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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND FINANCING:
NO LONGER BUSINESS AS USUAL

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
ASEF & THE ASEM PROCESS

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

- Founded in 1997 (26 partners; 2014: 53)
- Inter-governmental not-for-profit organisation
- Only permanently established institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process
- Originally initiated under the aegis of the 3rd (socio-cultural) pillar of ASEM
- 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)
Tangible Results (Outputs):
- Publications
- Reports
- Web-portals
- Networks
- Collaborations

Intangible Results (Outcomes):
- Sharing of knowledge & practices
- Networking
- Added value to the ASEM process by
  - increased knowledge on Asia-Europe relations
  - enhanced mutual understanding among the people
  - better conditions for future cooperation

20 years
Over 700 projects
About 750 partners
More than 20,000 active participants
ASIA-EUROPE
ENVIRONMENT FORUM

PROJECT BASED PARTNERSHIP

[Logos of various organizations]
Asia-Europe Environment Forum Partners

The Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) Partners:

- the [Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)](https://www.asef.org)
- the [Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)](https://www.hsf.org)
- the [ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC)](https://www.asem-eic.org) and;
- the [Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)](https://www.iges.org)
THE ASIA-EUROPE ENVIRONMENT FORUM (ENVFORUM)

CAPACITY BUILDING

WS on SDGs for ASEAN Member States
September 2013, Indonesia
ASEAN WS on Climate Change Negotiation
June 2014, Viet Nam
GMS Regional Workshop on SDGs
May 2015, Viet Nam
CLMV Workshop on SDGs
May 2015, Myanmar
ASEAN WS on Climate Change Negotiation
July 2015, Thailand
National Workshop on SDGs
September 2015, Cambodia
ASEAN Post-Paris Workshop
June 2016, Indonesia
CLMV Workshop on SDGs
June 2016, Myanmar
National Workshop on SDGs
June 2016, Viet Nam
National Workshop on SDGs
Sept 2016, Myanmar
National Workshop on SDGs
Sept. 2016, Vientiane, Lao PDR

RESEARCH

Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet
Part 1: Methodology and Goal Framework
Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet
Part 2: Measuring Sustainability
Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet
Securing Means of Implementation in Viet Nam
Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet
Securing Means of Implementation in Poland

Who Will Pay for the Sustainable Development Goals?
Addressing Implementation Financing in MDGs Contexts

SDGs
Climate Change
ASIA-EUROPE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

• Bringing different perspectives on chosen topic
• Provide insight into practical matters in implementing SDGs (esp. financing, monitoring, governance)
• Map existing practices based on experts’ input
CLMV COOPERATION
BUILDING CAPACITY IN SDG IMPLEMENTATION

• Raise awareness on guiding principles of the SDGs and global SDG negotiations

• Monitor & compare national practices based on VNRs

• Map national policies to evaluate alignment with SDGs
BUILDING CAPACITY IN SDG IMPLEMENTATION

• Assess how SDGs can be tailored and integrated
• Set national targets based on an assessment of priorities, capacities, and resources
• Prepare implementation and monitoring frameworks
COMMON CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

- Funding and external support
  - Reliable, timely external funding
  - Reconciling national development with access to ODA

- Implementation/monitoring
  - Political commitment for environmental protection
  - Limited capacity for data collection and analysis

- Internal/external cooperation
  - Inter-agency/inter-sector cooperation
  - Varying levels of expertise across countries, within countries
OPPORTUNITIES MOVING FORWARD: Needs Assessment for SDG Implementation

- Support for M&E frameworks
- Technology transfer
- HR development (e.g. experts, statisticians)
- Resource mobilisation for financing SDGs
- Platforms for int’l/regional exchange on experiences/best practices
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- Discuss emerging challenges & opportunities to the achievement and financing of the SDGs;
- Examine the potential involvement of the private sector and its impact on the achievement of the SDGs;
- Contribute to the Asia-Europe dialogue on the 2030 Agenda
- Encourage knowledge exchange between Asian and European stakeholders on issues of sustainable finance, and explore new possible project ideas