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**„The ASEM Process.
From information sharing to common policies
between Europe and Asia?
Overcoming the complexity of an enlarged
inter-governmental forum”**

**Roundtable conference hosted by the
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung “Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy”
and the Asia Europe Foundation**

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Avenue de l'Yser 11, 1040 Bruxelles**

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Context:

The Kingdom of Belgium will host the next ASEM Summit of Heads of State and Government (ASEM 8) in Brussels on October 4 and 5, 2010. Thirteen years after the launch of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and with the recent addition of Russia and Australia, the informal dialogue process now involves 45 countries that represent more than half the world's GDP and two regional institutions, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat. More countries may be lining up. Political interest to join the ASEM process must be seen as an indication of ASEM's success, but ASEM's enlarged – and growing – constituency also means that it is facing a wider range of issues in a world of increasing complexity.

To contribute to the preparation of the ASEM Summit in Brussels, the Asia-Europe Foundation, the Federal Public Service for Foreign Affairs of Belgium and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung are organizing an ASEM Outlook Workshop. Representatives and experts of Asia and Europe will examine key issues of ASEM's functionality and efficiency, and try to forecast emergent issues that could influence a future ASEM dialogue agenda.

On the eve of this ASEM Outlook Workshop, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the Asia-Europe Foundation invite you to a Briefing and Roundtable about the actual preparation of the ASEM summit and a discussion about the results and prospects of the ASEM process.

Programme

17:00 hrs

Welcome and Introduction:

Ms Andrea E. Ostheimer de Sosa

Programme Director,
“Multinational Dialogue on Development Policy”,
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, European Office, Brussels

Ms Sol Iglesias

Director of Intellectual Exchange
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

17:15 hrs

Key note Speech:

Mr Boguslaw Majewski (invited)

Head of Unit Task Force Asia, Policy planning and early warning unit,
Council of the European Union

17:30 hrs

Panelists:

H. E. Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrughe

ASEM Senior Official for Belgium
Head of Task Force ASEM VIII
General Directorate for Bilateral Relations B1.5
Federal Public Service for Foreign Affairs, External Trade and
Development Cooperation, Belgium

H. E. Ambassador Dominique Girard

Executive Director
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

H.E. Ambassador Yong-Kyu Park

ASEM Senior Official
Professor, Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea

Dr Yeo Lay Hwee

Director, European Union Centre,
Singapore

Ms Melissa H. Conley Tyler

National Executive Director,
Australian Institute of International Affairs,
Australia

18:15 hrs

Questions and answers

19:00 hrs

Closing remarks

Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister

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Practical Information:

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