

Workshop

Decarbonisation strategies in Asia

1 December 2022

8:15 – 10:00 CEST / 15:15 – 17:00 Singapore times

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Background

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Against this background, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung has commissioned a study by Professor Dr. Sonia Chikh M’hamed, ESCCA Shanghai/Angers, on The European Green New Deal: Perspectives for the EU-Asia relationship. During this webinar major findings will be presented and discussed within the wider framework of decarbonisation with European and Asian experts.

Objectives of the Webinar

- Enhance the knowledge among European decisions makers about current developments in decarbonisation politics in Asia-Pacific
- Increase the understanding of different approaches towards a green and sustainable transformation in Asia-Pacific
- Define topics and mechanisms for an enhanced cooperation between European and Asian state and non-state actors.
- Understanding decarbonisation in a wider context and enhance the capability to develop and implement cross-sectoral policies, i.e. between energy transformation and security policy

Guiding questions:

- What is the understanding of sustainable development and decarbonisation in Asia and what lessons can be learnt from other developing and developed countries, in particular from Asia?
- Against this background: How is the concept of decarbonisation, as understood in the framework of the EU Green Deal, perceived in Asia-Pacific?
- Is the current policy framework within the European Union and in its external relations well designed to achieve the goals of decarbonisation, i.e. in bi- and multilateral trade agreements, research cooperation etc.
- How will the European Green New Deal and a forced decarbonisation shape EU`s geopolitical and geo-economic position? Which trends are foreseeable in this regard as effects of the Russian war in Ukraine? How will this affect the Euro-Asian relations?
- How can the quest for decarbonising the European economy become a driver of innovation? How can both politics and business join their efforts to increase scope and quality of the transformation?
- Against current geopolitical crisis: How can a green transformation towards a climate-neutral society enhance the resilience of societies and national economies and increase cooperation?
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Target Group

- Members of Brussels based think tanks and advocacy groups
- Representatives of Embassies
- Journalists

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08:30 – 08:40 **Welcoming Remarks**

Denis Schrey, Programme Director, KAS Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MDPD), Network Coordinator, European Network of Political Foundations (ENOP)

Dr. Peter Hefele, Policy Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels

Dr. Jean Charroin, CEO & Dean, ESSCA School of Management, Angers, France (tbc)

08:40 – 08:55 **Presentation of the Study:**

The European Green New Deal: Perspectives for the EU-Asia relationship

Prof. Sonia Chikh M'hamed, ESSCA School of Management, Angers, France

09:00 – 10:10 **Roundtable Discussion:**

Decarbonisation strategies in Asia-Pacific: Achievements and Challenges

Moderation and introduction: Dr. Christian Hübner, Director Regional Programme Energy Security and Climate Change Asia-Pacific (RECAP), Hongkong SAR, China

Statements from Asia:

09:05 – 09:10 **INDIA**

Prof. Shalini Tiwari, IMT Ghaziabad

and Dr. Ghosh Prodipto, IAS, Former Secretary of Environment & Forests, Govt of India, Advisor to FICCI - Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Delhi

09:10 – 09:15 **JAPAN**

Prof. Yasuko Kameyama, Sustainable Social Design Center (SSDC), University of Tokyo, Japan

09:15 - 09:20 **CHINA**

Prof. Gengyuan Liu, Beijing Normal University, School of Environment

09:20 – 09:25 **SINGAPORE**

Dr. Kaho Yu, Head of Energy and Resources, Verisk Maplecroft, Singapore

09:25 – 09:55 **Discussion**

09:55 – 10:00 **Conclusions**

Prof. Sonia Chikh M'hamed, ESSCA School of Management, Angers, France

10:00 **End of conference / get together** (coffee & tea)

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08:35 – 09:00 **Expert Talk**

Partners in Sustainable and carbon-neutral Transformation: Potential for EU-Asian Relations

Moderation and introduction: Karin Jancykova, Programme Manager Climate Policy, Energy and Global Environmental Governance KAS Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MDPD)

Short introductory statements (5 min. each) by the Asian experts (participating digitally unless based in Brussels), followed by discussion to give the European participants the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions for cooperation between the two continents

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EU Commission

Bianca Moldovean, Policy Officer, DG CLIMA-D2 Bilateral relations, EU Commission

Ruud Kempener, Team Leader, DG ENER, EU Commission

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Prof. Sonia Chikh M'hamed, ESSCA School of Management, Angers, France

09:55 – 10:00 **Final Remarks**

Sabina Wölkner, Head of Department 2030 Agenda, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Berlin

10:00 **End of conference / get together** (coffee & tea)