



ASIA-EUROPE MEETING

**ASEM HIGH-LEVEL MEETING  
ON DISASTER PREVENTION AND RELIEF IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE  
“Strengthening Asia-Europe Cooperation for  
Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development”  
Grand Plaza Hotel, Hanoi - Viet Nam, 18-19 November 2013**

**PROGRAMME**

**Monday, 17 November 2013**

Morning/Afternoon Arrival of Delegates

**Monday, 18 November 2013**

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

**09.00 – 09.40 OPENING CEREMONY**

- **Welcoming Remarks by H.E. Mr. Cao Duc Phat,**  
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam
- **Remarks by Mr. Claus Sorensen,**  
Director-General of DG-ECHO, European Commission
- **Remarks by Mr. Tri Budiarto,**  
Deputy Chairman of the National Emergency of Disaster Management, Indonesia
- **Opening Speech by H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh,**  
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam

**09.40 – 09.50 Photo Session**

09.50 – 10.00 Coffee break

**10.00 – 12.00 PLENARY SESSION I: DISASTER RISK MITIGATION AND POST-2015  
DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

Chair: Mr. Joop Scheffers, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Viet Nam

Guest Speaker:

**International Strategy Towards a Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk  
Reduction**

Ms. Pratibha Mehta, UN Resident Coordinator to Viet Nam

- **Reducing Disaster Risk to Eradicate Poverty in the Post-2015 Development  
Agenda**  
Mr. Jiang Zaidong, Counselor of the Embassy of China
- **Building Community Resilience – A Priority in Future Disaster Risk  
Reduction** – Mr. Farid Selmi, GIZ, Germany
- **Integration of Disaster Risk into Sustainable Development Policies**  
Mr. Akihiro Shimasaki, Deputy Director, International Affairs Office, River  
Planning Division, Water and Disaster Management Bureau, Ministry of Land,  
Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan

- **Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy in View of an Unknowable Future**  
Tom Kompier, First Secretary Water Sector, the Netherlands

11:30 – 12:00

Discussion

12.00 – 13.30

Lunch

13.30 – 15.15

**PLENARY SESSION II: BRIDGING RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Akhom Tounalom, Vice Minister for Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR

- **Multi-hazard Integrated Risk Assessment**  
Mr. Kovacs Karoly, Vice President of ASEM Water, President of Hungarian Water Cluster
- **Disaster and Climate Risk Assessment for Planning and Decision Making**  
Dr. Nguyen Thi Hien Thuan, Viet Nam Institute of Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam
- **Real Time Early Warning Systems**  
Mr. Giancarlo Maria Pedrini, Vice President, Computer Applications Engineering SpA, Italy
- **Research for Disaster Response and Preparedness**  
Mr. Matsuki Hirotada, JICA Expert in Viet Nam
- **Building Climate Resilience in the Context of Urban Disaster Risk Reduction**  
Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Huy, ISET

14.30 – 15.15

Discussion

15.15 – 15.30

Coffee break

15.30 – 17.15

**PLENARY SESSION III: INNOVATIONS IN BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENCE**

Chair: Mr. John Nielsen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark

- **Community Civil Protection and Resiliency at the Local Level**  
Mr. Adrej Motyl, Ambassador of Switzerland
- **Accounting for Disaster Losses, Modeling Risk and Making Better Use of Risk Information for Disaster and Climate Proof Investments**  
Mr. Michele Cochigila, Regional Programme Officer, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **Implementing a Shared Responsibility for Building Disaster Resilience**  
Ms. Samantha Ward, Director of the Disaster Resilience Policy Section, Attorney-Generals' Department, Australia
- **A Satellite based Telecommunication Platform in Support of Humanitarian Operations**  
Ms. Aurelie Klein, Attaches, Embassy of Luxembourg in Viet Nam
- **Community-based Disaster Risk Management Policy**  
Mr. Nguyen Huynh Quang, Disaster Management Center, Viet Nam
- **Space Technology to Strengthen National Disaster Management Efforts**  
Ms. Juanjuan Han, UNSPIDER

16.45 – 17.15

Discussion

18.30 - 20.30

**Gala Dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Cao Duc Phat, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam**

**Tuesday, 19 November 2013**

08.30 – 10.30

**PLENARY SESSION IV: CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN ASIA AND EUROPE**

Chair: Mr. Nguyen Huu Phuc, Director, Disaster Management Center, Viet Nam

- **Advancing the Agenda of Disaster Risk Reduction in Regional Cooperation and Development – the Experience of Europe**  
Mr. Yves Dussart, Principal Administrator of the Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection - ECHO
- **Regional and Sub-regional Cooperation on Disaster Risk Reduction**  
Mr. K. Candra Negara, Deputy Director, Directorate of America and Europe Inter-regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- **Areas to Foster Cooperation Between Asia and Europe in Disaster Risk Management**  
Mr. Aslam Perwaiz, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 11.15

**ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT**

**All Co-sponsors:** Viet Nam, Lao PDR, Indonesia, EC, Germany, Pakistan, Denmark, the Netherlands and the Philippines

11.15 – 12.00

**CLOSING SESSION**

- **Remarks by H.E. Mr. Le Quoc Doanh,**  
Vice Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam
- **Remarks by Ms. Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson,**  
Foreign Affairs Assistant Secretary, ASEM SOM Leader for the Philippines

12.00 – 13.30

Lunch

14.00 – 17.00

Field trip to Hoa Binh Hydro-Electric Plant *ak*

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