Asia-Europe Environment Forum & the 2030 Agenda

Asia-Europe Pathways to Responsible Consumption and Production
23-24 October 2018 | Warsaw, Poland

Overview
1. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
2. Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum)
3. ENVforum Annual Conference 2018
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)*
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- 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

RESEARCH

Background Paper:
Implementation experience in ASEM member countries with the SDG 12 on SCP

- ASEM Partners’ approach to the implementation of SDG 12 targets, including integration into national strategies, target-setting and monitoring activities

Access it here:
https://tinyurl.com/ASEMSDG12
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**
  2017: Hanoi, Viet Nam

- **Sustainable Development Transition Forum (SDTF)**
  2017: Incheon, Korea

- **COP23 Side-Event**
  2017: Korean Pavilion, Bonn, Germany
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
3. ENVforum Annual Conference 2018

- Format:
  - Main plenary sessions
    - Conference room
  - Parallel streams
    - Conference room
    - Room 1105
    - Room 1106
  - Presentation of outcomes
    - Conference room
  - World Café (Day 1)
    - Trattoria Da Antonio
Day 1

- SDGs Implementation Framework – Spotlight on SCP and Business
- Parallel streams & presentation on outcomes
  - Plastic (Conference room)
  - Food (Room 1105)
  - Textile (Room 1106)
- World Café (change of venue)
  - 6 components of circular economy
Day 2

• Main plenary sessions
  • Achieving Sustainable Development with Gender Equality and Human Rights
  • Financing the SCP – Who Will Pay for the Sustainable Practices?
  • Pathways to Circular Economy – Localised Solutions to Global Challenges

• Parallel streams & presentation on outcomes
  • Responsible Business (Conference room)
  • SDGs Monitoring (Room 1106)
  • Sustainable Lifestyle (Room 1105)
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Thank you!