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Tentative Programme

ASEM Symposium on “Inter-Regional Partnership for Sustainable Development”

Bangkok, Thailand, 25-26 May 2017

Co-sponsored by the EU, Germany, China, Viet Nam, Finland, Switzerland and the Philippines

24 May 2017
a.m. / p.m. - Arrival of Delegates

25 May 2017
09.00 hrs. - Registration
09:30 hrs. - Opening Remarks by …. (TBC)
10.00 hrs. - Session 1 “Inter-Regional Partnership towards Achieving Sustainable Development” Topics for discussion include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Contribution of the ASEM Process to the Implementation of SDGs
- International Development Cooperation and SDGs
- Development Assistance and Financing for the Implementation of SDGs

Moderator: Dr. Darmp Sukontasap, ASEF governor for Thailand

Speakers:
2. Ms. Brenda King, President of the Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee (EU)
3. Dr. Yang Nan, Senior Engineer, ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Center (China)
4. Mr. Stefan Helming, Country Director, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GiZ) (Germany)
5. Ms. Nguyen Le Thuy, Deputy Director General, Department of Science, Education, Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Planning and Investment (Viet Nam)
12:30 hrs.  -  Lunch
14:00 hrs.  -  Session 2 “Approaches to Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals” Topics for discussion include, but are not limited to,
- Promoting alternative approaches to sustainable development
- Innovation and Implementation of SDGs
- Environmental Protection and SDGs

Moderator: Ms. Grazyna Pulawska, Project Manager, Political and Economic Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Speakers:
1. H.E. Mr. Kittisak Wasinondh, Executive Board Member, Thailand Sustainable Development Foundation (Thailand) (TBC)
2. Ms. Marja Innanen, Deputy Secretary General, Ministerial Advisor National Commission on Sustainable Development, Prime Minister’s Office Finland (Finland)
3. Mr. Tetsuro Yoshida, Senior Policy Researcher, Integrated Policies for Sustainable Societies, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) (Japan)
4. Mr. Pedro Basabe, Head of the Swiss Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (Switzerland)
5. Mr. Reynaldo R. Cancio, Director, National Policy and Planning Staff of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) (the Philippines)

16:30 hrs.  -  Summary of Discussions
17:00 hrs.  -  End of Symposium

26 May 2017
- Field trip to Khao Hin Sorn Royal Development Study Center
Venue Phanomsarakham, Chachoengsao 24120