



**4th ASEM DIALOGUE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
ASEM SEMINAR ON STRENGTHENING CONCERTED ACTIONS
ON WATER MANAGEMENT THROUGH POST-2015 AGENDA**

(Ben Tre, Viet Nam, 4 – 5 June 2015)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 3rd June 2015

Morning/Afternoon Arrival of Delegates

19.30 – 21.00 Welcoming dinner hosted by ASEM SOM Leader for Viet Nam Amb. Tran Ngoc An
Venue: Coconut Hotel

Thursday, 4th June 2015

08.00 – 08.30 Registration
Venue: Hoang Gia Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

08.30 – 09.20 OPENING CEREMONY

- Opening Remarks by Amb. Duong Chi Dzung, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Pavel Gudjerov, Deputy Minister of Environment and Water of Bulgaria
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, ASEM SOM Leader for Lao PDR
- Remarks by Ms. Carmen Podgorean, General Director, National Coordinator for EUSDR, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania
- Keynote Address by H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam

Venue: Hoang Gia Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

09.20 – 09.30 Photo Session

09.30 - 09.40 Coffee break

09.40 - 11.30 PLENARY SESSION I – WATER IN THE POST - 2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Venue: Hoang Gia Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

Co - Chairs:

Ms. Carmen Podgorean, General Director, National Coordinator for EUSDR, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

Mr. Nirut Koonphol, Director of Bureau of International Cooperation, Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand

Guest Speakers:

- **Mdme. Josefina Maestu, Coordinator, UN-Water Decade Programme on**

Advocacy and Communication (UNW-DPAC)

Presentations:

- **Major Achievement of 7th World Water Forum**

Mr. Joo il Lee, Director of Global Green Growth Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea.

- **Ensuring resilience of water supply, sanitation and hygiene**

Ambassador Kimmo Lahdevirta, Embassy of Finland in Ha Noi

- **Disaster risk reduction strategy in a view of an unknowable future**

Mr. Simon van der Burg, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Viet Nam

- Mr. Nirut Koonphol, Director of Bureau of International Cooperation, Department of Water Resources of Thailand

- **Post-2015 – Water Resilience in the SDG Goals and Targets**

Mr. Dirk Pauschert, Programme Director of the GIZ Water and Waste Management Programme

- **Water management in the context of climate change: an integrated approach to vulnerable areas**

Anjali Acharya, Environment Sector Coordinator, World Bank

11.00 – 11.30

Discussion

11.30 – 13.00

Buffet Lunch

Venue: Long Phung Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

13:00 – 17:00

PLENARY SESSION II - PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN WATER MANAGEMENT IN ASIA AND EUROPE

Venue: Hoang Gia Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

Co-Chairs:

Assoc. Prof. Mimi Kornazheva, Director of Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Europe Center, University of Ruse, Bulgaria

Dr. Tibor Baloghdi, Consul General, Hungarian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City

Guest Speakers:

- **H.E. Mr. Hoang Van Thang, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam**

Presentations:

- **Lessons learnt and practices of Ben Tre Province in water management**

H.E. Mr. Cao Van Trong, Vice Chairman of the People's Committee of Ben Tre Province

- **Science in support of water disaster warnings and water resources governance in the border areas of Bulgaria**

Prof. Ekaterina Batchvarova, Scientific Secretary of the Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria

- **Integrated water resources management in Mekong river**

Mr. Tran Duc Cuong, Deputy Director-General of Viet Nam National Mekong Committee

- **Lessons learnt and practices in water management in Asia**

Mr. Riccardo Mattei, Director of Development Cooperation Regional Office, Embassy of Italy in Hanoi

- **Corporate development in public utilities in the water sector**

Mr. Roman Windisch, Deputy Country Director of the Swiss Cooperation Office Viet Nam, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs

- **National Water Mission: An integrated approach to water resource management**

Dr. M. Satyanarayana, Advisor, National Water Mission, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, India

- **Sustainable Water Resources Management in Lao PDR – post-2015 cooperation and integration**

Mr. Phousavanh Fongkhamdeng, Deputy Director of Administration-Planning Division, Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR

14.30 – 14.45

Coffee break

14.45 – 17.00

PLENARY SESSION II (Cont.)

Venue: Hoang Gia Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

Presentations:

- **Water management in Slovakia**

Ambassador Jan Kuderjavy, Principle State Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

- Assoc. Prof. Mimi Kornazheva, Director of Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Europe Center, University of Ruse

- **Work together as close neighbors for common prosperity**

Mr. Li Ge, Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Science and Technology, Ministry of Water Resources, China

- Ms. Klomjit Chandrapanya, Senior Advisor for South East Asia, Stockholm International Water Institute.

- **Singapore water story**

Mr. Han Loong Fong, Assistant Director, Industry Development, Singapore National Water Agency

- **Hydro diplomacy and transboundary water management in the region**

Mr. Jake Brunner, Programme Coordinator for Viet Nam, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

- **Integrated approaches in response to water-related disasters**

Representative of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam

- **Best practices of Jasa Tirta I Public Corporation on Water Resources Management**

Mr. Adi Santoso, Head of JASA Services Division, Ministry of Public Works, Indonesia

16.20 – 17.00

Discussion

18.30 – 21.00

Gala Dinner co-hosted by Chairman of the People's Committee of Ben Tre Province, Leaders of the Ministries for Foreign Affairs, Natural Resources and Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development

Venue: Ben Tre Floating Restaurant

Participants: All Delegates

Friday, 5th June 2015

08.30 – 10.15 PLENARY SESSION III – FROM VISION TO ACTION: ASIA - EUROPE PARTNERSHIP TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE WATER FOR ALL

Venue: Hoang Gia Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

08.30 – 09.50

Co-Chairs:

Ms. Veronica Cody, Head of Horizontal Affairs Division, Asia and Pacific Department, European Union

Mr. Tran Duc Cuong, Deputy Director-General of Viet Nam National Mekong Committee

Guest Speakers:

- **Mr. Ivan Zavadsky, Executive Secretary, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)**
- **Dr. Naruepon Sukumasavin, Director of Planning Division, Mekong Region Committee Secretariat**

Presentations:

- **Europe – Asia cooperation on water: the way forward**

Ms. Veronica Cody, Head of Horizontal Affairs Division, Asia and Pacific Department, European Union

- **Establishment of a Pilot Biodiversity Conservation Area for Sustainable Eco-tourism and a Knowledge Center on Tourism Development in the Mekong Delta**

Dr. Nguyen Xuan Dzung, Department of Biodiversity Conservation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam

- **Economic activities, impacts on ecosystems, needs for regulations in Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve**

Mr. Ion Munteanu, Head of Natural Heritage Department, Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve Authority, Romania

- **Ms. Ampai Harakunarak, Assistant Director – Environment, Cross-Sectoral Cooperation Division, ASEAN-Socio-Cultural Community Department**

09.50 – 10.15

Discussion

10.15 – 10.30

Coffee break

10.30 – 11.00

ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT

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

11.00 – 11.30

CLOSING SESSION

- **Remarks by Ambassador Jan Kuderjavy, Principle State Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic**
- **Remarks by Dr. Tibor Baloghdi, Consul General, Hungarian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City**
- **Remarks by Prof. Hristo Beloev, DSc, Rector, University of Ruse “Angel Kanchev”, Bulgaria**
- **Closing Remarks by H.E. Nguyen Thai Lai, Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam**

11.30 – 13.00

Buffet Lunch

Venue: Long Phung Hall, Dong Khoi Palace

13.00 – 18.00

Field trip to Thoi Son Islet

Transportation to be provided./.
