



# How to Better Deliver Sustainable Development Goals for Asia & Europe?

**The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) will organise a conference, "Sustainable Development Goals for Asia and Europe: Delivery Options for the 2030 Agenda", on 19-20 October 2016, in Stockholm, Sweden. The event will be supported by the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) consortium.**

## Press Release

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"The conference provides a participatory platform for representatives from Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Partners to share their experiences in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," said Ambassador ZHANG Yan, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), who will be chairing the opening session of the project in Stockholm.

The 2-day conference will gather Asian and European policy-makers, development experts, and other relevant stakeholders involved in the implementation process of the SDGs.

Expert commentators will include: His Excellency Dr Paris CHUOP, Deputy Secretary-General, National Council for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia; Her Excellency Ms Kajsa B. OLOFSGÅRD, Post-2015 Ambassador, Sweden; Professor Laszlo PINTER, Central European University & Senior Fellow and Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD); and Ms Wilma GUILLEN, Assistant National Statistician for Social Sector Statistics, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

The discussions will contribute to national preparations for the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs. It will also support multi-stakeholder, regional and international dialogue and knowledge exchange on mainstreaming the SDGs into national development planning.

There will also be plenary discussions on various aspects of the implementation of the SDGs, including a roundtable to discuss the role of academia, business, civil society, and youth in the implementation of the SDGs. The themes of these sessions will be: *Bridging Science and Policy Making; Role of Business in Making SDGs Happen; Youth Involvement in Implementing SDGs; and Civil Society Involvement in SDGs.*

The Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) will also conduct a soft launch of its newest publication, "*Implementation Guide for the Sustainable Development Goals*", during the conference to further engage policy-makers through the research findings.

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## About the Organisers

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