



Social-Ecological Transformation in Cities in Asia – a regional platform for exchange

Background

Social-ecological transformation in Asian cities is instrumental to achieving many global development and climate targets. It is a paradigm under construction. As such it welcomes, connects, and engages with contributions from diverse contexts that seek to identify solutions to the socio-environmental issues in Asia and around the world.

Against this background, the FES Regional Climate and Energy Project in Asia has created a regional exchange platform for its partners and progressive actors in cities across the region to interchange and learn from each other. Continuing the success of the exchange platform 2021, FES plans to organize the event this year to explore further different aspects of social-ecological transformation in cities.

Objectives and target group

The regional exchange platform will aim to:

- bring multi-stakeholder working on urban development in cities in Asia together
- present best practices in respective cities
- share concepts/ recommendations on urban development
- discuss/ exchange difficulties/ challenges/ new initiatives in just urban policies
- create networks for future research and activities

The platform gives progressive players (urban planners, policy-makers, researchers, civil society organizations, academia...) the opportunity for peer learning, to discuss existing issues, possible/ alternative solution for problems in urban development.

Tentative agenda for Circular Economy Session

A Transition to Circular Economy: Progression and Experiences of Asian Cities

24th June 2022,
14.00 – 16.30 (HN/BKK time)
12.30 – 15.00 (New Delhi time)
15.00 – 17.30 (Manila time)

Presentation of FES products / research / communications on the boot

(Each office introduces and presents their product or communication on circular economy and city)

Moderator: Do Bich Thuy

14.00 – 14.05	Introduction and overview of the session: A Transition to Circular Economy: Progression and Experiences of Asian Cities <i>(Moderator informs participants on the objectives and flow of activities of the session)</i>
14.05 – 14.35	Speeches: CE by country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circular economy in Vietnam – Dr. Lai Van Manh (Director of Department of Economics of Natural resources and Environment, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Vietnam) (confirmed) - Circular economy in Thailand- Kanittha Tamboonlertchai (Environmental Economist, Chulalongkorn University (confirmed) - Circular economy in India – Shruti Sinha (Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group-confirmed) (10 minutes each)
14.35 – 15.15	Panel discussion: <i>(Conduct by moderator)</i>
15.15-15.20	Short break
15.20-15.50	Speeches: Key sectors circular economy in cities: innovation and best practices <i>(Representatives from each country discuss the topic)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circular economy in fashion, plastic waste and furniture (Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group, India) - Improving waste collection and separation with the integration of informal waste workers for recycling and refill (Evergreen Labs, Vietnam) - One more country (10 minutes each)
15.50-16.25	Panel Discussion
16.25 – 16.30	Concluding Remark <i>(By FES Representative / Moderator)</i>