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Conference Programme





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Programme at a glance

Date	Time	Content
Tuesday 25th May 2010	Upon arrival–all day	Registration of participants on arrival at hotel
	19.00 – 21:00	Welcome Reception hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and the European Commission
Wednesday 26th May 2010	08.30 – 09.00	Registration
	09.00 – 10.00	Opening Statements
	10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break
	10.30 – 12.30	Panel 1: The Future of Asia-Europe Cooperation for Sustainable Development
	12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
	14.00 – 15.30	Panel 2: Climate Change and Low Carbon Development
	15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
	16.00 – 17.30	Panel 3: The Contribution of Social Cohesion to Sustainable Development
Thursday 27th May 2010	19.00	Dinner hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia
	09.00 – 10.30	Panel 4: the Role of Policy Coherence in Sustainable Development
	10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
	11.00 – 13.00	Closing Session on draft statement
	13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
	14:30 – 17:30	Site Visits – Cultural Villages and SME's in the area hosted by the Republic of Indonesia

Wednesday 26 May 2010

09.00 – 10.00 OPENING STATEMENTS

Chairs

- Mr Reslan Izhar Jenie, Director General, Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- Mr. Koos Richelle, Director General, EuropeAid Cooperation Office

Speakers

- Mr. Andris Piebalgs, EC Commissioner for Development
- Prof. Dr. Armida S. Alisjahbana, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia

10.30 – 12.30 PANEL 1: THE FUTURE OF ASIA-EUROPE COOPERATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The rationale for sustainable development remains as strong as ever – it is a cross-cutting issue addressing today's major global challenges – climate change, economic growth, and social stability. Much of the cooperation on development issues has been around financing for development, the "aid effectiveness" agenda, and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). But it is increasingly the case that development cooperation should be seen as going beyond aid and raising issues related to global challenges – trade, finance, climate change, security, migration, for example. Furthermore, many changes are taking place in the world, particularly in Asia, which has experienced rapid growth accompanied by increased cooperation and assistance among developing countries.

Given this context, what are the implications for Asia-Europe partnership on sustainable development? How should aid be used? What is the benefit of triangular cooperation between developed, emerging, and developing countries? What are the main issues for partnership that go "beyond aid"? Do we need to rethink cooperation for sustainable development between Asia and Europe?

Chair

- Mr. Lukita Dinarsyah Tuwo, Vice Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia

Speaker

- Mr. Simon Maxwell, Former Director of the Overseas Development Institute, UK

Speakers and Panel Discussants

- Olga Algayerová, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic
- Ambassador Wang Xuexian, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China
- Bertrand Fort, Directorate General of Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
- Mr. Sim Vireak, Assistant to the Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Cambodia

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14.00 – 15.30 PANEL 2: CLIMATE CHANGE AND LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT

The tensions between development objectives driven by increased growth and climate change are evident and often discussed. At the heart of addressing the tensions over economic development and climate change is the need to move towards a low-carbon/green economy, so that increasing standards of living can be met without the damaging consequences of global warming.

In this context, what are the main international objectives that will need to be met to ensure low carbon growth? How can Asia and Europe contribute to this overall approach? What innovations are needed to ensure low-carbon growth? Do we need a new paradigm to address these issues? How should we plan and design systems that will deliver on a low-carbon economy?

Chair

- Dr. Leena Srivastava, Executive Director, The Energy and Resource Institute, India

Speakers

- Dr. Dirk Messner, Director, German Development Institute

- Liana Bratasida, Assistant Minister for Global Environmental Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment of Indonesia

16.00 – 17.30 PANEL 3: THE CONTRIBUTION OF SOCIAL COHESION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The economic crisis has brought the issue of social cohesion to the forefront of international cooperation. Many issues come under the heading of social cohesion, in particular the issues of social protection schemes (unemployment insurance, retirement schemes, social safety nets, for example), and the manner in which „structural funds“ can promote regional development. Both Asian and European countries have experience to share in this area. In this context, what are the different policy challenges faced by Asia and Europe? What is Asia's and Europe's experience with measures to address social cohesion through social protection schemes and regional development? In what way is social cohesion relevant for development cooperation between Asia and Europe?

