

On the occasion of the 11th ASEM Summit, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), together with its partners, will organise the 7th Model ASEM on 6-10 July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia.

Model ASEM is a 3-day youth conference and simulation of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit. It is a platform for students to exchange perspectives on Asia-Europe relations, promote the ASEM process and build long-term connections between the youth of the two continents. Through role-play, case studies and practical trainings, the participants will enhance their diplomatic, negotiation, consensus-building and public speaking skills. Visits to ASEM Embassies and Consulates in Mongolia are part of the programme, and direct interactions between the participants and ASEM Leaders are envisaged.

ASEF has launched the **Open Call for Application** and warmly invites ASEM youth between the ages of 18-30 to apply. The deadline for applications is **Friday, 13 May 2016, 23:59 GMT**.

We would highly appreciate your kind help in disseminating this Open Call to your relevant networks and, if possible, share it on relevant websites and through social media channels.

Please find further information in the attached documents and the Open Call announcement for e-mail circulation below. Should you require further information, Ms Leonie NAGARAJAN, Director of ASEF's Education Department (E: leonie.nagarajan@asef.org) would be happy to assist.

Best regards

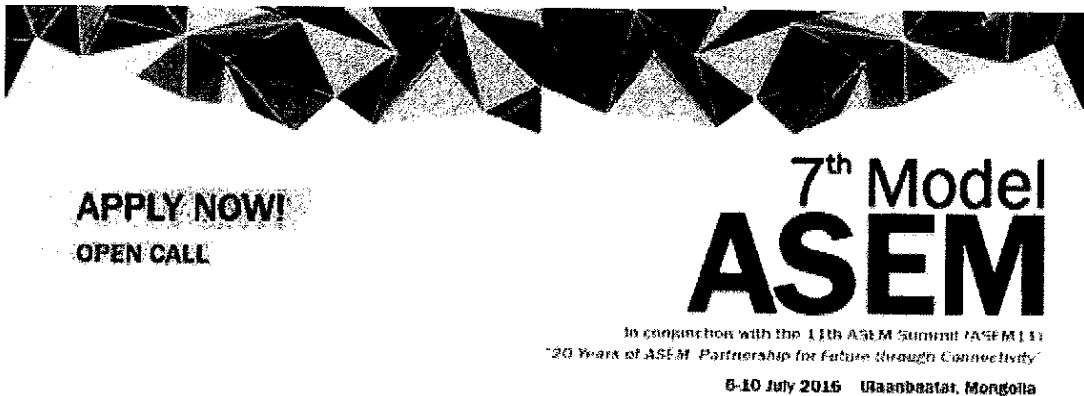
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**7th Model
ASEM**

In conjunction with the 11th ASEM Summit (ASEM11)
"20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for Future through Connectivity"
6-10 July 2016 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Unleash the negotiator in you and show that you are a consensus builder!

What? The 7th Model ASEM is a 3-day youth conference and political simulation of the actual Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit. Model ASEM is a platform for political debate and negotiation where over 150 participants from the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries have the possibility to experience first-hand Asia-Europe diplomacy through role-play exercises, practical trainings as well as meetings with the ASEM Leaders of today.

Why? In conjunction with the 11th ASEM Summit and the 20th Anniversary of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process, Model ASEM serves as a sustainable platform for the youth to engage with the ASEM process and to create direct interactions with the ASEM Leaders. Participants will develop a consensus-based Chair's Statement, which is to be presented to the ASEM Leaders at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM11.

How? The programme includes online pre-conference research and training modules with individual tasks, case studies and team work exercises. During the 3-day programme in Ulaanbaatar, participants will join plenary sessions, working groups and practical trainings with a focus on the 3 ASEM pillars: economic, political and socio-cultural. Visits to Diplomatic Missions of ASEM countries located in Ulaanbaatar will be arranged and, where possible, interactions between the young leaders and the ASEM Leaders facilitated.

The 7th Model ASEM is your opportunity to discover your diplomatic vein!

