



Regional Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Asia-Europe ENVforum Workshop in Myanmar

The Ministry of Planning and Finance (MOPF) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC) hosted a regional workshop on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), on 14-15 February 2017 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Since the SDGs were adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015, countries have been encouraged to take ownership of the process of implementing the SDGs in light of their respective national realities, capacities, and priorities. ASEF and HSF jointly organised a workshop in cooperation with the Government of Myanmar on planning for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This two-day workshop gathered 150 representatives from respective government agencies involved in implementing the SDGs. It is part of a series of capacity-building events for policy-makers from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV)

In his opening remarks, Deputy Union Minister of Myanmar, Mr Maung Maung WIN, said, *"The importance of such regional cooperation will reveal urgent issues in Southeast Asia and turn challenges into opportunities"*. Dr Wah Wah MAUNG, Director General of the Central Statistical Organization (CSO), Ministry of Planning and Finance (MOPF), Myanmar mentioned: *"Measuring progress of the success in achieving SDGs relies on the identification of suitable indicators, not only for the right target, but also according to each country's data accessibility"*.

"The workshop provided a platform for representatives from CLMV to share their experience in implementing SDGs", highlighted Mr Achim MUNZ, Country Representative of HSF Myanmar.

Dr Geneviève BARRÉ, Director of the Political & Economic Department of ASEF, said, *"ASEF's mandate is to move Asian and European countries closer towards a more integrated Asia-Europe voice on common policy issues and to provide learning spaces and opportunities to share expertise among and within regions"*.

Keynote remarks were delivered by a representative of the European Union Delegation to Myanmar, on behalf of Ambassador Roland KOBIA, as well as by experts from international organisations, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Myanmar.

The attendees benefited from the expertise of regional specialists and leaders of country delegations: Dr Paris CHUOP, Ministry of Environment of Cambodia; Mrs Boupvannh KEOMIXAY, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Lao PDR; and Mrs NGUYEN Le Thuy, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam. The exchanges brought about the testing of ideas and developing a common dialogue on SDGs. The workshop also supported multi-stakeholder, regional and international dialogues and knowledge-sharing on mainstreaming SDGs into national development planning.

The CLMV workshop *"Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Delivery: Planning for Implementation"*. It the third regional event on the implementation of SDGs that have been jointly carried out by ASEF, HSF and the governments of CLMV countries since 2014, under the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum).

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Host Organisations in Myanmar



The Ministry of Planning and Finance, Central Statistical Organization, Myanmar (MOPF)



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Environmental Conservation Department, Myanmar (MONREC)



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