

[6th Asia-Europe
Editors'
Roundtable]

Multiple Currencies for a Multi-polar World

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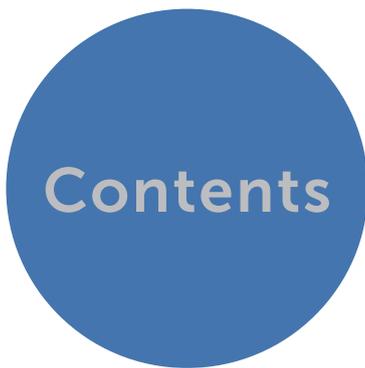
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Guiding Principles

Asia-Europe Foundation promotes mutual understanding among editors and other media practitioners from Asia and Europe.

The objective of this Seminar is to have open and candid discussions on the given subject.

The main sessions will be held as closed-door proceedings, where participants can speak their minds freely as individuals without wearing their official hats, if any.

We value your views and want you to participate actively.

To facilitate a frank discussion, we will abide by **Chatham House Rules**.

Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable

The Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable taps into the media's influence in creating images and impressions, as well as in stimulating communication and dialogue between people. Since the Roundtable's inception in 1997, it has engaged editors and senior commentators representing respected print and broadcast media from Asia and Europe. It has also explored a broad range of topics, including the media's role and impact in the advancement of issues such as globalisation, environmental awareness, and global governance structures.

The Roundtable's agenda focuses on current issues surrounding Asia-Europe relations. Discussions during the Roundtable aim to enrich the exchange of ideas and perspectives among opinion leaders from Asian and European media organisations. A natural outcome of the Roundtable is the creation and strengthening of links between Asian and European journalists' networks, as well as creating linkages between specific issues based experts and their counterparts in the media.

The 6th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable gathers about 20 financial experts together with media professionals from top financial news outlets across Asia and Europe. They will make an assessment of Asia-Europe engagement to date, and establish how Asia and Europe can move forward in growing the world economy, especially at a time of global economic crisis. The topic of this Roundtable is "Multiple Currencies for a Multi-polar World".

Issues To Be Discussed

Held on the eve of the 10th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Finance Ministers' Meeting, the 6th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable seeks to examine the push towards a multiple currency system to suit the emergence of a multi-polar world. Starting with an analysis of currency developments in Asia and making sense of the prolonged Eurozone crisis, the discussions will then move on to examining the reforms needed in the International monetary system. Finally, the participants will discuss the role played by the media in reporting developments in the economic crisis, with a specific focus on currency issues. The discussion and recommendations generated from the roundtable will form the basis for a Programme Paper produced by Chatham House which will be circulated to a wide network of policy makers and opinion leaders across Asia and Europe.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2012

All day Arrival of participants

20:00 Dinner at the CHARM THAI restaurant

SATURDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2012

Venue: PLATINUM 1, InterContinental Hotel, Bangkok

(open only to Editors' Roundtable participants and observers)

08:45 REGISTRATION

09:00 Welcome Remarks by
CHAIRPERSON
Mr Karsten Warnecke
Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

09:10 Opening Remarks by
GUEST OF HONOUR
Mr Chakkrit Parapuntakul
Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance in Thailand

09:20 **Session One: Opportunities and challenges through the eyes of Asia and Europe**

Introductory Remarks and Presentation by the MODERATOR
Dr Paola Subacchi
Research Director, International Economics, Chatham House

09:40 *Deepening Asian integration – Building partnerships for growth*

SPEAKER – Dr Jae Ha Park, Deputy Dean for Special Activities, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

09:50 **Open Floor for comments facilitated by the Moderator**

10:10 *The Eurozone crisis – Taking stock*

SPEAKER – Mr Jens Sondergaard, Former Executive Director & Senior European Economist, Fixed Income Research, Global Markets Europe, Nomura International

10:20 **Open Floor for comments facilitated by the Moderator**

10:40 Coffee Break

11:00 **Session Two: Rethinking the International Monetary System – Moving towards a multi-polar currency system**

The international monetary system is fast becoming obsolete, more actors are at the table now and a new system needs to be built to reflect the multi-polar reality. Remarks by the Moderator introducing the next speaker.

11:10 **SPEAKER – Dr Xu Qiyuan**, Senior Research Fellow, Research Center for International Finance (RCIF), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

- What international agreements must be made to ensure financial stability worldwide?

Thinking in national terms about reforming the international monetary system, how can governments arrive at a more effective system in promoting global trade and payments and maintaining global financial stability?

