



**ASEM Seminar on Sustainable Management of Water Resources
in the Context of Urbanization
22-23 May 2014, Changsha City, Hunan Province, China**

Concept Paper

Background

Water sustains the life of a city and is of great importance to sustainable development. Enhancing sustainable management of urban water is one of the core issues in urbanisation and ecological development. In recent years, as developing countries and emerging economies in Asia and Europe strives for urbanisation, they are faced with common challenges of integrating sustainable management of water into the process of urbanisation. In the meantime, during the last 200 years of urbanisation, Europe has accumulated rich experience in this field.

The Seminar on New-Type Urbanisation and Sustainable Management of Water Resources will be held in Changsha, Hunan Province, China, on 22 and 23 May 2014. It is designed to inject new dynamism into exchange and cooperation among ASEM partners in improving sustainable water management by providing useful platform for policy exchange, information sharing, and the development of the market of technology and products.

Content

The seminar will focus on the following topics:

1. Innovation of urban water management, including policy measures, laws and regulations and their enforcement, innovative financing and management evaluation.

2. Water-ecology-oriented city planning, including water environment impact assessment, flood risk management and urban waterlogging prevention and control.

3. Water technology innovation and application, including technologies regarding safe drinking water, rain water utilization, centralized and decentralized treatment of urban sewage, water conservation and water cycle, water and fertilizer (medicine) integration technology and facilities.

4. Case study and networking, including projects introduction, technologies and products exhibition, and networking for pragmatic cooperation.

Participation

Experts from universities, research institutes, enterprises, Government officials and other stakeholders of ASEM members, who are engaged in urbanisation development and sustainable management of water resources, as well as public media will participate in the Seminar. The number of participants is expected to be approximately 100.

Format

The seminar will include one and a half days (1.5) meeting, and half day (0.5) field trip.

Date and Place




This seminar is to be held on 22-23 May 2014 in Changsha City, Hunan Province, China.

Venue: Vaya International Hotel

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About the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)

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About the organiser and partner

 <p>亚欧水资源 研究和利用中心 ASEM WATER</p>	<p>The ASEM Water Resource Research and Development Centre is an international, multilateral professional and non-profit organization for scientific and technological cooperation. It was first proposed on 4 and 5 October 2010, the Eighth ASEM Summit (ASEM 8) by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. Based on the principles of equality, opening-up and mutual benefits, the ASEM WATER is officially founded in Changsha, Hunan, China in 2011 in the framework of ASEM.</p> <p>It is jointly founded by government agencies, universities, research institutions and other stakeholders in the field of water resources from the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) members. The vision of ASEM WATER is to stimulate innovation and co-operation in water for a more sustainable future. The mission of ASEM WATER is to create synergies by coordinating and facilitating water management innovation and technology innovation, water development and water use, in a bid to jointly address common water challenges facing Asian-European states and governments, and to boost economy growth, create jobs and improve the ecological environment.</p>
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ASEFUAN was founded in Bali in April 2002 by the graduates of the ASEF University Programme, a project organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) which brings together some of the most outstanding students and young professionals in Asia and Europe. ASEFUAN became an international non-profit organisation (Association Internationale sans but lucratif, AISBL) under Belgian law on 6 August 2009.

ASEFUAN members are typically university graduates in the fields of Social and Political Science, Economics, Law and Business. ASEFUAN currently has a membership of more than 600 in all ASEM countries. We hold as our aims the strengthening of cross-cultural ties and the promotion of excellence within our membership as well as the fostering of Asia-Europe relations at a grass roots and local community level.

ASEFUAN organises activities to maintain and reinforce the relationships forged among participants of the ASEF University programme and undertakes projects to promote a meaningful intercultural dialogue between Asia and Europe, particularly among the younger generation.