

Asia-Europe
**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DIPLOMACY INITIATIVE**
for Young Professionals

Asia-Europe **Youth Summit** on Science
and Technology Diplomacy 2026



PROGRAMME
OVERVIEW



PROGRAMME

19 – 24 October 2026 | Jakarta, Indonesia

BACKGROUND

There is a growing global momentum to advance conversations Science and Technology Diplomacy, reflected in recent milestones such as the recommendations for a **European Framework for Science Diplomacy** and the **ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2026-2035**. Countries are increasingly appointing science diplomats and integrating scientific expertise into policy, recognising the strategic value of international S&T cooperation.

For Asia and Europe **deepening dialogue and collaboration** on Science and Technology offers significant opportunities. These include enhanced **knowledge exchange** and greater economic competitiveness, as well as collaboration for the public good and **joint action on global challenges**.

In 2025, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) held the inaugural *Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science & Technology Diplomacy* under the [Asia-Europe Science and Technology Diplomacy Initiative for Young Professionals](#). This annual conference **promotes interregional cooperation** among the ASEF member countries, the European Union and the ASEAN, with a **focus on young and emerging leaders** to harness Science, Technology, and Innovation for sustainable development.

YOUTH SUMMIT OVERVIEW

The Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology Diplomacy 2026 takes place from 19 – 24 October 2026 following the Asia-Europe Training on Science and Technology Diplomacy (1 September to 8 October 2026). This Youth Summit convenes around 60 participants working at the crossroads of science, technology, and international relations.

Through expert-led panel discussions and interactive workshops, participants will:

- **Co-create a Youth Communiqué** on their perspectives on Science & Technology Diplomacy.
- **Exchange insights and learn** about the science and technology diplomacy ecosystems in Asia and Europe;
- **Build practical skills in intercultural** communication and science and technology diplomacy, and
- **Develop lasting peer networks** to foster ongoing dialogue and collaboration.

The Youth Communiqué will be delivered at the UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy on 23 October 2026, as well as through other platforms in both Asia and Europe in the following months.

DETAILED PROGRAMME

DAY 0 – MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2026

ARRIVAL DAY

Throughout the day	Arrival of participants to Jakarta Self-transfer to accommodation Check-in to the accommodation <i>Four Points by Sheraton, Jl. M.H. Thamrin, RT.8/RW.4, Gondangdia, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 10350, Indonesia</i>
16:00 - 18:00	Registration BRIN
19:00 - 21:00	Welcome Dinner & Briefing <i>Hosted at the Residence of the German Ambassador to Indonesia</i> • Ambassador Ralf BESTE, German Ambassador to Indonesia • Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ambassador Andri HADI, Governor for ASEF, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (MOFA) • Prof Dr Eddy Giri RACHMAN, Deputy Chairman for Human Resources of Science and Technology, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2026

Venue: National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of Indonesia

7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast
8:30	Departure to National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) <i>BRIN Auditorium, Gedung BPPT 2 Lantai 3, Jalan M.H. Thamrin No. 8, RT.10/RW.10, Kb. Sirih, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 10340, Indonesia</i>
9:00 – 9:45	Opening Remarks Local Performance Welcome by Hosts and Organisers • Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ambassador Andri HADI, Governor for ASEF, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (MOFA) • Prof. Dr. Arif SATRIA, Chairman, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)

9:45 - 10:15	Inspirational Keynote • Ambassador Grata Endah WERDANINGTYAS, Director General for America and Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (MOFA)
10:15 - 11:00	Family Photo & Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Panel Discussion Impact of Science Diplomacy This dynamic panel discussion critically examines the evolving impact of science diplomacy in addressing complex global challenges. Moving beyond traditional narratives, the session invites participants to explore how science diplomacy shapes policy, influences power structures, and mediates competing interests across regions. Through diverse expert perspectives and interactive dialogue, panellists will explore whose knowledge is prioritised, how inclusivity can be strengthened, and what future-oriented approaches are needed to navigate uncertainty. The session creates space not only for insight-sharing, but for participants to reflect on their own roles as emerging actors in science diplomacy and to consider how they can contribute to more equitable, resilient, and forward-looking international collaboration. • Dr Irine HIRASWARI GAYATRI, Executive Director & Chief of the Program Implementation Committee, Management of Social Transformation (MOST) UNESCO Indonesia • Dr Katharina HÖNE, Scientific Advisor, German Aerospace Center (DLR) – DLR Projektträger • Mr Rushdi ABDUL RAHIM, President & CEO, Malaysian Industry Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) • Mr Dimitris BOUFIDIS, Chair, Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group, University of Pennsylvania Moderator: Mr Viktor JOSÁ, Central European Scientific Society for Innovation and Technology (CESSIT)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch & Dialogue Meetup with Young Scientist Community in Jakarta Participants come together in an open, peer-to-peer dialogue with members of the Indonesia Young Academy of Sciences (ALMI), creating a relaxed space for honest exchange and shared reflection. The session invites participants to explore how young scientists navigate their local research ecosystems, while drawing connections to broader regional and global challenges. Through guided yet flexible conversations, participants will share experiences, surface common challenges, and exchange ideas on strengthening youth-led scientific collaboration and impact. The session encourages mutual learning and aims to spark connections that can evolve into future partnerships beyond the dialogue. Moderator: Mr Dimitris BOUFIDIS, Chair, Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group, University of Pennsylvania
14:00 – 15:00	Panel Discussion Science Diplomacy in ASEAN This panel discussion will explore ASEAN's experiences, emerging priorities and future opportunities in using science diplomacy to strengthen regional

