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A Quest for Sustainable Development Goals for Asia and Europe

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) will organise an event, 'A Quest for Sustainable Development: Goals for Asia and Europe' on Wednesday, 28 August 2013 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand. The event will be an official side event to the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Dialogue, 'From the Millennium Development Goals to the United Nations Development Agenda beyond 2015' to be held on 26-28 August 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The side event will be an opportunity to present the Asia-Europe sustainable development goals (SDGs) with its associated targets and indicators. These SDGs are identified by a research for the post-2015 development agenda that was launched in early 2013 by ASEF's Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) programme. The objective of this research study is to identify priorities in existing national development strategies in 14 Asian and European countries. The study focuses on sustainable development issues to create Asia-Europe SDGs for the post-2015 development agenda.

During the event, expert commentators will be invited to join the discussion on several key issues related to the research, such as implementation, potential gap in capacities and the importance of the role of media in communicating SDG-related issues. The panel will include Dr Somrudee ICROWATTANAYINGYONG, CEO, INTEGRITAS Co. Ltd.; Mr Rae Kwon CHUNG, Director, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP); and Dr Young-Woo PARK, Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific United National Environment Programme (UNEP). The opening remarks will be delivered by Ambassador Sawanit KONGSIRI, ASEF's Governor for Thailand.

Event details

Title: 'A Quest for Sustainable Development: Goals for Asia and Europe'

Date: Wednesday, 28 August 2013

Timing: 9.00 – 10.30 am

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre (Room G), Bangkok, Thailand

Admission: Free

Please register by sending an email at grazyna.pulawska@asef.org

About the research

Looking beyond the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015, World Leaders agreed at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro last year, to develop a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These SDGs should address and incorporate in a balanced way the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. In response, ENVforum introduced this research study conducted by IISD-Europe, the Earth Council Asia-Pacific and Public Strategy for Sustainable Development in collaboration with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES). This research is part of ENVforum's 3-year programme on 'Sustainable Future: Goals for Asia and Europe'.

About the ENVforum

The ENVforum is a partnership of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), ASEM SMEs Eco-Innovation Center (ASEIC), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), Hanns Seidel Foundation Indonesia (HSF), and Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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Founded in 1997, ASEF is a not-for-profit, intergovernmental organisation located in Singapore. It is the only permanently established institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). Together with about 700 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 600 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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