PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 20 March 2013

15:00 – 21:00  Registration
Venue: Lobby, Van Phat Hotel

19:00 – 20:30  Welcoming Dinner Hosted by ASEM SOM Leader for Viet Nam
Amb. Nguyen Nguyet Nga
Venue: Thuy Ta Restaurant, Van Phat Hotel

Thursday, 21 March 2013

08:30 – 09:00  Registration
Venue: Foyer of Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel

09:00 – 09:40  OPENING CEREMONY
- Welcoming Remarks by H.E. Mr. Bui Thanh Son, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam
- Opening Speech by H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tan Dzung, Prime Minister of Viet Nam
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Szabolcs Takács, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, ASEM SOM Leader for Lao PDR
Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel

09:40 – 09:50  Photo Session

09:50 – 10:00  Coffee break

10:00 – 12:00  PLENARY SESSION I:
WATER RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
Chair:
Prof. Eugene Nikolov, General Secretary, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

10:00 – 10:30  Guest Speakers:
- H.E. Mr. Nguyen Minh Quang, Minister for Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam
- Ms. Victoria Kwakwa, World Bank’s Country Director for Viet Nam
10:30 – 11:15  Presentations:
- Addressing the Scientific Challenges of Water Policies
  Mr. Wouter van de Bund, Joint Research Center, European Commission
- Objectives of the European Strategy for the Danube Region
  Ms. Manuela Elisabeta Sidoroff, Director-General, National Institute of R&D
  for Biological Researches, Romania
- Water Management and Green Growth
  Mr. Jin Soo Hwang, Director, Overseas Business Department, Korea Water
  Resource Corporation

11:15 – 12:00  Discussion

12:00 – 13:30  Buffet Lunch
Venue: Restaurant 1, Van Phat Hotel

13:30 – 15:30  PLENARY SESSION II:
WATER, FOOD AND ENERGY – STRIKING THE BALANCE
Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
Chair:
H.E. Mr. Szabolcs Takacs, Deputy State Secretary for Global Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary

13:30 – 13:45  Guest Speaker:
Mr. Hans Guttmann, Chief Executive Officer,
Mekong River Commission Secretariat

13:45 – 14:45  Presentations:
- Balancing Different Interests for Development in Trans-boundary Waters
  Mr. Nandan Singh Samant, Joint Secretary to the Government,
  Ministry of Foreign Affairs, India
- Best Practices from European and French River Basin Management:
  High Points of French Water Cooperation in Asia
  Mr. Jean-Francois Donzier, General Director, International Office for Water,
  France
- Water Management for Sustainable Development
  Mr. Hoang Van Bay, Director-General, Department of Water Resources
  Management, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam

14:45 – 15:30  Discussion

15:30 – 15:45  Coffee break

15:45 – 17:30  PLENARY SESSION III:
WATER AND LIVELIHOOD
Venue: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel
Chair:
Mr. Chaiporn Siripornpibul, Deputy Director-General,
Department of Water Resource, Ministry of Natural Resources and
Environment of Thailand
15:45 - 16:00  **Guest Speaker:**

H.E. Mr. Peter Kovacs, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

16:00 - 16:45 **Presentations:**

-  **Response to Water Pollution**
  Dr. Giancarlo Pedrini, Vice President, Italian Development Cooperation

-  **River Basin Planning and Management**
  Mrs. Bouangeun Oudomchith, Deputy Director-General, Water Resources Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao PDR

-  **River Basin Management – A Reflection of Experience**
  Mr. Farid Selmi, German International Cooperation

-  **Integrated Water Resources Management in Indonesia**
  Mrs. Vonny Cultum Setiawati, Head of Data and Information Bureau, Jasa Tirta I Public Corporation, Indonesia

16:45 - 17:30  **Discussion**

18:30 - 21:00 **GALA DINNER HOSTED BY H.E. MR. NGUYEN THANH SON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE’ S COMMITTEE OF CAN THO CITY, H.E. MR. BUI THANH SON, VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND H.E. MR. NGUYEN THAI LAI, VICE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

*Venue*: Hoa Su Restaurant

*Transportation to be provided*

**Friday, 22 March 2013**

07:30 - 11:00  **Field trip to Hau River Embankment Project and My Khanh Eco Farm**

*Transportation to be provided*

12:00 - 13:30  **Buffet Lunch**

*Venue*: Restaurant 1, Van Phat Hotel

13:30 - 15:30  **PLENARY SESSION IV:**

**ENHANCING ASIA – EUROPE COOPERATION IN SUSTAINING WATER RESOURCES**

*Venue*: Hall 3, Van Phat Hotel

*Chair*:

Mr. Gabriel Gafita, ASEM SOM Leader for Romania

13:30 - 13:45  **Guest Speaker:**

Prof. Brahma Chellaney, Center for Policy Research, India

13:45 - 14:45  **Presentations:**

-  **Public – Private Partnership in Water Management**
  Mr. Martien Beek, Royal Dutch Embassy in Viet Nam

-  **International Cooperation on Water Resources**
  Mr. Zhong Yong, Division Director, Ministry of Water Resources, China
- **Integrating Different Levels and Sectors**
  Ms. Lilla Makkay, Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

- **Water and Regional Connectivity**
  - Mr. Chaiporn Siripornpibul, Deputy Director-General, Department of Water Resource, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand

- **Trans-boundary River Basin Management**
  H.E. Mr. Peter Kovacs, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

14:45 – 15:30 Discussion

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

**15:45 – 16:15 ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT**

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

**16:15 – 16:45 CLOSING SESSION**

- Remarks by Mr. Gabriel Gafita, ASEM SOM Leader for Romania
- Closing Remarks by Dr. Le Duc Trung, Director-General, Viet Nam National Mekong Committee, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam