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on Science and Technology
Diplomacy in Jakarta, Indonesia****EVENT DATE &
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The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will be convening the ‘Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology Diplomacy,’ an in-person programme as part of the Asia-Europe Science and Technology Diplomacy Initiative for Young Professionals, from 19–24 October 2026 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Youth Summit is organised in partnership with and hosted by the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.

The ‘[Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology Diplomacy](#)’ will bring together 58 young diplomats, government officials and research and science managers from across Asia and Europe for people-to-people dialogue, cultural exchange, and experiential learning. Building on the ‘[Asia-Europe Training on Science and Technology Diplomacy](#)’, it will provide participants with the opportunity to further **explore Science and Technology Diplomacy through case studies, simulations and collaborative learning**, particularly in an Indonesian and ASEAN context.

As global issues become increasingly interconnected, Science and Technology Diplomacy offers new opportunities for Asia and Europe to strengthen cooperation and address shared challenges. Historically, conversations in the field have often been shaped by senior diplomats, policymakers and scientific leaders. The Youth Summit creates a **space for young professionals to raise their voices and bring new perspectives** and ideas into this evolving field.

The programme brings together early-career professionals working at the intersection of science, technology, innovation and international relations. Through expert panels on Science Diplomacy in ASEAN and Indonesia, interactive workshops and dialogue with practitioners and science attachés, it aims to:

- Facilitate knowledge exchange and mutual learning on the science and technology diplomacy ecosystems in Asia and Europe.
- Build skills in intercultural science and technology diplomacy communication.
- Strengthen peer-to-peer networks among emerging science diplomats and young professionals to facilitate future dialogue and collaboration.

A key outcome of the Summit will be the Youth Communiqué on ‘Youth Perspectives on Asia-Europe Cooperation on Science Diplomacy’, developed collaboratively by the participants. The Communiqué will capture their priorities, concerns and recommendations, giving young professionals an opportunity to contribute to future dialogue and collaboration across Asia and Europe through Science and Technology Diplomacy.

ASEF welcomes the participation of those interested in learning more about Science and Technology Diplomacy to join us at the programme's public events:

- Tuesday, 20 October 2026, 09:00–15:00 GMT+7, at the 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.*
 - 9:00 – 9:45 *Opening Ceremony*
 - 9:45 – 10:15 *Inspirational Keynote with Ambassador Grata Endah WERDANINGTYAS, Director General for America and Europe at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (MOFA)*
 - 11:00 – 12:30 *Panel Discussion on the Impact of Science Diplomacy*
 - 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch and Dialogue: Meetup with Young Scientist Community in Jakarta*
 - 14:00 – 15:00 *Panel Discussion on Science Diplomacy in ASEAN*

Please find the [Participant Booklet](#), introducing the **58 participants from 35 countries** taking part in the Youth Summit. Participants will be available for interviews throughout the programme upon request.

A **press conference** will also be held on 20 October in conjunction with the event, with timing to be confirmed. Media representatives interested in attending may contact Ms Freya Chow-Paul to register their interest and receive further details.

The 'Asia-Europe Youth Summit on Science and Technology 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 Science and Technology Diplomacy Initiative for Young Professionals](#), 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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