

OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATION

# Model ASEM Switzerland Spin-off 2017

On the occasion of the „Asia meets Europe Day“

1 March 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland





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### A 1-day negotiation simulation of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit

#### Do you want to ...

- › understand the work of a diplomat and become a diplomat for a day?
- › participate in a day-long negotiation simulation and practice your public speaking skills?
- › learn more about diplomatic negotiations?
- › learn how to build bridges between Asia and Europe?
- › test your skills and see if you can achieve consensus before the clock runs out?

#### What is it?

The Model ASEM Switzerland Spin-off 2017 is a 1-day political simulation of the **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit**. ASEM is a process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together the 28 European Union member states, Norway, Switzerland and the European Union with 21 Asian countries and the ASEAN Secretariat. The ASEM dialogue addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues in an informal setting, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between the two regions in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership.

#### We offer ...

During the simulation, you will be part of a diplomatic delegation, represent one of the 53 ASEM partners and play the role of a Head of State or ASEM leader and debate political, economic and socio-cultural issues with your counterparts from Asia and Europe.

The Model ASEM Switzerland Spin-off 2017 invites students from Swiss universities for a first-hand experience of the ASEM process. You and your fellow participants will negotiate a draft text of the ASEM Chair's Statement and adopt it in a plenary session, while representing one ASEM partner.

Through role-play, research, case-studies, and practical training, you will get a chance to improve your diplomatic, negotiation, consensus-building, and public speaking skills, while getting feedback from practitioners in the room.

The best negotiators will be invited to the **8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM** which will take place in Myanmar in November 2017 in conjunction with the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM13).

#### Who can apply?

Citizens (passport holders) of any of the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries, registered at a University in Switzerland. University students from all disciplines, between the ages of 18–30, with an interest in international relations.

The conference will be conducted in English only, and therefore requires strong verbal and written command of English by all participants.



## What to expect ...

- › On 1 February 2017 you will start with an online preparatory phase. You will research your country's position and learn about ASEM and diplomatic negotiations.
- › The actual ASEM Summit Simulation will take place on 1 March 2017. During the one-day simulation, you will work towards agreeing on the ASEM Chair's Statement in small group negotiations and a plenary discussion.

## Model ASEM Switzerland Spin-off 2017 – on the day

When: 1 March 2017, starting from 9:00 until 19:00

Where: École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne

- › Morning: work in small groups on the draft text guided by facilitators
- › Afternoon: Plenary discussion of draft text and adoption
- › Late afternoon: Panel discussion – presentation of “Model ASEM Switzerland Spin-off 2017 Chair's Statement” and presentation of awards

## Costs

There is no registration or participation fee. Light meals will be provided during the day. We can sponsor certain travel and accommodation costs, subject to eligibility criteria. You can apply for reimbursement of travel or accommodation costs when filling out the application form.

## Know more

For more information about ASEM and the Model ASEM series, please visit:

- › [ASEM Infoboard](#)
- › [7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM website](#)
- › [7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM video](#)
- › [7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM photos](#)

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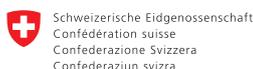
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**Deadline: Don't miss out and apply until 15 January 2017 at**  
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