Chair

- Mr. Graham Meadows, Special Advisor to European Commissioner responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and former EC Director General for Regional Policy

Speakers

- Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairman Centre of Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh

- Dr. Xiulan Zhang, Dean and Professor of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University



Thursday 27 May 2010

09.00 – 10.30 PANEL 4: THE ROLE OF POLICY COHERENCE IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Almost all policy decisions taken in developed and developing countries have effects on the ability of other countries to achieve sustainable development. It is therefore important that these policy decisions do not undermine sustainable development objectives. The EU has for many years promoted policy coherence and has recently resolved to give new impetus to the process by focusing on a number of priority areas – trade and finance, climate change, food security, migration, and security.

In this context, what is Asia's and Europe's thinking on ensuring policy coherence? Why has policy in this area proved so hard to implement? How can Asia and Europe go about ensuring that policy coherence is addressed in a more effective and strategic manner? Should attention be focused on a few key areas?

Chair

- Mr. Torgny Holmgren, Deputy Director General, Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Speakers

- Dr. Dirk Willem te Velde, Head of Programmes, Overseas Development Institute, UK

- Mr. Nguyen Minh Vu, Deputy Director-General, Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam

11.00 – 13.00 CLOSING SESSION ON DRAFT STATEMENT

Chairs

- Mr. Koos Richelle, Director General, EuropeAid Cooperation Office

- Dian Wirengjurit, Director for Intra Regional Cooperation for America and Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia

Speakers

- Ambassador Bertrand de Crombrughe, Head of Task Force ASEM 8 Summit, Kingdom of Belgium

- Discussion on draft statement



Speaker and Chair Biographies

Opening Statements

Prof. Dr. Armida S. Alisjahbana

State Minister of National Development Planning / Head of National Development Planning Agency, Republic of Indonesia



Prof. Alisjahbana held position as State Minister of National Development Planning since October 2009. Born in Bandung, Indonesia in August 16th, 1960, Prof. Armida dedicated most of her life as academia with specialization in economics. After receiving her Bachelor of Economic degree from University of Indonesia in 1985, she continued to enhance her study in the US where she earned her Master of Arts from Northwestern University and PhD degree at University of Washington. Prof. Armida started her career as lecturer in Faculty of Economics-University of Padjajaran in Bandung-Indonesia. She soon promoted in various important position in the faculty including Head of Department of Economics, Head of Center for Population Research and Human Resource, Head of Research Laboratory and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs. Prof. Armida's research interests have been in the area of economics of education, labor economics and public economics. As a member of the International Advisory Board of the Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies and member of Council Fellows of the East Asian Economic Association, her writing has extensively published in national and international economic journals. Prior to her appointment as Minister, Prof. Armida has been involved in various research projects and consultants to the United Nations Institute for Advanced Study in Tokyo, the World Bank, ADB, AusAID, the EC and ILO. She has assumed various advisory roles to the many government central agencies such as: Ministry of Finance, Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs, National Development Planning Agency and Ministry of Manpower. At the time being, besides her official duty as State Minister, Prof. Armida also holds position as President of the Indonesian Regional Science Association.

Commissioner Andris Piebalgs

Commissioner for Development, European Commission



Mr. Piebalgs was appointed the European Commissioner for Development in early 2010. After graduating in Physics from the University of Latvia in 1980, he began his career as a teacher and headmaster. In 1988 he moved to a government role at the Latvian Ministry of Education, eventually being appointed Minister in 1990. Mr. Piebalgs then served one year as a member of national parliament before taking on the role of Minister for Finance in 1994. His international career began in 1995, with his appointment as the Latvian Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia. A position as the Ambassador to the EU followed soon after in 1998, eventually leading him to join the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Deputy Secretary of State, responsible for Latvia's relations with the EU. Joining the Commission in 2004, he worked as the Head of Cabinet for the first Latvian Commissioner Kalniete. As Commissioner for Energy from 2004-2009, Mr. Piebalgs was instrumental in propelling EU energy issues into the centre of EU policy-making. He enjoyed much recognition for his pioneering work in the area, receiving honours such as the Economist magazine's „Eurocrat of the Year“ title in 2007, and in 2009 „Diamond Prize“ from the Regional Chamber of Commerce in Katowice (Poland) as well as the Energy Efficiency Global Forum's Energy Efficiency Visionary Award.

