Asia-Europe Environment Forum & the 2030 Agenda

5th Regional Conference on SDGs Implementation
26-27 March 2019 | Luang Prabang, Lao PDR

Overview

1. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
2. Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum)
3. 5th Regional Conference on SDGs Implementation
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
ENVforum’s Activities

RESEARCH

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

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- 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

of natural resources
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Structure of output, % of GDP

Data: ADB, 2018
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Total material footprint (t million)

- Cambodia
- Lao PDR
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Viet Nam

2000
- 2017

Total domestic material consumption (t million)

- Cambodia
- Lao PDR
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Viet Nam

2000
- 2017

Data: ADB, 2018
Day 1

- Plenary 1: Asia and Europe Practices on SDG12
- Plenary 2: National Progress Overview on SCP
- Thematic Discussions
  - Challenges with SDG12 implementation
  - SCP monitoring practices
Day 2

- Rotating tables: Stakeholders’ role in SCP cooperation
- Plenary 3: SDG12 triggers on implementation on national level
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Thank you!