



## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY SECURITY THE ROLE OF ASEM IN FACILITATING COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA**

International Workshop in Helsinki, on Thursday 8 June 2006. Organised by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and the Center for International Energy Security at the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China.

### **Draft agenda 21.2.2006**

- 8.30 Registration and morning coffee / tea  
9.00 Welcoming remarks  
**Tapani VAAHTORANTA\*** – Director, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki  
**ZHA Daojiong\*** – Director, The Center for International Energy Security at the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China  
9.15 Opening remarks  
**Andris PIEBALGS**, Member of the European Commission  
9.30 – 12.00

### **I. CLIMATE CHANGE WITHIN ASEM: Common Challenge, Different Approaches**

There are two main approaches to mitigating climate change. Europe and Japan play a major role in the top-down approach (Kyoto Protocol), which is based on binding emission reductions. Asia-Pacific Partnership for Clean Development and Climate is the bottom-up approach, putting the main emphasis on technology development and transfer. Two questions are now important. How to make sure that the approaches result in the effective mitigation of climate change? How to proceed in the way that political difficulties in the Asian-European relationship are avoided? The panel will discuss two issues:

1. Motives of European and Asian actors
  - Environmental protection and how this motive is likely to be affected by climate impacts.
  - Economic interest and how to ensure that the measures adopted are regarded as fair.
  - Energy security and how it is linked to emission reductions.
2. Strengths and weaknesses of the European and Asian approaches in reducing emissions
  - How to build a political consensus that enables us to prevent dangerous human interference with the climate?

Chair:

**Taizo YAKUSHIJI** – Executive Research Director, The Institute for International Policy Studies, Tokyo

Asian speaker:

**CHEN Ying** – Deputy Director, The Global Change and Economic Development Program; The Institute of World Economics and Politics, Beijing

European speaker:

**Owen GREENE\*** – Director of Research, The Department of Peace Studies; University of Bradford

Invited comments from:

**JIANG Kejun\*** – Director, Research Management and International Collaboration Division; The Energy Research Institute; The National Development and Reform Commission, Beijing

**LEE Seejae\*** – Professor, The Catholic University of Korea

**Detlef SPRINZ\*** – Senior Fellow, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Discussion

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.15 – 17.30

## **II. ENERGY SECURITY OF ASEM MEMBERS: Scarce Common Resources, Different Norms**

The second part of the workshop will include two panels, one focusing on the implications of ASEM's energy security in international relations and the other focusing on the implications of both Europe's and Asia's dependence on Russia for energy security.

### **Panel A: Energy Security of ASEM: Implications in International Relations**

Though both European and Asian nations are pursuing ways to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels and develop alternative sources of energy, ASEM members will rely on imported oil and gas for several decades. This panel will discuss the motives behind ASEM states' decisions regarding where they secure their oil and gas from and discuss ways to avoid possible political tensions arising from these decisions.

The panel will focus on two issues:

#### 1. Motives of European and Asian actors

- Availability as a factor determining how countries go about securing energy
- Are there political considerations when choosing a place from which to secure energy?
- To what degree do future uncertainties affect the motives?

#### 2. Implications for European-Asian relations

Chair:

**Tapani VAAHTORANTA\*** – Director, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

Asian speaker:

**ZHA Daojiong\*** – Director, The Center for International Energy Security at the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China

European speaker:

**Linda JAKOBSON\*** – Director of China Programme, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki / Beijing

Invited comments from:

**Alexander CARIUS\*** – Director, Adelphi Research, Berlin

**CHEN Bo\*** – Deputy General Manager, Crude Oil Dept, SINOPEC, Beijing

**Kensuke KANEKIYO\*** – Managing Director, Charge of International Business Group, Planning and Administration Unit and the Japanese Institute of Middle Eastern Economies; The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

**Eric TEO\*** – Council Member, The Singapore Institute of International Affairs

Discussion

20-minute refreshment break

### **Panel B: Energy Security of ASEM: The Russia Factor**

Russia is an important source of oil and gas for both Europe and Asia. This panel will discuss how this dependency effects Europe's and Asia's relations with each other and with Russia.