Mr. Koos Richelle

Director General, EuropeAid Co-operation Office, European Commission



Mr. Richelle has been the Director General of EuropeAid Cooperation Office since 2003. Born in Bandung, Indonesia, he graduated in Dutch Constitutional and Public Law from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam in 1972. He started his career with the Government of the Netherlands where he worked for the Ministry of Education and Sciences from 1972 to 1981 in various functions. He was appointed the Director General of the Ministry of Welfare and Health in 1987, following a period working for the City of Leiden. In 1995, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director-General for International Cooperation, where his portfolio included development cooperation and international cultural relations. From 2000–2001, Mr. Richelle served in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour as the Project Director-General for the Change Management in the field of Social Security. He started working with the European Commission in 2001, as Director General of DG Development.

Panel 1: The future of Asia-Europe Cooperation for Sustainable Development

Dr. Ir. Lukita Dinarsyah Tuwo, MA

Vice Minister of National Development Planning/ Vice Chairman of National Development Planning Agency, Republic of Indonesia



Lukita Dinarsyah Tuwo held position as Vice Minister of National Development Planning since January 2010. Born in Bandung, Indonesia in September 25th, 1961, Lukita dedicated most of his life at BAPPENAS. After receiving his Bachelor degree on Industrial Engineering from Bandung Institut of Technology in 1985, he continued to enhance his study in United States where he earned his Master Degree from Canderblit University, Nashville and PhD degree at University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Both degree in Economics. Lukita started his career as staff of Production Plan at Elida Gibbs Division PT Unilever Indonesia for 2 years. Then he joined BAPPENAS at bureau for Macroeconomic Planning and Quantitive Study Affairs. He soon promoted in various important position in the Bappenas such as: Director for Balance of Payment and International Economic Cooperation Affairs and the very last was as the Deputy Minister of National Development Planning for Development Funding Affairs. Prior to his appointment as Vice Minister, Lukita has been involved in various activity in financial Sector such as Secretary of the Secretariat for Financial Sector Policy Committee and as lecturer to the Univerisity of Indonesia for Ph.D Program and to University of Bina Nusantara for Master Degree Program. At the time being, besides his official duty as Vice Minister, Lukita also the hold position as Commissioner and Chairman of Renumeration Committee of the Permata Bank and Vice President Commissioner of PT. Tuban Pacific Petrochemical Indotama.

Mr. Simon Maxwell

Senior Research Associate / Former Director, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom



Mr. Maxwell was the Director of ODI from 1997-2009. He is an economist who began his career working overseas, first in Kenya and India for the UN Development Program, and then in Bolivia for the UK Overseas Development Administration. He holds a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University and an MA in Development Economics from the University of Sussex. Before joining ODI, Mr. Maxwell spent 16 years at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, latterly as Programme Manager for Poverty, Food Security and the Environment. He has written extensively on poverty, food security, agricultural development and aid, and his current research interests also include development policy, linking relief and development, global governance and bridging research and policy. He was President of the Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland from 2001 - 2005 and was awarded a CBE in 2007, for services to international development. Mr. Maxwell is a forum fellow of the World Economic Forum.

Ms. Ol'ga Algayerová

State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic



Ms. Algayerová has served as the Slovak State Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2006. As a student of the University of Economics of Bratislava, she majored in International Trade, and later continued her education from 2004-2006 at the Open University Business School of London. From 1982 she worked as Deputy Director of the Commercial Department of Drevounia - Foreign Trade Company in Bratislava, going on in 1991 to become Head of Office in the Slovak Republic of the Czech Subsidiary of the Spanish company Compensacion y Comercio S.A.. Two years as the CEO of Transtrade, s.r.o followed until Ms. Algayerová joined Slovakofarma, a.s. in 1995. There she served variously as Head of the Export Division and Adviser to the Director General on Finances & Taxation, until in 2004 she took on the role of Head of the Export Division at Zentiva International, Hlohovec. Ms. Algayerová has varied linguistic skills, and is a speaker of English, German, Russian and Spanish.

