



# 7th Model ASEM

in conjunction with the 11th ASEM Summit (ASEM11)  
“20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for Future through Connectivity”

## Background on ASEM

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together the 28 European Union member states, 2 other European countries, and the European Union with 21 Asian countries and the ASEAN Secretariat.<sup>1</sup> The ASEM dialogue addresses political, economic and cultural issues, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between our two regions, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership.

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## Background on Model ASEM

Model ASEM is a 3-day youth conference and political simulation of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit. It is a platform for students to exchange perspectives on Asia-Europe collaborations, promote the ASEM process and build long-term relations between youth of the two continents. Through role-play, research, case-studies and practical trainings students will enhance their diplomacy, negotiation, consensus-building and public-speaking skills.

The **7th Model ASEM** will take place in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia between 6 and 10 July 2016, in conjunction with the **11th ASEM Summit (ASEM11)**. The agenda and programme are closely based on the actual proceedings of the ASEM11 which will gather all ASEM leaders, including 51 Heads of States, the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Council and the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat.

Watch the video of the past Model ASEM 2014 [here](#).

## Objectives

To provide a sustainable platform for students to engage with the ASEM process and create direct interactions with ASEM leaders and ASEM civil society

To facilitate capacity-building activities for students to fine-tune their skills in the fields of diplomacy, negotiation, consensus-building and public speaking

To enhance the understanding among students of the ASEM process and Asia-Europe relations in general

To develop a consensus-based Chair's Statement by the participating

<sup>1</sup> ASEM consists of 53 partners: Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, the Laos PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat.

## Participants

- a) About 150 student participants (international and local students based in Ulaanbaatar, students from ASEM countries) and resource persons
- b) Officials of ASEM Delegations and Ministries, Representatives from ASEM Diplomatic Missions
- c) Representatives from educational institutions, International Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations

Through an ASEM-wide Open Call and Selection Process, the organisers will ensure a geographical and gender balance as well as a diversity of student participants from various fields of studies.

## Programme

The 7th Model ASEM will include 3 main components:

### **Phase 1: Online pre-event phase (ca. 3 weeks)**

The selected participants will join online pre-conference research and training modules which include individual tasks, excercises, case studies and team work

### **Phase 2: 3-day conference in Ulaanbaatar**

The programme consists of plenary sessions, working groups and practical trainings with a focus on the 3 ASEM pillars: economic, political and socio-cultural

The participants will develop a consensus-based Chair's Statement on the theme 20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for Future through Connectivity, which is to be presented as to the ASEM leaders at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM11

To gain in-depth knowledge about the operations and functions of Embassies and Consulates, the participating students will also visit Diplomatic Missions of ASEM countries located in Ulaanbaatar

### **Phase 3: 11th ASEM Summit**

4 student participants are to present to the Head of States the Chair's Statement of the 7th Model ASEM of the ASEM11

In agreement with the relevant Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a number of participating students will have the chance to meet their Heads of States on the sidelines of the ASEM11

## Results

### **Tangible**

Consensus-based 7th Model ASEM Chair's Statement on 20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for Future through Connectivity

Research and reports on ASEM and Asia-Europe relations by all participants

Photo and video documentary

## Intangible

Direct contact and interactions between students, ASEM leaders, government officials, international organisations and non-governmental organisations

Engagement of students with representatives of local Diplomatic Missions from ASEM countries

Increased understanding of the ASEM process among the participants

Enhanced research, public speaking, negotiation, team-work, problem solving, consensus-building, intercultural communication skills among the participants

Acknowledgement and stronger recognition of the youth as a crucial stakeholder group within the ASEM process by the ASEM Leaders

## Organisers



The 7th Model ASEM is organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in partnership with the Mongolian Youth Federation (MYF). It is supported by the the Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and the ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN).

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development.

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Together with about 750 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 700 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 20,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

[www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)

The Mongolian Youth Federation is the largest youth-led and youth-serving organisation in Mongolia with a vast membership base of over 200,000 members. It has served its mission representing and serving youth since 1921 and is internationally recognized as the most representative body for youth in Mongolia. The MYF is a member of the United Nations' World Assembly on Youth and the Asian Youth Council.

[www.myf.mn](http://www.myf.mn)

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The Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

[www.mfa.gov.mn](http://www.mfa.gov.mn)



The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

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ASEFUAN was founded in 2002 in Bali, Indonesia, by the graduates of the ASEF University (AU) programme. In 2009, ASEFUAN became an international non-profit organisation (Association Internationale sans but lucratif, AISBL) under Belgian law.

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## Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)



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The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern.

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