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PANEL DEBATE

EU-ASEAN ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE - TAKING COOPERATION DOWN A LEVEL, STEPPING UP IMPACT?

Climate change is one of the focal sectors for strengthening interregional cooperation in the new EU joint communication “The EU and ASEAN: A partnership with a strategic purpose”. At the same time, in the upcoming 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP 21), the International Community faces a deadline for deciding on a new global, legally binding climate agreement. The EU is one of the world’s frontrunners in the fight against global warming. ASEAN represents one of the most vulnerable regions to the effects of climate change. While the EU and ASEAN seem to be important partners, substantial differences in the socio-economic development level of member states reduce region-to-region cooperation to the lowest common denominator. IFAIR wants to ask whether the EU and ASEAN can work together at COP21 and if there are alternatives for interregional cooperation away from the UN negotiations table. In the [2nd EU-ASEAN Perspectives Dialogue of IFAIR](#), young researchers and practitioners from both regions have brought up new suggestions to the debate: The discussion ranges from broad developments – e.g. the megatrend of urbanisation and the role of local actors – to practical ways forward – e.g. the untapped potential of city-to-city partnerships between EU and ASEAN.

Discussants will be

- H.E. Victoria S Bataclan, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Belgium and the European Union
- Dr Yeo Lay Hwee, Director of the EU Centre in Singapore
- Dr Colette Maloney, Head of Unit Smart Cities and Sustainability, European Commission (tbc)
- Mr Ranieri Sabatucci, Head of Asia and Pacific Department, EEAS, patron of the IFAIR “EU-ASEAN Perspectives Dialogue”.
- Agathe Schibler, participant of IFAIR’s “2nd EU-ASEAN Perspectives Dialogue” and co-author of the project group’s policy paper



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Programme

17:00-17:15 **Registration**

17:15-17:25 **Introductory remarks by IFAIR on the "2nd EU-ASEAN Perspectives Dialogue" and by EIAS**

17:25-18:00 **Panel Discussion**

18:00-18:30 **Q&A**

18:30-19:00 **Networking Reception**

Time and Date

5 pm until 7 pm, Thursday, 18 June 2015

Place

European Institute for Asian Studies, Rue de la Loi 67, 1040 Ville de Bruxelles,

Registration

Please register until June 11th via

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eu-asean-action-on-climate-change-stepping-up-impact-tickets-17260894801>.

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