Asia-Europe Environment Forum & the 2030 Agenda

Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) Annual Conference 2019
29-30 July 2019 | Yokohama, Japan

Overview

1. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
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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)*
ASEF’s Thematic Areas

- Culture
- Education
- Governance
- Economy
- Sustainable Development
- Public Health
- Media

Over 25 projects per year
About 125 partners per year
More than 3,000 active participants per year
Reached many more through our events & online platforms

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
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 pillars:
  1. Research
  2. Knowledge exchange
  3. Capacity building
The ENVforum has been conducting research on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) since 2013
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
2018: Warsaw, Poland

Sustainable Development Transition Forum (SDTF)
2018: Incheon, Korea

COP24 Side-Event
2018: Korean Pavilion, Katowice, Poland
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

CLMV Regional Conference 2018
Bangkok, Thailand
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

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

• 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
Sustainable consumption and production

the use of services and related products, which respond to basic needs and bring a better quality of life while minimizing the use of natural resources and toxic materials as well as the emissions of waste and pollutants over the life cycle of the service or product so as not to jeopardize the needs of further generations.

Oslo Symposium, 1994

world population: 9.8 bn by 2050
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Importance of ASEM as a region

**GLOBAL POPULATION**

- ASEM: 38%
- Rest of the world: 62%

**GLOBAL ECONOMY**

- ASEM: 35%
- Rest of the world: 65%

**GLOBAL TRADE**

- ASEM: 45%
- Rest of the world: 55%

* sources: ASEM Infoboard, Eurostat
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Focus Areas

Single-use Plastic

Future of Food
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**In 2010,**
Source: Our World in Data

Global primary production of plastic:
270M tonnes

Global plastic waste:
275M tonnes

Mismanaged plastic waste:
31.9M tonnes

Plastic waste entered the ocean:
8M tonnes

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The use of **antimicrobials** in livestock

Estimated **700,000 deaths** per year due to **Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**

Lack of awareness among consumers
Day 1

• SDG12 in ASEM Countries
  • National experience of Lao PDR
• Special Session with Aozora Foundation
• Parallel streams:
  • Single-use plastic (F205/6)
  • Future of Food (E206)
• Rapporteurs’ presentation (F205/6)
Day 2 – ISAP2019-ENVforum

- ISAP2019-ENVforum Joint Session: The Role of Consumers in Triggering Changes in Consumption & Production
Making ENVforum Annual Conference Greener

- Minimise plastic waste as much as possible
  - No PET bottles distributed/in main conference hotel
- Reduced printed materials e.g. programme booklets
  - You can download the programme booklets in the conference webpage
- Lesser meat options during catered lunch & dinner
- Reusable nametags
Brella – Networking made easy

- More than 70% of ENVforum participants have already signed up on Brella
- Details on how to sign up for Brella are available on your desk
- For convenience, designated meeting points have been set up outside the conference venue
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Thank you!