

ASEM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE

(AS OF 18 JUNE 2012)

PROGRAMME

of

THE FIRST ASEM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF WATER IN SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

(Showcase of the Danube Region Strategy and the Greater Mekong Subregion: Initiative for co-operation and comprehensive interaction among regional development strategies)

Date of the event: 20-22 June, 2012
Location: Budapest, Hungary
Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary
H-1027 Budapest, Bem rkp. 47.

Wednesday (20 June, 2012): on the Eve of the Conference

1830-2030hrs **Welcome Dinner Reception**
(Venue: on the Board of 'Zsófia' River Cruising Boat on the Danube river)
Departure from Battyhány tér Pier (Walking distance from the hotels, escort will be provided.)

Thursday (21 June, 2012)

0800-00845hrs **Registration** (*security screening*)

0900-1030hrs **OPENING SESSION: 'ROLE OF WATER IN SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES'**
Opening Speech by H.E. Mr János Martonyi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary;
Opening Speech by H.E. Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, ASEM SOM Leader for Laos
Chair: Mr János Hóvári, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Hungary)
Keynote speeches (20 minutes) by
Mr Eugene Nickolov, Prof., D.Sc., Vice President, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Bulgaria)
Mr Nguyen Quoc Dzung, Director-General of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Viet Nam)

1030-1100hrs **Coffee break**

1100-1230hrs **SESSION 2: 'ROLE OF WATER MANAGEMENT IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES'**
Chair: Mr Nguyen Quoc Dzung, Director-General of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Viet Nam)
Speech by a European invitee and an Asian invitee (20-20 minutes) by
Dr. Zoltán Illés, Minister of State for Environmental Affairs (Hungary)
Mr Peng Qinghui, Assistant to Secretary General, ASEM Water Resources Research and Development Center (China)
Speech by an Asian and a European invitee (15-15 minutes) by
Mr Ounakone Xayviliya, Acting Director, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Laos)
Mr Baboianu Grigore, Executive Director, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority (Romania)
Debate, questions and answers (20 minutes)

- 1300-1400hrs Luncheon (Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, Foyer)**
- 1400-1530hrs** **SESSION 3: 'SUBREGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES ALONG TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASINS: THE SHOWCASE OF THE DANUBE REGION STRATEGY AND THE GREATER MEKONG SUBREGION'**
Chair: Mr Gabriel Gafita, Director of Asia-Pacific and Latin America Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Romania)
Speech by an Asian invitee and a European invitee (20-20 minutes) by
Ms. Etelka Barsiné Pataky, President, Chamber of Hungarian Engineers (Hungary)
Ms Nuanlaor Wongpinitwarodom, Policy and Planning Analyst, Senior Professional Level, Department of Water Resources Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Thailand)
Speech by a European invitee and an Asian invitee (15-15 minutes) by
Ms Neli Mutafova, Chief Expert, Ministry of Environment and Water (Bulgaria)
Mr Kraichitti Krit Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand in Budapest (Thailand)
Debate, questions and answers (20 minutes)
- 1530-1600hrs Coffee break**
- 1600-1730hrs** **CLOSING SESSION: CO-OPERATION OF ASIA AND EUROPE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
Chair: Mr Szabolcs Takács, Director General of the Asia-Pacific Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Hungary)
Presenting conclusions and proposals from the working sessions:
Ms Nguyen Bich Thuy, Deputy Director-General Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Vietnam)
Mr Gheorghe Magheru, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Romania)
Closing remarks by the host of the Conference:
Mr Balázs Medgyesy, Government Commissioner for the Danube Region Strategy (Hungary)
- 1730-1900hrs Danube Flow – “civil society and the Danube” – outdoor event on the river bank of the Danube**
- Friday (22 June, 2012)**
- 0900-1600hrs Study tour to the Headquarters of Regional Environmental Center (REC) in Szentendre by boat including a visit to the Danube Bend with the scenic cities of Visegrad and Szentendre. (Lunch will be provided on board)**