

A Quest for Sustainable Development: Goals for Asia and Europe

Presentation of the study on Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators

Wednesday 28 August 2013 | 9:00 - 10:30 am

United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand (Room G)

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) kindly invite you to a side event “A Quest for Sustainable Development: Goals for Asia and Europe”.

Based on the recently completed research, the presentation will introduce a set of possible SDGs for post-2015 development agenda, followed by associated targets and indicators.

Expert Commentators will join the discussion on the research outcomes focused on: means of implementation; possible capacity gaps; and the role of media in communicating SDG-related issues.

9:00 - 9:15	Introduction
	Opening Remarks
	Ambassador Sawanit KONGSIRI Governor for Thailand Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
9:15 - 10:00	Presentation of the “Small Planet” research on SDGs in Asia and Europe
	Mr Simon OLSEN Senior Policy Researcher Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) Ms Grazyna PULAWSKA Project Executive, Political and Economy Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
10:00 - 10:30	Experts Commentary and Discussion on the Challenges for Post-2015 Development Agenda
	Dr Somrudee NICROWATTANAYINGYONG CEO, INTEGRITAS Co., Ltd. Mr Rae Kwon CHUNG Director, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Dr Young-Woo PARK Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific United National Environment Programme (UNEP)
10:30	Coffee break

SPEAKERS:

Ambassador Sawanit KONGSIRI **Governor for Thailand, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**

Ambassador Sawanit Kongsiri is the Assistant Secretary General for External Relations at the Thai Red Cross Society. His career with the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs began in 1966. He has worked in the Office of the Permanent Secretary, and has held Director-General appointments at the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Economic Affairs, and the Department of Information. Ambassador Sawanit was also appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Australia, China, and Vienna before becoming the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.



Grażyna PULAWSKA **Project Executive in Political and Economic Department** **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**

Grażyna Pulawska joined ASEF in February 2010. She is responsible for the Asia-Europe Environment Forum programme (ENVforum), which aims to strengthen co-operation between Asian and European stakeholders in the field of international framework for sustainable development. She co-ordinates the Asia-Europe Environment Forum network that consists of several think tanks from Asia and Europe. Most recently she has been working on inter-regional consultations with regard to research on sustainable development governance. These consultations adopt foresight techniques to assess different reform options for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio, Brazil in June 2012.



Prior to joining ASEF, Grażyna had worked for the Ministry of Economy in Poland in the field of regional development. She has also been active in the NGO sector, mainly with the Service Civil International network of volunteer-based organisations and the Development Wheel, a Bangladesh-based NGO specialising in supporting local entrepreneurship and fair trade. Grażyna has been also working as a freelance trainer specialising in project management, citizenship and volunteering for the different international youth organisations. She is a member of Council of Europe's Trainers Pool. She received her Master's degree in International Relations through a joint programme between the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and the Warsaw School of Economics.

Simon Høiberg OLSEN **Senior Policy Researcher/ Task Manager** **Integrated Policies for Sustainable Societies (IPSS)** **Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)**

Simon is currently based in Japan, where he works as a policy researcher for the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). Since 2010 he has researched and published papers on environmental governance, as well as institution building for cooperation on environment and sustainable development, both globally and regionally for Asia and the Pacific.

He is also a contributing author to UNEP's Fifth Global Environmental Outlook Asia-Pacific, where he had the opportunity to co-author the Asia-Pacific chapter's section on governance. Prior to working with IGES he spent three years working for the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. There he was granted the opportunity to undertake capacity building on Green Growth policy tools. During that time he also helped draft Cambodia's National Green Growth Roadmap. He is now actively involved in the process leading up to the Rio+20 conference, which he sees as an important opportunity to update and strengthen the institutional framework for sustainable development, allowing it to better deal with current and emerging challenges. Simon is interested in culture and languages.

