

ASEF Expert Webinar Series: Post-Pandemic Socio-Economic Recovery Efforts

Webinar #2 (21 May 2021) –

How Do We Organise the Transition to A Green & Digital Economy?

- **Mr Hazri HASSAN**, Director, International Policy Division, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Singapore
- **Mr Anthony AGOTHA**, Senior Diplomatic Advisor, Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, European Commission
- **Mr Yasuyuki SAWADA**, Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- **Ms WANG Ying**, Deputy Director-General of United Nations Association of China (UNA-China)



As part of the series “Expert Webinars on post-pandemic socio-economic recovery”, ASEF is organising a webinar addressing “How Do We Organise the Transition to A Green & Digital Economy?” to highlight ways forward in dealing with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus is on COVID-19 post-pandemic recovery efforts that would have a real and lasting impact for the people of Asia and Europe.

ABOUT

“How Do We Organise the Transition to A Green & Digital Economy?”

Given the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, this webinar will be an informative one which will include the contributions and initiatives by governments, private sector, international organisations and academics to address social and economic recovery efforts, and will address questions such as:

- How can ASEM partners work together to identify what jobs are likely to be needed in the new economy, in particular for SMEs and MSMEs?
- How do we best equip citizens with the relevant knowledge and skillsets?
- What role can the circular economy approach (innovate-reduce-reuse-recycle) play, what practical measures could ASEM Partners adopt for a better recovery and a more sustainable future?

FORMAT

The webinar will commence at 4.00pm Singapore time. Experts from the government, business, and academia from Asia and Europe would present for ten minutes each and address relevant topics, followed by a question-&-answer session with the on-line audience.

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**AGENDA**

Friday 21 May 2021, 4 – 6pm Singapore Time (GMT +8)

4:00	Webinar Introduction	MC: Ms Fatima AVILA Communications Manager, ASEF
4:05	Welcome address	Amb MORIKAWA Toru Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
4:15	Topic Introduction Green & Digital Economy	Moderator: Amb Leon FABER Deputy Executive Director, ASEF
		Moderator to introduce topic and invite the first speaker to make his presentation.
4:20	Expert Perspective	Mr Hazri HASSAN Director, International Policy Division, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Singapore
4:30	Expert Perspective	Mr Anthony AGOTHA Senior Diplomatic Advisor Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans European Commission
4:40	Expert Perspective	Mr Yasuyuki SAWADA Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department Asian Development Bank (ADB)
4:50	Expert Perspective	Ms WANG Ying Deputy Director General United Nations Association of China (UNA-China)
5:00	Open Q&A session/dialogue	Moderator will present questions and comments extracted from the online audience, to be addressed by all the speakers.
5:50	Wrap-up	Moderator will do a quick wrap-up and invite each panellist to give his/her final thoughts on the discussion.
6:00	Webinar ends	

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