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Dialogue on Science Diplomacy*****EVENT DATE &
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The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will be co-convening the ‘*UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy*’ alongside the Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology Diplomacy 2026, on 23 October 2026 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This dialogue is organised with the UNESCO Regional Office in Jakarta, in partnership with the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, and the Central European Scientific Society of Innovation and Technology (CESSIT).

The ‘UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy’ will bring together senior leaders and stakeholders in Science Diplomacy with 59 young professionals participating in the ‘*Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology*’ 2026. The dialogue will create a space for exchange and networking across generations, sectors and regions, with a focus on emerging priorities in Science Diplomacy. The programme will feature the sharing of practical experiences, intergenerational dialogue and collaborative problem-solving.

During the Intergenerational Dialogue, the Youth Communiqué on ‘*Youth Perspectives on Asia-Europe Cooperation on Science Diplomacy*’, co-created by participants of the Youth Summit, will be presented. The Dialogue provides a space for emerging young leaders to articulate their priorities, concerns and ideas for the future. This is important as youth voices are often underrepresented in the field of Science and Technology Diplomacy.

The Youth Communiqué will capture young professionals’ perspectives and recommendations on the future of Asia-Europe cooperation in Science and Technology Diplomacy. Discussions will focus on how these recommendations can lead to concrete action, while identifying the knowledge, skills and competencies needed by future scientists, diplomats and policymakers to work across disciplines, sectors and cultures. By bringing youth perspectives into this session, participants can make a meaningful contribution to future cooperation in the field.

The dialogue aims to:

- Explore how science diplomacy, interdisciplinary collaboration and meaningful youth engagement can be better reflected in education, professional training and career pathways.
- Share perspectives on emerging Science Diplomacy priorities and explore how scientific cooperation can strengthen trust and collective action.
- Identify opportunities to support young professionals as active contributors to more inclusive and evidence-informed international engagement.

ASEF welcomes the participation of those interested in attending and reporting on the event to join us for the 'UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy':

- Date & Time: Friday, 23 October 2026, 09:00–11:45 GMT+7
- Location: National Research and Innovation Agency (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.

Speakers and participants will be available for interviews throughout the session upon request.

The 'UNESCO-ASEF Intergenerational Dialogue on Science Diplomacy' forms part of ASEF's broader commitment to strengthening Asia-Europe cooperation, by equipping young professionals with the knowledge, skills and networks needed to address shared challenges. Through the 'Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology Diplomacy', ASEF continues to promote dialogue, mutual learning and collaborative leadership, underscoring the importance of strengthened Asia-Europe cooperation and coordinated responses to build more resilient, equitable and sustainable futures.

About the Asia-Europe Foundation

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