When? 6-10 July 2016

Where? Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)

Apply! [here by Friday, 13 May 2016, 23:59 GMT.](#)

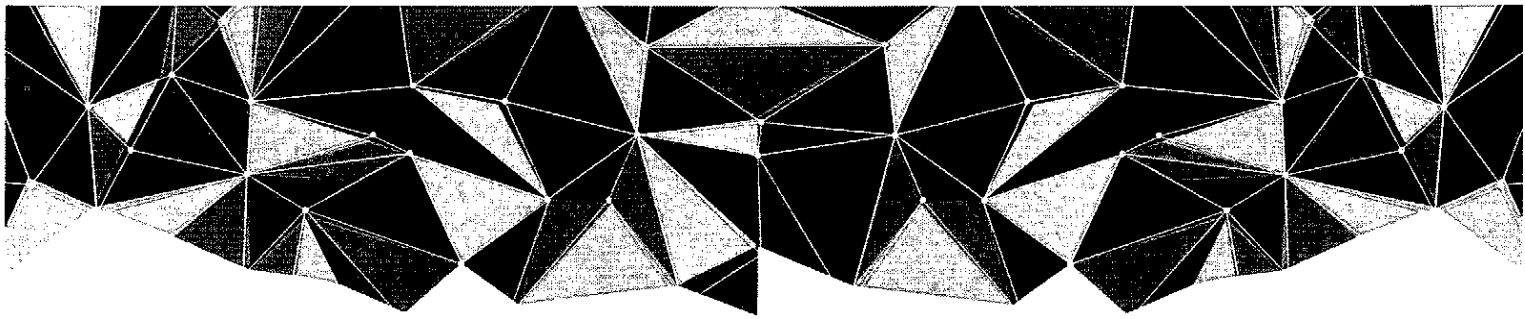
Accommodation, meals and travel subsidy will be provided for the selected participants.

Thank you for sharing this Open Call with your friends and networks.

For further information, check out the [FAQ](#) and the latest updates on [ASEFEdu Facebook page](#). More questions spinning in your mind? Drop us an email at: modelasem@asef.org

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OVERVIEW

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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.¹ 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

¹ASEM 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).

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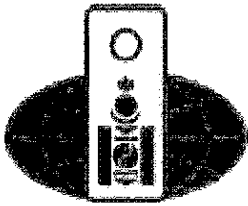
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ASEFUAN was founded in 2002 in Bali, Indonesia, by the graduates of the ASEF University (AU) programme. In 2009, ASEFUAN became an international non-profit organisation (Association Internationale sans but lucratif, AISBL) under Belgian law.

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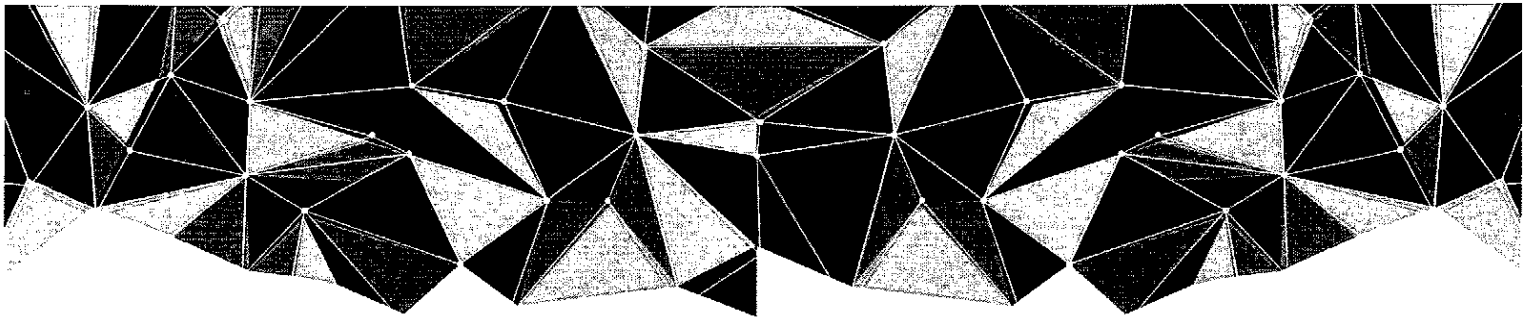
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Highlights of the 7th Model ASEM

Be part of a diplomatic delegation and represent one of the 53 ASEM partners;

Play the role of a Head of State or ASEM leader and debate political, economic and socio-cultural issues with your counterparts from Asia and Europe;

Develop a consensus-based Chair's Statement, which is to be presented to the ASEM Leaders at the Opening Ceremony of the 11th ASEM Summit (ASEM11);

Enhance your understanding of Asia-Europe collaboration and the ASEM process;

Gain and develop your soft skills in the fields of negotiation, diplomacy and consensus-building, amongst others;

Visit diplomatic missions, and get an insight into the work of these institutions;

Potentially meet your Head of State and government officials representing your country;

Furthermore, 4 students are to present the 7th Model ASEM Chair's Statement at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM11.