11:20	Open Floor for comments facilitated by the Moderator
11:40	<p>SPEAKER – Mr David Pilling, Asia Editor, Financial Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can Asia and Europe work together to contribute to the balanced international monetary system?
11:50	Open Floor for comments facilitated by the Moderator
12:10	Lunch at the ESPRESSO restaurant
13:30	<p>Session Three: Role of the media shaping global attitudes and decisions</p> <p>Discussing national and international media's role shaping public and expert opinion about upcoming global financial reforms as well as influencing decisions of policy makers and investors. Remarks by the Moderator introducing the next speaker.</p>
13:40	<p>Part I: Media impact on decision makers</p> <p>SPEAKER – Mr Pichai Chuensuksawadi, Editor in Chief, Bangkok Post</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is media ready to be an interpreter between policy makers, business world and civil society? What role does policy makers expects media to play?
13:50	Open Floor for comments facilitated by the Moderator
14:10	<p>Part II: Media and public awareness</p> <p>SPEAKER – Mr Pierre Rousselin, Foreign Editor, Le Figaro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the amount and quality of information on national, regional and international financial challenges which the general public obtains sufficient to ensure public awareness and transparency?
14:20	Open Floor for comments facilitated by the Moderator
14:40	Coffee Break
15:15	<p>Wrap-Up and Conclusion by MODERATOR Dr Paola Subacchi Research Director, International Economics Chatham House</p>
15:45	Final words from participants
16:15	<p>Closing Remarks by CHAIRPERSON Mr Karsten Warnecke Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation</p>
19:00 – 21:00	<p>Closing Reception Venue: BALCONY LOUNGE, InterContinental Hotel, Bangkok</p> <p>Farewell Remarks by Mr Karsten Warnecke Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation</p>

GUEST OF HONOUR



Chakkrit Parapuntakul

Deputy Permanent Secretary
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The host of the ASEM FinMM 10
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Mr Chakkrit Parapuntakul is the Deputy Permanent Secretary from the Ministry of Finance in Thailand. His prior appointments with Thailand's Public Debt Management Office were as – the Director General (2009-2012), Deputy Director General (2008-2009), and Director of International Finance Bureau (2003-2008). He was also the Head of Debt Capital Markets, Fiscal Policy Office (FPO) at Thailand's Ministry of Finance (1998-2003).

With a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Angelo State University of Texas, (U.S.A.), he has served as the Deputy Chairman, Board of Directors, Financial Institutions Development Fund (FIDF) and the ASEAN representative for Board of Directors in Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF). He has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the Thammasat University in Thailand.

Trained in Capital Market Academy, with an Executive Development Program from the Kellogg School of Management in Chicago (U.S.A.), Mr Parapuntakul has extensive experience in working with the Risk Management Committee, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Bank of Thailand (SME Bank), Board of Risk Management, Government Saving Bank and as the Chairman of Risk Management Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Dhanarak Asset Development Co. Ltd.

Mr Parapuntakul also represents several committees including the ASEAN Potash Mining Public Company Limited as the Chairman of their Board of Directors. He is also the Chairman of the Good Corporate Governance Committee and Advisor of MFC Energy Fund, MFC Asset Management Public Co. Ltd. www2.mof.go.th

CHAIRPERSON



Karsten Warnecke

Deputy Executive Director
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Mr Karsten Warnecke is the 6th Deputy Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). Before joining ASEF he dealt with German and EU involvement in ASEAN and in the ASEM Process as part of his portfolio as Counsellor at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, where he served as Deputy Head of Division for Regional Organizations and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific.

A seasoned career diplomat with over 22 years of experience, including 13 years with Asia, Mr Warnecke is adept at working in cross-cultural settings and in bringing people together from diverse backgrounds. Previous postings have seen him serve in the German Consulates-General in New York and Chennai, as well as at the German Embassy in Singapore.

Mr Warnecke holds an M.A. in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University (U.S.A.) and previously studied Political Science at the Free University in Berlin (Germany). A native Berliner, Mr Warnecke is bilingual in German and English, and he also speaks (with varying degrees of fluency) Hebrew, Arabic, French and Spanish. www.asef.org

MODERATOR



Paola Subacchi

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Dr Paola Subacchi is Research Director of the International Economics Research area at Chatham House. An economic historian by training, her main research interest is in the functioning and governance of the international financial and monetary system, with a particular focus on post-crisis policy and institutional change. She is a contributor to peer-reviewed journals and current affairs publications. She is a regular media commentator on issues of macro-economic importance.

