

3rd ASEM Environment Ministers' Meeting

Main issue for discussion: Climate Change and Sustainable Energy

Preliminary dates: 23rd – 26th April 2007, Copenhagen

Senior Officials Meeting: 6th – 7th March 2007, Jakarta

Schedule:

- 23rd : ASEM Senior Officials Meeting
- 24th : ASEM Ministerial Meeting
- 25th : ASEM Ministerial Meeting
- 26th : Excursions for delegations to selected applied environmental technology sites

Early sketch of programme:

23 rd April	24 th April	25 th April	26 th April
Senior Officials Meeting	Opening session: Welcome & introduction to the agenda Keynote speech on main issue of the meeting: Climate change and sustainable energy.	Session II: Measures: technologies promoting sustainable use of energy and ways to combat deforestation	Excursions
	Lunch session: Visions for future ASEM collaboration	Lunch Session: Role of civic society and the private sector	
	Session I: Climate change and sustainable energy (incl. biodiversity)	Session III: Adoption of meeting document and discussion on follow-up arrangements	
		Closure	
	Ministerial dinner	Ministerial dinner	

Roles: Co-chair arrangements and selected keynote speakers for each session.

Outcome: Clear political messages on ways forward for ASEM countries to cooperate on measures to deal with climate change and sustainable energy, deforestation and biodiversity loss, and messages which identify possible concrete follow-up activities. The recommendations should target governments, international fora (CSD, CBD, Climate Convention, UNEP GC etc.), the private sector, international finance institutes, and regional groups (EU and ASEM). The text should relate to both a normative dimension in support of IEG/ MEAs and an operational dimension. There will be no formal mechanism within the ASEM-meeting architecture, but rather a call for partners to support the spirit of the ASEM Environment Ministers' Meeting by engaging in bilateral partnerships and collaboration frameworks with focus on sharing technologies, financing mechanisms and research & development in new, more environmentally friendly technologies.