When and where?

Wednesday, 6 July – Sunday, 10 July 2016

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Government House, and National University of Mongolia

Organised in conjunction with the 11th ASEM Summit (ASEM11).

For whom?

Citizens (passport holders) of any of the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries.

University students from all disciplines, between the ages of 18-30, with an interest in international relations

The conference will be conducted in English only, and therefore requires strong verbal and written command of English by all participants.

Costs?

There is no registration or participation fee.

The organisers will provide accommodation, meals and a travel subsidy for the selected participants.

Apply today!

Be part of the 7th Model ASEM Delegation!

Apply today by clicking here!

Deadline: Friday, 13 May 2016 at 23:59 GMT

Know more

If you have any further questions, take a look at the FAQ and the 7th Model ASEM website.

For all other questions, email us on modelasem@asef.org.

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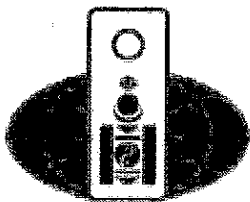
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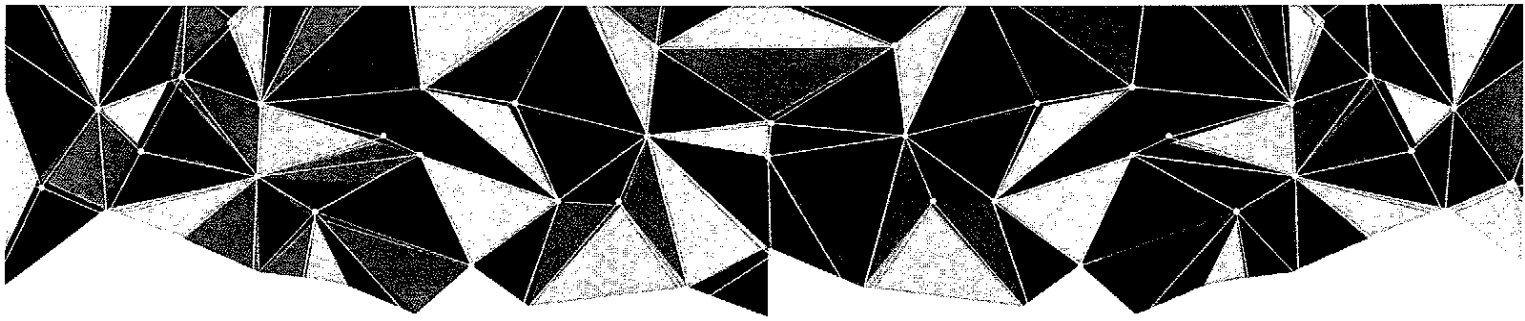
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ESSENTIALS

When and where does the conference take place?

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How can I apply?

Please fill in the online application form [here](#).

Please ensure that your application form is fully completed, including uploading relevant documents.

Once you have submitted your application, you will automatically receive a confirmation email. In case you do not get the email, please check your Spam folder.

When is the deadline?

We accept applications until Friday, 13 May 2016, GMT 23:59 hours.

Who can apply?

Citizens (passport holders) of any of the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries.

University students between the age of 18-30.

We welcome applications from students with a sincere interest in international relations, from all levels (undergraduate, graduate and doctoral) and all disciplines.

The conference will be conducted in English only, and therefore requires strong verbal and written command of English by all participants.

Can I apply if I am an ASEM country national studying in a non-ASEM country?

Yes. If you are an ASEM country national, you may apply regardless of your current country of residence.

Can I apply if I am a non-ASEM country national studying in an ASEM country?

No, only nationals of the 51 ASEM countries are eligible to apply.

Which are the 51 Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries?

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 Lao 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, and Viet Nam.

For further information, please visit www.aseminfoboard.org.

I am a student younger than 18 years/older than 30 years. Am I still eligible to apply?

If you believe that you meet all other criteria and have a suitable profile, you may still apply and your application might be considered on an exceptional basis. However, those who fulfil all application requirements will be prioritise.

I am currently taking a gap year from studying. Am I still eligible to apply?