Dr Subacchi's recent publications include: *The Connecting Dots of China's Renminbi Strategy: London and Hong Kong*, September 2012; *Shifting Capital: The Rise of Financial Centres in Greater China*, May 2012; *Broken Forever? Addressing Europe's Multiple Crises*, March 2012 (co-authored with Stephen Pickford); *The Euro on the Brink: 'Multiple' Crises and Complex Solutions*, March 2012; *Gold and the International Monetary System*, February 2012 (Task Force member); *Legitimacy vs Effectiveness: A Dynamic Approach to Global Governance*, Sept 2011; *Preventing Crises and Promoting Economic Growth*, April 2011 (co-authored with Paul Jenkins); *Squeezed in Retirement: the Future of Middle Britain*, March 2011; *'One Currency-Two Systems' China's Renminbi Strategy*, October 2010; *Who controls the International Monetary System?*; May 2010; *Beyond the Dollar: Rethinking the International Monetary System*, March 2010.

An Italian national, she studied at Bocconi University in Milan (Italy) and at the University of Oxford (UK). www.chathamhouse.org

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Jae-Ha Park

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Dr Jae-Ha Park is the Deputy Dean for Special Activities at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). Prior to joining ADBI in October 2011, he worked for the Korea Institute of Finance as Vice President, Chief Economist and Director of Financial Policy Team. He has served in numerous public positions, such as Senior Advisor to the Minister of Finance and Economy of Korea, Director General of the Task Force for Economic Restructuring in the Office of the President of Korea, Chairman of the Committee for the Internal Assessment of Regulations at the Financial Services Commission. In addition, he has served as a member of the Presidential Commission for Financial Reform and a member of Management Supervisory Committee at the Korea Asset management Corporation. He also worked for the Bank of Korea as an economist after graduating from university. He also has served in many important private and academic positions, such as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Shinhan Bank, which is the largest commercial bank in Korea, Board member of Daewoo Securities, which is the largest security company in Korea, and as a Vice Chairman of Korea Money and Finance Association.

Since the Asian financial crisis, he has been deeply involved in many projects relating to regional economic and financial cooperation under the ASEAN+3 and APEC. Most notably, he played a crucial role in creating Asian Bond Market Initiatives, and ASEAN+3 Research Group activities.

His areas of interest are regional economic and financial cooperation, financial market development in Asia, and financial reform after the global financial crisis. He has authored many articles and books on regional financial market development, Asian bond market development, financial reform in Korea, international finance, and money and banking.

Dr Park graduated from Seoul National University (South Korea) and received his Ph.D. in economics from Pennsylvania State University (U.S.A.).
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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Jens Sondergaard

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Mr Jens Sondergaard worked as a Senior European Economist for the investment bank Nomura based in London between June 2010 and July 2012. His responsibilities included monitoring macroeconomic and policy developments across Europe including "ECB Watching". Prior to joining Nomura, Jens worked at the Bank of England as a staff economist specialising in FX analysis, macro model development and forecasting.

Mr Sondergaard holds a PhD degree in Economics from Georgetown University (U.S.A.) as has worked as assistant professor at The Johns Hopkins University. He has published numerous papers within the field of international macroeconomics specifically focusing on exchange rate dynamics. He is currently a research associate at the Globalization & Monetary Policy Institute at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas conducting research on the linkages between globalisation and exchange rates and his career as an economist also includes time spent at the International Monetary Fund as well as the European Commission. www.nomura.com



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Currently he is the senior research fellow in IWEP, secretary-general in the Research Center for International Finance (RCIF) in CASS, and also a consultant on the international economic issues for Ministry of Finance, P.R. China. Twice he has won the prize for Policy-Making Information awarded by CASS, respectively in 2010 and 2011. <http://bic.cass.cn>

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



David Pilling

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Mr David Pilling is the Financial Times' Asia Editor, appointed in 2008. He oversees the FT's coverage of the Asia region from Afghanistan to Australia, including China, India and Japan. In addition to directing the work of regional correspondents, and overseeing the editing and commissioning team in Hong Kong, Pilling writes an award-winning weekly column on Asian business, politics and economics, which appears worldwide. He regularly contributes longer features, including for the Weekend FT, and frequently interviews business and political leaders throughout the region.

