



Tentative Programme

ASEM Symposium on “Inter-Regional Partnership for Sustainable Development”

Bangkok, Thailand, 25-26 May 2017

Co-sponsored by the EU, Germany, China, Viet Nam, Finland, Switzerland and the Philippines

24 May 2017

a.m. / p.m. - Arrival of Delegates

25 May 2017

09.00 hrs. - Registration

09:30 hrs. - Opening Remarks by (TBC)

10.00 hrs. - Session 1 “**Inter-Regional Partnership towards Achieving Sustainable Development**” Topics for discussion include, but are not limited to, the following:

- *Contribution of the ASEM Process to the Implementation of SDGs*
- *International Development Cooperation and SDGs*
- *Development Assistance and Financing for the Implementation of SDGs*

Moderator: *Dr. Darmp Sukontasap, ASEF governor for Thailand*

Speakers:

1. *Mr. Gustavo Martin Prada, Director for Development Policy and International Cooperation, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (EU)*
2. *Ms. Brenda King, President of the Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee (EU)*
3. *Dr. Yang Nan, Senior Engineer, ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Center (China)*
4. *Mr. Stefan Helming, Country Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) (Germany)*
5. *Ms. Nguyen Le Thuy, Deputy Director General, Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment (Viet Nam)*

- 12:30 hrs. - Lunch
- 14:00 hrs. - Session 2 “**Approaches to Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals**” Topics for discussion include, but are not limited to, the following:
- *Promoting alternative approaches to sustainable development*
 - *Innovation and Implementation of SDGs*
 - *Environmental Protection and SDGs*
- Moderator:** *Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager, Political and Economic Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)*
- Speakers:**
1. *H.E. Mr. Kitti Wasinondh, Executive Board Member, Thailand Sustainable Development Foundation (Thailand) (TBC)*
 2. *Ms. Marja Inanan, Deputy Secretary General, Ministerial Advisor National Commission on Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office Finland (Finland)*
 3. *Mr. Tetsuro Yoshida, Senior Policy Researcher, Integrated Policies for Sustainable Societies, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) (Japan)*
 4. *Mr. Pedro Basabe, Head of the Swiss Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (Switzerland)*
 5. *Mr. Reynaldo R. Cancio, Director, National Policy and Planning Staff of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) (the Philippines)*
- 16:30 hrs. - Summary of Discussions
- 17:00 hrs. - End of Symposium

26 May 2017

- Field trip to Khao Hin Sorn Royal Development Study Center
Venue Phanomsarakham, Chachoengsao 24120