Bertrand Fort

Advisor at General Directorate for Global affairs, Development and Partnerships, Ministry of Foreign and European affairs, France



Mr. Fort has been the Advisor at the General Directorate for Global affairs, Development and Partnerships, Ministry of Foreign and European affairs of France since September 2008. He is a graduate of Economics from Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne University, in Communication and Information from Paris II Assas and Sociology and Organisations from Science Po, Paris. Starting out as Assistant to a member of the French Parliament, he went on to become the Deputy-Counsellor for Press relations for the Defence Minister from 1989-1990. He was also a researcher on Asian topics and Defence Affairs at the Institut des Relations Internationales et Stratégiques (IRIS) and concurrently Communication Chief in the French Parliament (1991-1997). In June 1996, he went to a year-long sabbatical as a journalist through Asian and South American countries. He co-funded "L'Asie Magazine" from 1997 to 1998. In October 1998, Mr. Fort joined the staff of the Foreign Affairs Minister, M. Hubert Védrine, where he was the Counsellor for Political Affairs in charge of Parliamentarians (French and European) Relations, think-tanks and political foundations from 1998-2002. During this time, he was also post-graduate lecturer on International affairs at Science Po Paris and Lille. In 2002, he served on the delegation of Humanitarian Affairs as a Senior Advisor, where he also became Director of the Intellectual Exchange Department at the Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF) and launched several key programs (Asia Europe Dialogue of Cultures and Civilisations; Asia Europe Environment Forum; European Studies in Asia-EsIA). In February 2006, ASEF's Board of Governors elected him Deputy Executive Director. At this post, he supervised all ASEF business including finance, human resource, program co-ordination, communication and represented ASEF to international forums and to Asian and European Governments

Panel 2: Climate Change and Low Carbon Development

Dr. Leena Srivastava

Executive Director, The Energy and Resource Institute, India



Leena Srivastava is currently the Executive Director, TERI, New Delhi – an independent not-for-profit research institution working in the areas of energy, environment and sustainable development. In her 26+ years of experience at TERI she has worked on a range of issues covering energy and environment policy/planning, energy economics and climate change. Dr Srivastava held additional charge as Dean, Faculty of Policy and Planning, TERI University from June 2000 – June 2008. She has a PhD. in Energy Economics from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India and has a number of publications to her credit. She is on the Editorial Boards of various international journals dealing with energy and environment issues. Dr Srivastava is a member of the Advisory Group on Energy and Climate of the UN Secretary General; Member, International Advisory Panel, Global Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Institute, Member, ESMAP Expert Panel on Sustainable Energy Supply, Poverty Reduction and Climate Change: an Independent Director on Reliance Infrastructure Ltd.; Member of the International Public Policy Advisory Board (IPPAB), The Coca Cola Company; Member, Board of Directors, Meridian Institute; Member of the Foresight Advisory Council of Suez Environment and Member, Council of Advisors for Fraunhofer India. She was a member of the Expert Committee to formulate India's Energy Policy, Planning Commission, Government of India and Member, National Security Advisory Board, Government of India. She serves on the research advisory councils of various academic institutions of international repute. She was a Co-ordinating Lead Author for Working Group III of the Third Assessment Report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and cross-cutting theme Anchor on "Sustainable Development" for the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC.

Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner

Director, German Development Institute



Dr. Messner has been the Director of the German Development Institute since 2003. He also currently serves as Vice Chair of the German Advisory Council on Global Change to the German Federal Government and as Professor of Political Science at the University of Duisburg-Essen. After completing his thesis in 1995 on international competitiveness and social governance at the Free University of Berlin, he worked as Academic Director of the Institute of Development and Peace at the University of Duisburg-Essen until 2003. Following a second thesis in 2002, he was appointed Adjunct Professor for Political Science at the Faculty of Economics and Social Science of the Free University of Berlin. In 2003, he joined the faculty at the Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich as Professor for International Political Economy. Dr. Messner has worked as a consultant for various bi- and multilateral agencies, including the EU, the German Foreign Ministry, the World Bank, the OECD and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. He is Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and of the Center for International Development and Environmental Research at the Justus-Liebig University, Göttingen. He sits as a Member on the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development.