Pilling joined the FT in 1990 and worked on the international and main news desks in London before being posted to Santiago, Chile in 1993. Between 1994 and 1997 he was based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, before returning to London to become deputy/acting editor of the Comment and Analysis Page. He has won numerous reporting prizes, most recently for coverage of Japan and China, both individually and as part of FT teams. He was in 2011 winner of the Best Commentator Award by the Society of Publishers in Asia for his columns on China, an award he also won in 2012 for Asia-wide columns. He was also named Best Foreign Commentator for 2011 in the Editorial Intelligence Comment Awards for coverage of China, Japan and Pakistan. Pilling is an Assistant Editor of the FT. www.ft.com/home/asia



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After starting his career with Agence France Presse (AFP), he joined Le Figaro in 1988 as a reporter for Latin America. The fall of the Berlin Wall made him shift his interest to the major events taking place at the time in Central Europe. Then, the first Gulf War took him to the Middle East. He was posted in Jerusalem as a Middle East correspondent for the paper from 1990 to 1996. He then came back to Paris and was put in charge of the Foreign department, from 1988 until his present job. During his stay with AFP, he was sent to Iran in 1980 a short time after Ayatollah Khomeiny came back to Tehran. In September 1980, he was posted in Washington DC to cover business and economic affairs. After that he became the White House correspondent for AFP during the Ronald Reagan presidency, in the years 1982 to 1986. Pierre has studied business administration at ESSEC (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales) and hispanic literature at the Sorbonne (France). He is fluent in English and Spanish. www.lefigaro.fr

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Greg Earl

Asia Pacific Editor
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Greg Earl's connection with Asia began as a high school student studying Indonesian which was followed by a year in the Philippines as an exchange



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He has also worked as a political and business reporter in Australia, companies editor, opinion page editor and was the Financial Review's deputy editor in charge of national and international news in 2002-04. He studied journalism at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and economics at the Australian National University. He is a director of the Australia Japan Foundation. In 2003 he took part in a European Union study program which involved reporting from Brussels, Paris and Berlin. He is married with two children. In his spare time he is working on a history of Australian business in Asia over the past century. www.afr.com

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Larry Jagan

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Larry Jagan is a freelance correspondent, journalist trainer and media consultant currently based in Bangkok. He has been reporting for radio, television, online services and newspapers on Asian affairs or from Asia for forty years. He's particularly known for his coverage of Burma. He is a prolific writer on Burma's current affairs, military and economy.

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For the last 12 years he has been working as a freelance reporter media consultant based in Bangkok where he covers the region, particularly Burma, Cambodia, Thailand the Philippines and ASEAN affairs. He contributes regularly to the Asia Times, Al Jazeera TV, Bangkok Post, BBC World Service, Foreign Policy magazine, Radio Free Asia (Burmese) and Radio and TV Hong Kong.

During the last decade he has conducted many training courses for journalists and provided media and communications training for international organisations, including the ILO, UN and the World Bank. For the last five years Larry has been lecturing at Rangsit University (Thailand) in the M.A. course on diplomacy.

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Meidyatama Suryodiningrat

Editor-in-Chief
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Editor-in-Chief of The Jakarta Post, and a member of the Board of Directors of PT. Bina Media Tenggara publisher of the Post, the Weekender magazine, and Youthspeak! tabloid.

With a background in journalism spanning 18 years, he continues to write op-ed pieces, columns and essays on a wide range of subjects focusing in issues relating to socio-political affairs and foreign policy. Mr Suryodiningrat has also worked for two-years outside of journalism as an analyst for a Jakarta-based strategic consulting firm which engages in government and community relations.

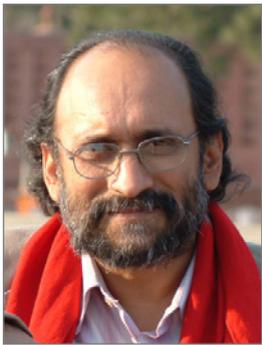
Apart from his journalistic work, he is a frequent contributor to various journals and books, among them: "Asean at the Crossroads of Regionalism", in *Emerging China – Prospects for Partnership in Asia*, Routledge, 2012 (expected publication date); "ASEAN Regional Forum 2011: China and the United States" in *Asia Pacific Bulletin*, No. 127, Aug. 4. 2011; "US Rapprochement with Indonesia: From Problem State to Partner" in *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 32, No. 3, Dec. 2010; *The Voice of Reason*, Kompas-Gramedia Group, 2008; "Flirting with Democracy: Will Indonesia Go Forward or Back?", Asia Special Report, Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, 2004.

He is a former research fellow at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He received a bachelors degree (majoring in Political Science and History) from Carleton University in Ottawa (Canada), and attended graduate school at Dalhousie University, Halifax. Nova Scotia (UK). www.thejakartapost.com



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economy and the media, on which he has authored/co-authored books and directed/produced documentary films. He lectures on these subjects to general audiences and also trains aspiring and working media professionals. He participates frequently in seminars, is a regular contributor to newspapers, magazines and websites and is featured on television channels and radio programmes as an anchor as well as an analyst and commentator.