- Implications for European-Asian relations
- Implications for intra-Asian relations and intra-European relations?

Chair:

**Ingolf KIESOW\*** – Project Leader, The Asia Project; The Swedish Defence Research Agency

Speaker:

**Vladimir SAENKO** – Head of Chapter for State Energy Policy, Department for Fuel and Energy Complex; Ministry of Industry and Energy, Moscow

Invited comments from:

**Coby VAN DER LINDE** – Director, Clingendael International Energy Programme; The Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael

**ZHA Daojiong\*** – Director, The Center for International Energy Security at the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China

Discussion

Closing remarks

Short break

Dinner

( \* = confirmed participant )

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## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY SECURITY: THE ROLE OF ASEM IN FACILITATING COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA**

International workshop in Helsinki, organized by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) and the Center for International Energy Security at the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China.

### **Background**

The energy security issue has become increasingly important for both Asia and Europe. At the same time, awareness on the importance of addressing climate change has grown. Before the ASEM 2004 summit meeting in Hanoi, the Council for Asia-Europe Cooperation (CAEC) published a report which stated that “broadly converging interests between the two regions on a number of energy-related issues certainly give them an opportunity to blaze a trail and provide guidance for global governance on these issues.”

At the Hanoi Summit the discussion on economic issues focused largely on energy and environment, while the Foreign Ministers recommended at their meeting in Kyoto in May 2005 that one of the priority areas for the next Summit should be sustainable development including environment and energy security. Energy was one of the main themes discussed also at the High Level Meeting in the Framework of the Economic Ministers Meeting in Rotterdam in September 2005.

The next ASEM Summit will be hosted by Finland in the latter half of 2006. In light of the priority areas outlined in Kyoto and in order to further enhance and contribute to the dialogue on energy and environment between Asia and Europe, Finland and China propose to organise a workshop that aims to explore how to seize the opportunity to enhance cooperation between Asia and Europe in the field of energy security.

The workshop looks at two dimensions related to energy - (1) climate change and (2) energy security for ASEM members.

Twenty leading experts from ASEM countries will be invited by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) and the Center for International Energy Security at the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China to participate in the workshop. Policy-makers will also be given the opportunity to take part in the workshop proceedings.

The workshop will be divided into two parts:

## I. Climate change

- How to make sure that the Kyoto approach and technology approach complement each other, enabling Europe and Asia to together address climate change *in accordance* with the principle of *common but differentiated responsibilities* and respective capabilities
- How to promote simultaneously energy security and the addressing of climate change by energy conservation, promotion of energy efficiency and wider use of alternative energy sources, development, diffusion, deployment and transfer of cleaner and more efficient technologies and the promotion of technological cooperation
- Clean Development Mechanism: opportunities for the cooperation between Europe and Asia on climate change

## II. Energy security for ASEM members

- Trans-national cooperation in the field of energy-related research
- Risk analysis of energy supply for ASEM members
- Implications in international relations of ASEM energy security
- Facilitation of energy-related investments and technology transfer among ASEM members
- Possibility of articulation of a longer-term ASEM energy security strategy

## **Outcomes envisaged**

The aim of the workshop is to identify the main issues that would enable Europe and Asia to enhance cooperation in the field of energy security and to identify cooperative opportunities in this regard. In addition, the workshop would create a network of specialists working on energy-related topics to facilitate future discussions on these issues.

## **Practical arrangements**

The workshop will be held in Helsinki, Finland, on Thursday 8 June 2006. The organisers – the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and the Center for International Energy Security at the School of International Studies at Renmin University of China – will draw up a detailed workshop programme and invite all the participants and speakers. It is envisaged that half of the twenty participants will be invited from Asian, and the other half from European ASEM countries. In addition, seating at the workshop will be provided for a limited number of observers. The Finnish Institute of International Affairs will be responsible for all practical arrangements regarding the travel and accommodation details of the participants, as well as the venue of the event.



**REGISTRATION FORM**

To be returned as soon as possible

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International Workshop in Helsinki, 08 June 2006.

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