If you are taking a gap year from studying, for example doing an internship between your bachelor's and master's degree, you can still apply to the 7th Model ASEM.

I have not been directly involved in ASEM topics before. Can I still apply?

We always seek to gather a diverse group, including "unusual suspects". Our experience is that a multicultural and cross-disciplinary conference group enjoys and benefits the most from our educational projects. For the 7th Model ASEM we seek people with fresh and open perspectives!

What is the selection process?

The independent screening committee consists out of ASEF and its partners. The committee follows the principles of equality, non-discrimination and equal opportunity and look for a good balance of participants. All applicants will be screened fairly regardless of sex, race, marital status, and disability.

The selection follows a two-step approach. The first selection of short-listed candidates will be made based on individual merits. The second selection ensures the diversity of the group of participants, through e.g. gender balance, a representation of various academic disciplines and other relevant experiences.

Once selected, we ask you to register and show us a copy of your student ID card, or for proof that you are only taking a gap year.

When do you release the final results?

We intend to notify all the applicants about their application status by the beginning of June latest.

Results may come out per country and will be also posted on the ASEF Education Facebook page.

PROGRAMME

Do I need to make any preparations prior to the event in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia?

The 7th Model ASEM includes a 3-week online preparatory phase, which kick-starts the discussions and reflections prior to the on-site gathering. The preparatory phase includes case studies, e-lectures and team work.

How does the programme of the conference look like?

Being a simulation of the 11th ASEM Summit (ASEM11) Summit, the programme follows closely the actual structure and proceedings of the ASEM11 Summit agenda, which will be set by the ASEM partners in the coming months.

As a reference, please take a look at the Programme of the Model ASEM 2014.

Will I get to meet the Head of State of my country?

Based on the final programme of the ASEM11 Summit, 4 students might also present the 7th Model ASEM Chair's Statement at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM11 Summit.

We will closely work with the relevant ASEM Governments on the possibility of direct interactions between the participants of the 7th Model ASEM and their respective Heads of States.

Are there any commitments after the project?

We are keen to know how you experienced the conference and what you gained through participating in it. We will therefore evaluate the conference afterwards and we will request you to participate in a short impact assessment. The feedback will also be needed for the travel reimbursement, as it is part of our participants' responsibilities and commitments to the project.

FEES

Is there an application or participation fee for the 7th Model ASEM?

Application to and participation in the 7th Model ASEM is free.

LODGING & MEALS

Are accommodation and food provided during the event?

The organisers will provide accommodation for the selected participants travelling from abroad during the Conference programme.

Food is catered for during and as stated in the Conference programme. For participants who have special dietary requirements, meals will be adjusted accordingly within the given possibilities.

TRAVEL, VISA & INSURANCE

Will travel costs be reimbursed?

ASEF supports students based abroad with a travel subsidy for the most direct travel connection (return economy flight and/or train/bus ride).

The amount will be announced to the selected participants in due course.

The travel subsidy includes local transportation (home – airport/train station/bus station - home), return flight/train/bus costs (home country – Ulaanbaatar – home country), and local transportation in Mongolia, where needed.

The travel costs will be reimbursed to the participants after the Conference, upon receiving all the required, original travel claims.

How about visa fees and insurance?

Yes, insurance and visa fee, if applicable, will be covered within the capped travel subsidy.

Can ASEF give me a support letter for the visa?

Together with the Mongolian Youth Federation, we will issue visa support letters.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

What is the 7th Model ASEM?

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During the conference you will be able to interact and engage with peers from Asia and Europe, get an insight into the ASEM process as well as have the opportunity to meet ASEM leaders and officials, as well as academia and inter-governmental organisation representatives.

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What is the 11th ASEM Summit (ASEM11)?

The 11th Asia-Europe Meeting Summit (ASEM11) 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.

The Summit is themed “*20 Years of ASEM: Partnership for Future through Connectivity*” and it will take place on Friday, 15 and Saturday, 16 July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

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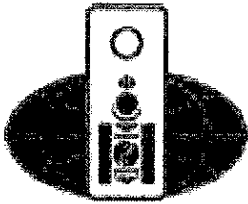
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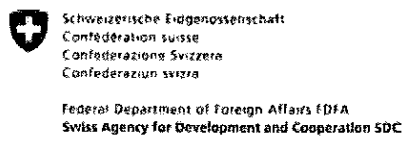
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