Born on October 5, 1955 and educated at St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi (1972-75) and at the Delhi School of Economics (1975-77) in the same university from where he obtained his Master's degree in economics, he started his career as a journalist in June 1977 and has been employed with various media organizations including companies bringing out publications such as Business India, BusinessWorld, The Telegraph, India Today and The Pioneer. He worked with Television Eighteen (now Network 18) for almost 6 years between 1995 and 2001 when he anchored a daily discussion programme called "India Talks" on the CNBC-India television channel, nearly 1,400 half-hour episodes were broadcast.

Peter Frankl

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Peter Frankl, 1965, has been Editor-in-Chief of the Slovenian Business daily Finance since 1995 and CEO of the Publishing house Finance since 2005. He has



been contributing to several national and international media, The Institutional Investor being one of them. During his career he was active in several Eastern and Central European countries, in Croatia and Bulgaria also as a member of supervisory boards of companies, owned by the Swedish-based Publishing group Bonnier, who is also the sole owner of the Publishing house Finance. Peter Frankl has a degree in journalism from the University of Ljubljana and is one of the most noted opinion leaders in Slovenia. www.finance.si

Siew Ying Wong

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from corporate developments to economy, with a special focus on property-related stories. Siew Ying joined MediaCorp in 2001 and spent the first few years of her journalism career with the Singapore news desk and political desk. There, she was involved in the news coverage of many key events including the September 11th attacks in 2001, SARS Outbreak in Singapore in 2003, the Asian Tsunami in 2004 and the opening of the two integrated resorts in Singapore. Siew Ying has also worked on numerous overseas assignments. These included international forums such as the ASEAN Meeting, APEC Meeting, World Economic Forum in Davos, International Monetary Fund/World Bank Meeting and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. www.mediacorp.sg

Thanong Khanthong

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53-year old Thanong Khanthong is a veteran journalist with 26 years of experience. He has been spending his entire career with The Nation, an English language newspaper in Bangkok, Thailand. He has been reporting and writing extensively on the economy, business, financial markets, international affairs and

politics. Over the past two years Thanong has moved on to TV journalism, becoming editor of The Nation's Asean TV unit. Over the next six months or so, Asean TV will be developed to become a regional television channel with a focus on regional news and with Bangkok as the centre. The Nation Multimedia Group, one of Thailand's largest news conglomerate, has recently gone through a restructuring to improve its news gathering process. It has set up a Convergent Newsroom to bring together top editors from different media outlets within the group under one umbrella. This will help remove redundancies and inefficiency. Thanong also concurrently heads the Convergent Newsroom, shaping the Nation Group's news coverage on a daily basis. He appears regularly on Krungtheptharakij TV, another TV channel of The Nation Group, to comment on economic, financial and current affairs. His weekly column appears in The Nation and Komchadluek, a Thai language mass daily, which is part of the Nation Group. Thanong earned his BA degree from Thammasat University in English and Philosophy. He also got his master's degree in Journalism from University of South Carolina (U.S.A.). www.nationmultimedia.com

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Information

On Reimbursement

IMPORTANT

Legible supporting documents have to be presented to ASEF for reimbursement. In the absence of supporting documents, refunds would not be made.

A. AIRFARE

Please find below the types of supporting documents required for reimbursement of air travel:

Scenario 1 - If a participant's organisation arranges and pays for the airfare:

Organisation's invoice/bill of payment or official letter to ASEF

Scenario 2 - If a participant engages a travel agent and pays for the airfare:

Original copy of the travel agent's invoice/receipt to the participant

Scenario 3 - If a participant purchases the airfare online:

On-line invoice/receipt should indicate

- invoice/receipt number and
- mode of payment (e.g. credit card, cash)

Note: Where there is no indication made on the mode of payment, the online invoice/receipt has to be accompanied by the credit card/bank statement to show the proof of transfer to the airline company/agent, or a physical receipt to support the claim.

B. BOARDING PASSES

It is mandatory to submit original boarding passes produced for all flight routes, as proof of travel. In the absence or loss of such document, please provide a photocopy of the passport pages that contain personal information as well as stamps affixed at immigration desk.

C. OTHER TRAVEL EXPENSES

Refund would be made on the submission of the following receipts:

- Visa application/handling fee
- Travel insurance cost (only applicable if it is a pre-requisite for visa application. In such case, kindly provide webpage/document indicating the requirement of travel insurance for visa application.)

D. SUBMISSION TIMELINE

All participants are requested to submit their support documents to **Ms Kotryna Stankute by Monday, 22nd October 2012.**

Note: Reimbursements will be sent by telegraphic transfer earliest 15 working days after receipt of all the above documents. Participants need to indicate their bank details in the registration forms.

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