENVforum has been conducting research on **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** since 2013
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
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

2018: Bangkok, Thailand
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• Objectives:
  1. Provide insight into practical matters in implementing SDGs (esp. financing, monitoring, governance)
  2. Map existing national policies to evaluate alignment with SDGs
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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. Myanmar National Workshop

- Voluntary National Review Experiences
- SDGs Implementation – International Case Studies
- Introduction to the Implementation Guide
- National Follow-up and Review Mechanisms
- Roundtable: Issues and Way Forward
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Thank you!