Asia-Europe Environment Forum gathers top experts on Climate Change

18 April 2007, Singapore – The Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) is organising a discussion panel on post-2012 climate change titled “Global climate policy after 2012 – ASEM’s contribution” on 23 April 2007 in Copenhagen, Denmark. As a side event to the Asia-Europe Environment Ministerial Meeting between 24-26 April 2007, the panel brings together experts on climate change from both Asia and Europe. The key speakers include the Environment Ministers from Denmark and Indonesia, H.E Connie Hedegaard and H.E Rachmat Witoelar.

Reflecting the current concern of climate change and energy security, the discussion panel features expert views on the prospects of future cooperation in global climate change policy, especially within the context of Asia-Europe cooperation and relations. The key issues to be addressed include:

• The cost and benefits of a global climate policy
• The roles of governments and societies in global climate policy
• The experiences of stakeholders with the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

An area of special focus will also be the Kyoto Protocol which will lapse in 2012.

Gathering experts from various civil society groups, industry, research and government sectors including representatives from the European Commission, the International Energy Agency, the World Wildlife Fund as well as Asian and European governments, the panel provides an impartial platform for genuine dialogue and debate on post-2012 climate change and provides an unique reference point for Asia-Europe consensus on the environment and sustainable development.

The discussion panel is hosted by the European Environment Agency at its Copenhagen premises.

The ENVforum is a collaboration between the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Institute of Global Environment Strategies (IGES), the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Indonesia (HSF-Indonesia), the Swedish Environment Secretariat in Asia (SIDA-Sensa) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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Based in Munich, Germany, the **Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)** is a German political foundation with 35 years of experience in civic education in Germany and international co-operation around the world. Its office in Indonesia was founded in 1993 with programs developed and implemented jointly with local, national and international partners, focusing on promotion of environmental education, training (capacity building) and public awareness for the entire society in Indonesia and ASEAN region. Numerous teachers’ training on the use of water, air, biodiversity, land & soil and environmental ethic modules in national level have been a landmark program of HSF in partnership with universities and Indonesian Ministries of Environment and Education. ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan, Environmentally Sustainable Cities and Leadership Programme on Environment are among other growing programmes which HSF has been actively involved in partnership with ASEAN Secretariat and UNEP/ROAP. For more information on HSF-Indonesia, please visit [http://www.hsfindo.org](http://www.hsfindo.org)

Established in 1998, the **Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)** is an independent, not for profit think tank, based in Japan. It goes beyond research to provide practical ways to protect the earth's environment and to realize greater sustainability and equity in the global community. While the outlook of IGES is global, the principal geographical scope of its activities is Asia and the Pacific region, an area which is experiencing rapid economic development and which will affect the global environment through its population growth, urban environmental problems and other environmental issues. For more information on IGES, please visit [http://www.iges.or.jp](http://www.iges.or.jp).

The participation of the IGES in this endeavour is made possible with the support of the government of Japan.

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The **Swedish Environmental Secretariat in Asia (SENSA)** is the arm of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). It provides enhanced opportunities for a dialogue with regional partners with an environment focus, thereby strengthening Swedish co-operation in the area of environmental action. For more information on SIDA, please visit [http://www.sida.se](http://www.sida.se)