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## **ENVforum looks at new approach to policymaking**

*Asian and European Stakeholders use Scenario-building Methodology in roundtable on Urban Management*

The ENVforum 5<sup>th</sup> Roundtable will be held in Shenzhen, China from 28 to 30 November 2007. The Roundtable, which will bring together a select group of representatives from governments, industry, civil society and research, will enable decision-makers to adopt an integrated approach on environmental and sustainable development issues in urban management.

One of the highlights of the Roundtable will be a one-day workshop on scenario-building which will examine and make recommendations on policy actions. The workshop will allow stakeholders to experience first-hand a new approach to policymaking which goes beyond the conventional "Business as Usual" forecast into one which examines potential future developments in a creative yet structured approach. The approach also allows decision-makers to test and re-examine the robustness of their policy instruments in the face of unanticipated change. The methodology is supported by the European Environment Agency.

Stakeholders from Asia and Europe would benefit from the exchange of information & from joint analyses at the Roundtable. Asia is home to some of the most fastest-growing and densely-populated cities in the world. Easing the urban pressure with good planning is therefore essential. Europe, on the other hand, faces a different set of problems. For example, cities are sprawling beyond the limits of existing public transport infrastructure. In order to ensure accessibility, it is essential to continue improvements to the public transport system. New and innovative techniques may hold the key to solving some of the challenges facing both regions.

ENVforum is organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Institute for Global Environment Strategies of Japan, Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany (Jakarta office), the Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (SIDA-Sensa) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). A policy report from its previous roundtable on chemicals and hazardous substances management was circulated at the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Asian consultation round in Bangkok in May 2007.

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