Panel 3: The Contribution of Social Cohesion to Sustainable Development

Mr. Graham Meadows

Former Director General, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

Special Advisor to European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion



Mr. Meadows is Special Advisor to Commissioner László Andor, the member of the European Commission responsible for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. He joined the Commission in 1975 as a member of the Agricultural Policy Unit of DG Agriculture. He was Adviser on agriculture, fisheries and environment to Commission President Thorn, going on to serve as Head of Cabinet to the Commissioner for Environment Policy, Nuclear Safety and Transport. After 1989 Mr. Meadows worked for the Directorate General of Regional Policy in a number of positions, where his portfolio included responsibility for the economic reconstruction of industrial and rural regions, directing policy in the UK, Germany, France, Italy and Greece, and coordinating policy for the EU's ultra-peripheral regions. He became Director General, responsible for the direction and management of European Regional Policy, in 2003, retiring from that post in 2006. From 2007 to 2010, he served as Special Advisor to Mr. Vladimir Spidla, the former European Commissioner for Social Policy. He is an Honorary Professor in the School of City and Regional Planning at the University of Cardiff and a Practitioner Fellow in the European Research Institute at the University of Sussex.

Prof. Rehman Sobhan

Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh



Prof. Rehman Sobhan is the founder and Chairman of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh. After graduating from Cambridge University with an MA in Economics, Prof. Sobhan began his working career at the faculty of Economics of Dhaka University, retiring from the position of Professor of Economics in 1977. He has worked variously as the Chairman, Research Director, Director General and Emeritus Fellow of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, the Executive Director of the South Asian Centre for Policy Studies and as a Visiting Fellow at Oxford, Columbia and Harvard Universities. In 1991, he was a Member of the Advisory Council of the President of Bangladesh, in charge of the Ministry of Planning and the Economic Relations Division. In 1971, he was appointed Envoy Extraordinary with special responsibility for Economic Affairs by the Government of Bangladesh. He has worked as President of the Bangladesh Economic Association and has served as a Member of numerous distinguished bodies and committees, including the UN Committee for Development Planning, the Board of the United Nations University, Tokyo, the Commission for a New Asia and the Executive Committee of the International Economic Association. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Grameen Bank. He is currently Chairman of the Pratichi Trust set up by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen. Prof. Sobhan has published 27 books, 15 research monographs and 140 articles in professional journals. His latest work, *Challenging the Injustice of Poverty: Agendas for Inclusive Development in South Asia*, is under publication by Sage Publications.

Dr. Xiulan Zhang

Dean and Professor, School of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University, China



Prof. Xiulan Zhang is a Professor and Dean of the School of Social Development and Public Policy, Beijing Normal University, where she teaches public organisational theories, public finance, social problems and social policy in China, as well as research methods. She obtained her Ph.D in social welfare from the University of California at Berkeley, USA. Currently she is the national lead expert in social assistance, and a member of various academic advisory committees on the issue. She is the director of Social Safety Net Research Base of the Ministry of Education, the vice-president of the China Social Welfare Association (CSWA), as well as the vice-president of the National Social Policy Association in China and is on the Expert Committee of the State Council Urban Resident Health Insurance Evaluation Commission, China. She has conducted research projects in the areas of social protection, social safety nets, social welfare, community participation, urban and rural medical aid programs, long term care, poverty and illness, early child care and education, health care and housing issue of the migrant populations, child protection and child poverty. She has consulted to the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, UNICEF, UK Department for International Development, the Ford Foundation, and other agencies.