	cooperation. Bringing together perspectives from science, policy, diplomacy and innovation, the conversation will examine how scientific collaboration can support collective responses to transboundary challenges such as climate change, public health, food and water security, disaster resilience and the digital transformation. Panellists will discuss ways to connect science, technology and innovation more effectively with foreign policy and regional engagement, while building trust, shared capacity and inclusive partnerships across ASEAN. The session will also consider how ASEAN can amplify its voice and leadership in global scientific and diplomatic conversations. • Dr Kanchana WANICHKORN, Director of Sectoral Development, ASEAN Economic Community Department, The ASEAN Secretariat • Professor Dr. Eric CHAN Wei Chiang, Head of Programme for the Master in Science Diplomacy and Master of Science Policy & Communication, Institute for Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS), UCSI University • Ms Yuliana BAHAR, Director of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia • Dr Khairul RIZAL, Director of Research, Technology and Innovation Measurement and Indicators at Indonesia's National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) and Indonesia's Board Advisor for ASEAN COSTI Moderator: Dr Glenn BANAGUAS, Chairman, ASEAN Science Diplomats
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:00	Workshop Get-to-know Each Other Participants are brought together in a fun, welcoming environment where they can break the ice, share stories, and start building meaningful connections. Through engaging activities and guided conversations, participants will have the opportunity to discover common interests, exchange ideas, and create a supportive peer network that can inspire collaboration beyond the session. • Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ms Linnéa REGNELL, Senior Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
17:00 – 18:30	Workshop Intercultural Teambuilding During this interactive session, participants will engage in 'UNESCO Story Circles': a globally recognised intercultural methodology. Used across communities worldwide, Story Circles help participants practice deep listening, communication, and empathetic dialogue essential for effective science and technology diplomacy. Through guided conversations, participants will strengthen their capacity to communicate across cultures, foster mutual understanding, and build collaborative relationships. These exercises will strengthen mutual understanding and lay the foundation for effective teamwork in drafting the Asia-Europe Youth Communiqué on Science and Technology Diplomacy. • Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ms Linnéa REGNELL, Senior Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

18:30 - 20:30	Dinner hosted by BRIN with local performance Opening remarks by: • Prof Dr Amarulla OCTAVIAN, Vice Chairman, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) • Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
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DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2026**Venue: National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of Indonesia**

07:00–08:30	Breakfast
08:30	Departure to National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) <i>BRIN Auditorium, Gedung BPPT 2 Lantai 3, Jalan M.H. Thamrin No. 8, RT.10/RW.10, Kb. Sirih, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 10340, Indonesia</i>
09:00–10:30	Panel Science Diplomacy in Practice: Indonesia Experience This panel explores how Indonesia applies science diplomacy to address shared regional and global challenges, strengthen international partnerships, and translate scientific knowledge into constructive foreign-policy engagement. Drawing on practical experiences, speakers will examine the role of government, research institutions, universities, civil society, and international partners in connecting science, policy, and diplomacy. • Ms Tri SUNDARI, Head of Bureau for Legal and Cooperation, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) • Mrs Erma RHEINDRAYANI SISWOWALUYO, Director for American and European Intra-regional and Inter-regional Cooperation (MOFA), Indonesia • Dr Intan Suci NURHATI, Climate and Oceanography Researcher, BRIN Member Dr of Indonesia Young Academy of Sciences (ALMI) • Dr. Ing. Dase HUNAEFI, Head of Food Technologies Studies Programme, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, IPB University Moderator: Mrs. Mila KENCANA, Director for Research and Innovation Permit Governance and Scientific Authority, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Workshop Empowering Youth through International Collaboration for Research and Technology for Global Impact This interactive workshop is designed as a collaborative platform for youth from Asia and Europe to explore how international collaboration can strengthen the role of research and technology in addressing global challenges. Through a collaborative mapping and co-creation approach, participants will identify key challenges in translating knowledge and innovation into real-world impact, map

