



Asian and European Experts Examine Energy Crisis and Solutions

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The Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), **Mr. Nobuo Tanaka**, will join about 35 other energy experts at the **Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) 6th Roundtable “Energy Sustainability Challenge: Fuelling Greater Co-operation between Asia and Europe”** in Dublin, Ireland on 18-19 September 2008.

Spiralling prices have spurred research and development into alternative energy sources and better efficiency. Is the rising cost of fuel a blessing in disguise? Participants from industries, NGOs, governments and research/academia will examine:

- The role of energy diversification and energy efficiency for a sustainable energy society
- The role of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in promoting sustainable energy
- Asia-Europe co-operation for energy sustainability

At the 6th ASEM Summit in 2006, the leaders from the ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) process have identified energy as a major area of co-operation for Asia and Europe. Each region has attempted to organise a response to the opportunities and challenges of energy sustainability. The **ENVforum 6th Roundtable** as an information as well as experience sharing platform on energy sustainability practices in ASEM countries will identify these areas for co-operation between Asia and Europe. The roundtable aims to:

- Generate practical policy recommendations in the form of a multi-stakeholder input for governments of the ASEM process
- Create regional/international networks supportive and relevant to sustainable energy planning.

A one-day workshop on scenario-building methodology will precede the roundtable. The workshop will allow stakeholders to experience first-hand a new approach to policymaking which moves beyond the conventional “Business as Usual” forecast into one which allows participants to envisage possible future scenarios enabling for the further examination of policy actions. The approach also let decision makers to test and re-examine the robustness of their policy instruments in the face of unanticipated change. The environmental application of the methodology is supported by the European Environment Agency.

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ENVforum is organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany (Jakarta office), the Swedish Environmental Secretariat for Asia (SIDA-Sensa), the Institute for Global Environment Strategies of Japan (IGES), Korea Environment Institute (KEI) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). **For more information, please visit www.env.asef.org.**

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