14th EAST ASIA-EUROPE THINK-TANK DIALOGUE

ENGENDERING INCLUSIVE GROWTH
A COMMON CHALLENGE FOR STRONG BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ASIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION – SOCIAL COHESION DEBATES AND POLICIES IN ASIA AND EUROPE -

VIENGANIE, LAOS
12 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2012
Hotel Plaza Laos, Vientiane

TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2012

Arrival of International Participants

19.00 – 21.30 hrs Informal Dinner
Venue: Dok Champa (Main Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2012

OPENING PLENARY
PERSPECTIVES OF THE BI-REGIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ASIA & THE EUROPEAN UNION

Venue: Hotel Plaza Laos

08.30 – 09.00 hrs Registration

09.00 – 09.30 hrs Welcome Remarks

Prof Dr Carolina G. Hernandez
Founding President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS)
Manila, the Philippines

Mdm. Khamphao Ernthavanh
Director General
Institute of Foreign Affairs of Laos (IFA)

Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister
Regional Representative for Politics
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Singapore
09.30 – 10.30 hrs  
**Session 1: ASEM 2012 – PREPARATION AND OUTLOOK**

**Chairs:**

**Dr Michael Reiterer**  
Senior Advisor at the Asia-Pacific Department at the European External Action Service (EEAS)  
Adjunct Professor for International Politics  
University of Innsbruck

**Prof Dr Yeo Lay Hwee**  
Director of the European Union Centre  
Nation University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Laos and the Asia – Europe Meeting 2012**  
Ambassador Sayakane Sisouvong  
Permanent Secretary of Cabinet  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Laos PDR

**ASEM Outlook Report**  
Ms. Anjeli Narandran  
Asia-Europe Foundation  
Singapore

10.30 – 11.00 hrs  
Coffee/Tea Break

11.00– 12.30 hrs  
**Session 2: THE EU DEBT CRISIS AND ITS EFFECT ON EU-ASIA RELATIONS**

**Chairs:**

**Dr. Maria Socorro G. Bautista**  
Senior Economic Adviser  
Economic and Research  
Asian Development Bank (ADB), The Philippines

**Dr. Howard Loewen**  
Associate Professor of International Relations  
University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Dr Soedradjad Djiwandono**  
Emeritus Professor of Economics  
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

**Dr Françoise Nicolas**  
Institut Français de Relations Internationals (IFRI)  
Center for Asian Studies, Paris, France

**Ambassador Michel Filhol**  
Executive Director  
Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF)  
Singapore
**Open Discussion**

12.30 – 13.30 hrs  Lunch Break – *Dok Champa (Main Lobby)*

**Dialogue Part II : Roundtable Session**

*ENGENDERING INCLUSIVE GROWTH – SOCIAL COHESION DEBATES AND POLICIES IN ASIA AND EUROPE*

13.30 – 15.30 hrs  **Session 3 –**

*DIMENSIONS OF SOCIAL COHESION AND THEIR IMPACT ON SOCIAL POLICIES*

**Chair**

Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister  
Regional Representative for Politics  
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Singapore

**Keynote Speakers:**

Ms. Claire Dhéret  
European Policy Centre (EPC)  
Brussels, Belgium

Ms. Lanie Thomas  
Office of the Director General, Southeast Asia Regional Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
The Philippines

Prof Matthew Gray  
College of Arts and Social Sciences  
Australia National University, Australia

**Open Discussion**

15.30 – 16.00 hrs  Coffee Break

16.00 – 18.00 hrs  **Session 4 –**

*POLICY REFORMS TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN EUROPE*

**Chair**

Prof. James UH Chin  
Monash University  
Malaysia

**Keynote Speakers:**

Mr. Fredrik Segerfeldt  
Stockholm, Sweden

Prof. Paolo Graziano  
Bocconi University  
Milan, Italy

Prof Dr Christian Arndt  
Nuertingen University, Germany
Dr. Stephen Kingah  
UNU-CRIS  
Belgium

**Open Discussion**

18.00 hrs  End of first day
19.30 hrs  Dinner hosted by the Lao Government  
Venue: The Ballroom, Lao Plaza Hotel, Level 2

**THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2012**

09.00 – 11.00 hrs  **Session 5 – SPECIFIC CHALLENGES TO SOCIAL COHESION IN ASIA**

*Chair*

**Prof Dr Yeo Lay Hwee**  
European Studies Centre  
NUS, Singapore

*Keynote Speakers:*

**East Asia:**  
**Mr. Yu Jiantuo**  
Program Director  
China Development Research Foundation (CDRF), PRC

**Dr. Wu Muluan**  
The Hong Kong Institute for Education  
Hong Kong

**Mr Hendragunawan S. Thayf**  
Management Department, Economic Faculty  
Hasanuddin University  
Jakarta, Indonesia

**Open Discussion**

11.00 – 11.30 hrs  **Coffee/Tea Break**

11.30 – 13.30 hrs  **Session 6 – TOWARDS A SOCIAL COHESION AGENDA IN ASIA AND EUROPE**

*Chair*

**Prof. Dr. Carolina G. Hernandez**  
Founding President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS)  
Manila, the Philippines

**Mr. Xavier Nuttin**  
European Parliament  
Senior Asia Analyst  
Brussels, Belgium
Panelists

Dr Krystyna Palonka
Poland Asia Research Centre
Warsaw - Poland

Prof Dr Yeo Lay Hwee
European Studies Centre
NUS, Singapore

Open Discussion

13.30 – 15.00 hrs  Lunch - Dok Champa (Main Lobby)

15.00 – 16.00 hrs  TASKS AND PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE THINK TANK DIALOGUE PROGRAM

16.00 – 16.15 hrs  Summary and Perspectives of the Dialogue

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Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister
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Singapore

16.15 – 16.30 hrs  Closing Remarks

Mdm. Khamphao Ernthavanh
Director General, Institute of Foreign Affairs of. Laos (IFA).
Laos PDR

18.30 hrs  Meet at the hotel lobby
Informal Dinner
Venue: Kolao Restaurant (5 mins walk from hotel)

Friday, 14 September 2012

Departure of International Participants