



How to effectively implement Sustainable Development Goals for Asia and Europe?

The Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) organised the conference *Sustainable Development Goals for Asia and Europe: Means of Implementation for the Post-2015 Development Agenda* on 29–30 September 2014 in Brussels, Belgium.

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This conference explored stakeholders' point of views in a collaborative process for the effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The focus of the event was on linkages with businesses and innovative financing as well as on the governance challenges that arise during implementation of SDGs.

The ENVforum's latest research publication ***Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators for a Small Planet – Part II: Measuring Sustainability*** was launched at the conference. This research presents possible indicators for SDGs developed during the first phase of Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)'s 14-country study in Europe and Asia.

According to Professor Laszlo PINTER, lead author of the report from the Central European University and the International Institute for Sustainable Development: "Building on existing experience with indicators and integrating them into implementation and accountability mechanisms, will be key to effectiveness".

Leading experts from the public and private sphere including representatives from ASEAN, the OECD, the European Commission, the European Environmental Agency, UN DESA and UNIDO also participated at the conference.

About Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum):

Established in 2003, the ENVforum aims to foster inter-regional cooperation between Asia and Europe on sustainable development and its environmental dimensions. The partner organizations are the ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC) from Korea, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the German Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) from Japan. The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) functions as the secretariat of the consortium.

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About the Organisers



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Together with about 700 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 650 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 17,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

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