He got a Masters Degree in Southeast Asian Studies from University of Copenhagen and has taken several additional university courses on climate change impacts, and EU environmental management. In his free time he likes to read Stephen King novels and work on improving his skills on the guitar.



Expert Commentators

Somrudee NICROWATTANAYINGYONG **CEO, INTEGRITAS Co., Ltd.**

Somrudee has over twenty years of post-doctoral experience in policy research and advocacy in participatory environmental governance at local, national, regional and international levels. She promotes multi-stakeholder participation and has collaborated with governmental agencies, private sectors, CSOs, the media and international organizations for activities in Thailand, Mekong region and Southeast Asia.

In her previous capacity as a Senior Director of Thailand Environment Institute, Somrudee collaborated with UNEP on GEO process and Environmental Security. Together with other CSOs in other regions, Somrudee co-founded The Access Initiative (TAI), the largest CSO coalition worldwide to promote the implementation of 1992 Rio Declaration's Principle 10 on access rights. She assisted Thailand's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in preparing "Thailand's Green Economy," a publication on Thailand's self-sufficiency economy distributed at the 2012 Rio+20 Summit. Together with over 30 organizations, Somrudee successfully made environmental and health-related information 'public information' by implementing Article 9(8) of Thailand's Official Information Act (1997).

Somrudee founded INTEGRITAS Co., Ltd. to promote democratic environmental governance and sustainability in early 2013. She assisted Development Cooperation Section of Swedish Embassy in Bangkok in preparing and facilitating its annual regional workshop on Anti-Corruption in May 2013. She is now a consultant to European Forest Institute for a position of National FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) Expert to assist EU and the Thai government in negotiating FLEGT voluntary partnership agreement.

Somrudee was trained in Architecture (Silpakorn University, Bangkok), Development Planning (MRP) and Interdisciplinary Social Science (PhD) (Maxwell School, Syracuse University, NY).

Mr Rae Kwon CHUNG

Director, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Mr. Rae Kwon Chung, Director of Environment and Development Division (EDD) of ESCAP. Mr. Chung has catalyzed thinking and dialogue on practical pathways to Sustainable Development, making ESCAP a leader in promoting the concept of green growth since 2005. Under his leadership, ESCAP has launched the Low Carbon Green Growth Roadmap in 2012.

He served as a Climate Change Ambassador for the Republic of Korea and in his previous involvement in Korean climate negotiations he has developed new insights on technology transfer. Mr. Rae Kwon Chung has received a personal copy of 2007 Peace Nobel Prize Award for contribution to the IPCC.



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EDUCATION:

Central Methodist College, BA in Economics (1985)
Southern Illinois University, MS in Economics (1987)
Iowa State University, Ph.D in Natural Resource and Environment Economics
(1996)

MAJOR EXPERIENCE:

President of BISD (Business Institute for Sustainable Development) at KCCI
(Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry) (2006 to Sep. 2008)
Director General, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Environment of
the Republic of Korea (2003 to Feb. 2006)
Director, International Cooperation and Cleaner Production Technology Transfer Division, National
Cleaner Production Center at Korea Industrial Technology Research Institute (2000 to Sep. 2003)
Director, Environment Industry Division, Hyundai Eco-Management Research Institute, Hyundai Group
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Chief of Staff of the Congressman and Head of the Party (1996 to June 1997)
Senior Assistant of the Congressman (1977 to Dec. 1981)

MAJOR ACTIVITIES:

Member of Presidential Counsel for Sustainable Development (PCSD) (2000 to Sep. 2008)
Chairman of Business and Civil Society Committee, Green Committee of Seoul City (2006 to Sep. 2008)
Vice Chairman of Environment and SD Committee, Creative Forum of Seoul City (2006 to Sep. 2008)
Member of Hyundai Steel Forum at Hyundai Steel Co. (2007 to Sep. 2008)
Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2007 to Sep. 2008)
Chairman, Nuclear Energy Task Force Team at Conflict Management Committee, Ministry of Commerce,
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