	relevant actors, and explore opportunities for collaborative action across research, education, government, industry, and international cooperation. Participants will gain practical insights into stakeholder engagement, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the role of international partnerships in advancing research and technology. The workshop also aims to strengthen networks among Asia–Europe youth and inspire new ideas and common actions for a more connected, inclusive, and collaborative research and innovation ecosystem. • Dr. Ajeng Arum SARI, Director of Talent Management, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) • Dr. Joannes EKAPRASETYA TANDJUNG, Director of Research and Innovation Infrastructure Strengthening and Partnership, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN)
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Workshop Setting the Ground Rules for Drafting During this interactive session with guided reflection and dialogue, participants will discuss how to work together and set the ground rules for the drafting process of the Youth Communiqué. Through guided reflection and dialogue, they will explore their shared values as well as their diverse perspectives shaped by different cultural and academic backgrounds. • Mr João MOURATO PINTO, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Workshop Setting the Ground Rules for Drafting cont. • Mr João MOURATO PINTO, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal
17:30 -	Free Evening

DAY 3 – THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2026**Venue: National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of Indonesia**

07:00–08:30	Breakfast
08:30	Departure to National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) BRIN Auditorium, Gedung BPPT 2 Lantai 3, Jalan M.H. Thamrin No. 8, RT.10/RW.10, Kb. Sirih, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 10340, Indonesia

09:00 – 10:30	Dialogue World Café with Science Attachés Participants engage in a World Café-style dialogue with science attachés and advisers from diplomatic missions, creating an interactive space to explore the practice of science diplomacy from an institutional perspective. Through rotating small-group conversations, participants will gain insight into how scientific knowledge informs foreign policy, shapes bilateral and multilateral cooperation, and responds to emerging global challenges. The session encourages open exchange across experience levels, allowing participants to pose questions, share perspectives, and reflect on the opportunities and constraints faced by science diplomats. By connecting practitioner insights with participant experiences, the dialogue aims to deepen understanding of science diplomacy in action while fostering meaningful cross-sector connections. Fireside chat: • Mr Martin RAUCHBAUER, Head of Unit, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BMEIA); Founder Tech Diplomacy Network • Ms Safiera NADYA, Science and Innovation Officer, British Embassy in Indonesia World Café Dialogue: • Prof Roberto CARNIEL, Science Attaché, Embassy of Italy to Indonesia • Prof Julien BOURGEOIS, Attaché for Science and Technology at the Embassy of France in Indonesia • Mr Nik ACHARYA, Science Counsellor, Australian Embassy to Indonesia • Mr Martin RAUCHBAUER, Head of Unit, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BMEIA); Founder Tech Diplomacy Network • Dr Dwie Irmawaty GULTOM, Science and Technology Utilization Analysis, National Research & Innovation Agency (BRIN), Indonesia and former Indonesian Science Attaché in Vienna • Mr Dimas IRAWAN, Former Indonesian Science Attaché in Vienna • Ms Safiera NADYA, Science and Innovation Officer, British Embassy in Indonesia Moderator: Mr Tamás KOVÁCS, Central European Scientific Society for Innovation and Technology (CESSIT)
10:30–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Workshop Drafting of the Youth Communiqué During this workshop, participants will collaborate to draft the Youth Communiqué. Guided by facilitators and drawing on insights from previous sessions, they will articulate the perspectives, priorities, and aspirations of young leaders in science and technology diplomacy. The process will involve structured discussions, consensus-building exercises, and collective editing to ensure diverse voices are represented. By the end, participants will produce a compelling, youth-driven statement proposing actionable ideas for advancing global cooperation through science and innovation. • Mr João MOURATO PINTO, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal

