

Asia-Europe Environment Forum & the 2030 Agenda

Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum)

Annual Conference 2019

29-30 July 2019 | Yokohama, Japan

Overview

1. Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
2. Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum)
3. ENVforum Annual Conference 2019



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



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
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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



*CLMV Regional Conference 2018
Bangkok, Thailand*

- In close partnership with Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Viet Nam Office
- Activities:
 1. National workshops
 2. CLMV Regional Conference

ENVforum's Activities

CAPACITY BUILDING

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- 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

CAPACITY BUILDING

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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**

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Sustainable consumption and production

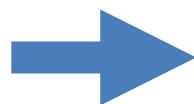
“ *the use of services and related products, which respond to **basic needs** and bring a **better quality of life** while **minimizing the use of natural resources** and **toxic materials** as well as the emissions of **waste** and **pollutants** over the life cycle of the service or product so as not to jeopardize the needs of further generations* ”

Oslo Symposium, 1994

world population:

9.8 bn

by 2050



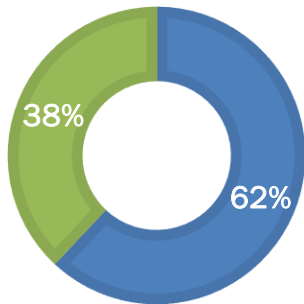
of natural resources

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Importance of ASEM as a region

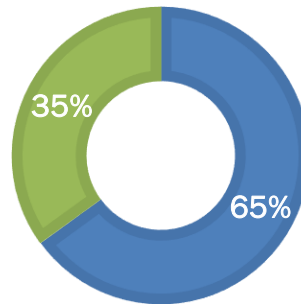
GLOBAL POPULATION

■ ASEM ■ Rest of the world



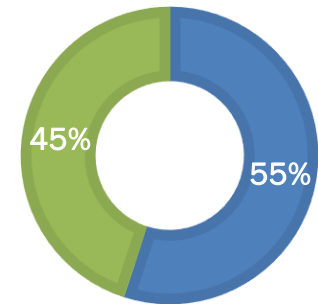
GLOBAL ECONOMY

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GLOBAL TRADE

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* sources: ASEM Infoboard, Eurostat



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Focus Areas



Single-use Plastic



Future of Food

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In 2010,

Source: Our World in Data

Global primary production of plastic:

270M tonnes

Global plastic waste:

275M tonnes

Mismanaged plastic waste:

31.9M tonnes

Plastic waste entered the ocean:

8M tonnes



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The use of **antimicrobials** in livestock

Estimated

700,000 deaths

per year due to **Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)**

Lack of awareness among consumers



Day 1

- SDG12 in ASEM Countries
 - National experience of Lao PDR
- Special Session with Aozora Foundation
- Parallel streams:
 - Single-use plastic (F205/6)
 - Future of Food (E206)
- Rapporteurs' presentation (F205/6)



Day 2 – ISAP2019-ENVforum

- ENVforum Session: Policy Dialogue on Single-Use Plastic Policy Recommendations Workshop
- ISAP2019-ENVforum Joint Session: The Role of Consumers in Triggering Changes in Consumption & Production



Making ENVforum Annual Conference Greener

- Minimise plastic waste as much as possible
 - No PET bottles distributed/in main conference hotel
- Reduced printed materials e.g. programme booklets
 - You can download the programme booklets in the conference webpage
- Lesser meat options during catered lunch & dinner
- Reusable nametags



Brella – Networking made easy



- More than 70% of ENVforum participants have already signed up on Brella
- Details on how to sign up for Brella are available on your desk
- For convenience, designated meeting points have been set up outside the conference venue

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Thank you!

