



ASIA-EUROPE MEETING

**ASEM SEMINAR ON WATER AND RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT
A GREEN GROWTH APPROACH**
(Can Tho City, Viet Nam, 21 – 22 March 2013)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 20 March 2013

- 15:00 – 21:00 Registration
 Venue: Lobby, Van Phat Hotel
- 19:00 – 20:30 **Welcoming Dinner Hosted by ASEM SOM Leader for Viet Nam
 Amb. Nguyen Nguyet Nga**
 Venue: Thuy Ta Restaurant, Van Phat Hotel

Thursday, 21 March 2013

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
 Venue: Foyer of Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
- 09:00 – 09:40 **OPENING CEREMONY**
- **Welcoming Remarks by H.E. Mr. Bui Thanh Son, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam**
 - **Opening Speech by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of Viet Nam**
 - **Remarks by H.E. Mr. Szabolcs Takács, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary**
 - **Remarks by H.E. Mr. Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, ASEM SOM Leader for Lao PDR**
- Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
- 09:40 – 09:50 **Photo Session**
- 09:50 – 10:00 Coffee break
- 10:00 – 12:00 **PLENARY SESSION I:
 WATER RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
 Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
- Chair:
 Prof. Eugene Nikolov, General Secretary, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- 10:00 – 10:30 Guest Speakers:
- **H.E. Mr. Nguyen Minh Quang, Minister for Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam**
 - **Ms. Victoria Kwakwa, World Bank's Country Director for Viet Nam**

- 10:30 – 11:15 Presentations:
- **Addressing the Scientific Challenges of Water Policies**
Mr. Wouter van de Bund, Joint Research Center, European Commission
 - **Objectives of the European Strategy for the Danube Region**
Ms. Manuela Elisabeta Sidoroff, Director-General, National Institute of R&D for Biological Researches, Romania
 - **Water Management and Green Growth**
Mr. Jin Soo Hwang, Director, Overseas Business Department, Korea Water Resource Corporation
- 11:15 – 12:00 Discussion
- 12:00 – 13:30 Buffet Lunch
Venue: Restaurant 1, Van Phat Hotel
- 13:30 – 15:30 **PLENARY SESSION II:**
WATER, FOOD AND ENERGY – STRIKING THE BALANCE
Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
Chair:
H.E. Mr. Szabolcs Takacs, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary
- 13:30 – 13:45 Guest Speaker:
Mr. Hans Guttman, Chief Executive Officer, Mekong River Commission Secretariat
- 13:45 – 14:45 Presentations:
- **Balancing Different Interests for Development in Trans-boundary Waters**
Mr. Nandan Singh Samant, Joint Secretary to the Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, India
 - **Best Practices from European and French River Basin Management: High Points of French Water Cooperation in Asia**
Mr. Jean-Francois Donzier, General Director, International Office for Water, France
 - **Water Management for Sustainable Development**
Mr. Hoang Van Bay, Director-General, Department of Water Resources Management, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam
- 14:45 – 15:30 Discussion
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 – 17:30 **PLENARY SESSION III:**
WATER AND LIVELIHOOD
Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
Chair:
Mr. Chaiporn Siripornpibul, Deputy Director-General, Department of Water Resource, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand

15:45 – 16:00 Guest Speaker:
H.E. Mr. Peter Kovacs, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

16:00 – 16:45 Presentations:

- **Response to Water Pollution**
Dr. Giancarlo Pedrini, Vice President, Italian Development Cooperation
- **River Basin Planning and Management**
Mrs. Bouangeun Oudomchith, Deputy Director-General, Water Resources Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR
- **River Basin Management – A Reflection of Experience**
Mr. Farid Selmi, German International Cooperation
- **Integrated Water Resources Management in Indonesia**
Mrs. Vonny Cultum Setiawati, Head of Data and Information Bureau, Jasa Tirta I Public Corporation, Indonesia

16:45 – 17:30 Discussion

18:30 – 21:00 **GALA DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. MR. NGUYEN THANH SON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF CAN THO CITY, H.E. MR. BUI THANH SON, VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND H.E. MR. NGUYEN THAI LAI, VICE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

Venue: Hoa Su Restaurant

Transportation to be provided

Friday, 22 March 2013

07:30 – 11:00 **Field trip to Hau River Embankment Project and My Khanh Eco Farm**
Transportation to be provided

12:00 – 13:30 Buffet Lunch
Venue: Restaurant 1, Van Phat Hotel

13:30 – 15:30 **PLENARY SESSION IV:**
ENHANCING ASIA – EUROPE COOPERATION IN SUSTAINING WATER RESOURCES
Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel

Chair:

Mr. Gabriel Gafita, ASEM SOM Leader for Romania

13:30 – 13:45 Guest Speaker:
Prof. Brahma Chellaney, Center for Policy Research, India

13:45 – 14:45 Presentations:

- **Public – Private Partnership in Water Management**
Mr. Martien Beek, Royal Dutch Embassy in Viet Nam
- **International Cooperation on Water Resources**
Mr. Zhong Yong, Division Director, Ministry of Water Resources, China

- **Integrating Different Levels and Sectors**

Ms. Lilla Makkay, Director-General, Department of International Cooperation,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

- **Water and Regional Connectivity**

- Mr. Chaiporn Siripornpibul, Deputy Director-General, Department of Water
Resource, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand

- **Trans-boundary River Basin Management**

H.E. Mr. Peter Kovacs, International Commission for the Protection
of the Danube River

14:45 – 15:30

Discussion

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee break

15:45 – 16:15

ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

Co - Chairs: Viet Nam, Hungary, Lao PDR, Romania, Bulgaria and Thailand

16:15 – 16:45

CLOSING SESSION

- **Remarks by Mr. Gabriel Gafita, ASEM SOM Leader for Romania**

- **Closing Remarks by Dr. Le Duc Trung, Director-General, Viet Nam
National Mekong Committee, Ministry of Natural Resources and
Environment of Viet Nam**