	• Mr Dimitris BOUFIDIS, Chair, Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group, University of Pennsylvania
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Workshop Drafting of the Youth Communiqué cont. • Mr João MOURATO PINTO, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	Workshop Finalisation of the Youth Communiqué • Mr João MOURATO PINTO, Assistant Professor of Diplomacy at the University of Minho, Portugal • Mr Dimitris BOUFIDIS, Chair, Penn Science Policy and Diplomacy Group, University of Pennsylvania
17:30 – 18:00	Transfer to Hotel
18:00 – 20:00	Closing Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia <i>Venezia 1 Ballroom, Four Points by Sheraton, Jl. M.H. Thamrin, RT.8/RW.4, Gondangdia, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 10350, Indonesia</i> Ceremonial handover of the Youth Communiqué Local Angklung Performance

DAY 4 – FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2026**Venue: National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of Indonesia**

07:00–08:30	Breakfast
08:30	Departure to National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) <i>BRIN Auditorium, Gedung BPPT 2 Lantai 3, Jalan M.H. Thamrin No. 8, RT.10/RW.10, Kb. Sirih, Kec. Menteng, Kota Jakarta Pusat, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 10340, Indonesia</i>
09:00–10:30	UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy The UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy convenes senior leaders and stakeholders alongside approximately 60 young professionals to foster meaningful exchange across generations, sectors, and regions. Through interactive workshops, facilitated people-to-people dialogues, and networking opportunities, participants will share perspectives on emerging science diplomacy priorities, explore how scientific cooperation can strengthen trust and collective action, and identify ways to support young professionals as active contributors to more inclusive, evidence-informed international engagement.

	Welcome Remarks • HE Nararya SOEPRAPTO, ASEAN Deputy Secretary General for Community and Corporate Affairs Keynote Speaker • Prof. Kaveh MADANI, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH) (video) Panellists • Dr Leah BUENDIA, Undersecretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Philippines • Dr Mitra AMINLOU –Vice Chair of Thrust 3 on Strengthening the Science–Policy–Society Links of STEPAN, National Focal Point Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Head of Knowledge Management & STI Commercialization Group, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP) • Dr Marga GUAL SOLER, Executive Director, Capacity & Leadership, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA) • Dr Péter RADA, Vice-Rector for International Affairs at Budapest Metropolitan University Moderator: Dr Fereshteh RAFIEIAN, Programme Specialist, Science Policy and Capacity Building, UNESCO Jakarta
10:30 – 11:40	UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy cont. Following the presentation of the Youth Communiqué, an interactive intergenerational dialogue between young professionals, diplomats and scientists on how the Youth Communiqué can lead to concrete action. The discussion will identify the knowledge, skills and competencies needed by future scientists, diplomats and policymakers to work across disciplines, sectors and cultures. It will explore how science diplomacy, interdisciplinary collaboration and meaningful youth engagement can be better reflected in education, professional training and career pathways. • Dr Mitra AMINLOU –Vice Chair of Thrust 3 on Strengthening the Science–Policy–Society Links of STEPAN, National Focal Point Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Head of Knowledge Management & STI Commercialization Group, National Research Institute for Science Policy (NRISP) • Professor Dr. Eric CHAN Wei Chiang, Head of Programme for the Master in Science Diplomacy and Master of Science Policy & Communication, Institute for Science Diplomacy and Sustainability (IISDS), UCSI University • Dr Leah BUENDIA, Undersecretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Philippines • Dr Marga GUAL SOLER, Executive Director, Capacity & Leadership, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA) • Mr Martin RAUCHBAUER, Head of Unit, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BMEIA); Founder Tech Diplomacy Network • Dr Katharina HÖNE, Scientific Advisor, German Aerospace Center (DLR) - DLR Projektträger • Dr Péter RADA, Vice-Rector for International Affairs, Budapest Metropolitan University

	• Dr Kanchana WANICHKORN, Director of Sectoral Development, ASEAN Economic Community Department, The ASEAN Secretariat
11:40 – 11:45	Closing Remarks • Dr Fereshteh RAFIEIAN, Programme Specialist, Science Policy and Capacity Building, UNESCO Jakarta • Ms Tri SUNDARI, Head of Bureau for Legal and Cooperation, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) • Ms Réka TÓZSA, Director, Education Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 13:30	Transfer
13:30 – 16:00	Cultural Visit to the National Museum of Indonesia Explore Indonesia's rich history and cultural heritage through a visit to the National Museum of Indonesia. Participants will discover the stories, traditions and diverse identities that shape the nation, fostering cultural appreciation and intercultural understanding.
16:00 – 16:30	Transfer to hotel
16:30 -	Free time

DAY 5 – SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2026

DEPARTURE DAY

6:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
	Check-out of hotel
9:00 onwards	Departure of Participants

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