Panel 4: The role of Policy Coherence in Sustainable Development

Mr. Torgny Holmgren

Deputy Director General, Development Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden



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As Deputy Director-General and Head of Department for Development Policy at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Holmgren is responsible for the Swedish policy for global development, development assistance policies and research on global development issues. He is also Head Secretary (2002-2006) of the Expert Group on Development Issues (EGDI), an international group of researchers and policy-makers producing reports on global development topics. He is an economist from Stockholm School of Economics and has also worked at the Swedish Ministry of Finance. He worked at the World Bank in Washington DC 1995-2000, at the Board of Directors and in the Research Department. He managed and edited the book „Aid and Reform in Africa“ and has also written about Country-led Partnership. He was vice chair of OECD Development Assistance Committee in 2001. In 2001-2002 he worked for the Parliamentary Commission on a new Swedish policy for global development. He has been active in international commissions like the Commission on Climate Change and Development, and the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor. He worked for Sida (Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency) in East Africa in the 1980s and has country experience from Africa, South East Asia and Eastern Europe.

Dr. Dirk Willem te Velde

Head of Programmes, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom



Dr. te Velde is the programme leader of the Investment and Growth Programme with the Overseas Development Institute. He has a PhD from Birkbeck College, University of London. He has co-ordinated a large and influential study on the effects of the global financial crisis in 11 developing countries involving 50 developed and developing country researchers. He has advised donor agencies, parliaments and multilateral bodies on responses to the global financial crisis. Before that he led research teams providing policy advice on trade, growth and investment in sub-Saharan Africa (e.g. Malawi, Botswana), Asia (e.g. Cambodia) and the Caribbean, worked with business and NGOs, and on state-business relations for the Research Programme Consortium of Institutions and pro-poor growth. He has advised a wide variety of developing countries and UN agencies, as well as the World Bank and the European Commission. He has written and edited four books, 15 journal articles and 20 book chapters related to growth, trade and investment issues.

Mr. Nguyen Minh Vu

Deputy Director General, Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam



Mr. Vu is currently the Deputy Director General of the Policy Planning Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam. After graduating in 1998 with a major in History of International Relations from the Institute of Foreign Relations in Viet Nam, he came out top for the entrance exam to the Foreign Ministry and began work there as a state interpreter. He went on to take up the position of Desk Officer at the Department for Multilateral Economic Cooperation and later became the Head of its Policy Planning Division. In 2002, he won a Chevening scholarship to attend a MSc course on the Politics of the World Economy at the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK. From 2004 to 2007, he was seconded by the Government of Viet Nam to work at the APEC Secretariat in Singapore. There, he was appointed Programme Director of the APEC Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance. Mr. Vu later served as Special Assistant to the APEC Secretariat's Executive Director in Singapore before joining the Policy Planning Department of the Foreign Ministry of Viet Nam in 2007. He is the co-author of numerous research papers and a number of books most notably one on Globalization and Viet Nam's International Economic Integration as well as a columnist for a number of newspapers and websites on international affairs and business governance.

Closing Session on Draft Statement

Mr. Bertrand de Crombrugghe

ASEM Senior Official for Belgium, Head of Task Force ASEM VIII, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belgium



Mr. de Crombrugghe has been Belgium's ASEM Senior Official and Head of the ASEM VIII Task Force since 2009. Following his graduation in Belgium with a Licence in Law, he continued his studies at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, USA, where he received his Masters in International Relations in 1981.

From 1982-1986, Mr. de Crombrugghe practised Law at the Brussels Bar. In 1988 he took up his first position with the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, after completing a two-year diplomatic training programme. This assignment as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy in Tunis was followed in 1989 by his appointment as First Secretary at the Belgian Embassy in Washington. Back in Europe from 1994-1999, he was responsible for transatlantic relations as the Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU. He worked as Advisor to the Director General for Transatlantic relations and multilateral trade negotiations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, before joining the Cabinet of Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Louis Michel. From 2001-2003, Mr. de Crombrugghe served there as the Counsellor in charge of Common Foreign and Security Policy. He took up the role of the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the OSCE in 2003, where he worked until his appointment as Ambassador of Belgium to Moscow from 2008-2009.

