



– Program Agenda –

**2009 AECEN REGIONAL FORUM:
Cleaner Asian Cities through Effective Environmental Compliance and Enforcement**

**The Goodwood Park Hotel
Singapore
12-14 October 2009**

DAY 1: 12 OCTOBER 2009

2:00 - 5:00 AECEN National Coordinators Meeting (Leeds Room)

Facilitators: Dr. Peter King, Head of AECEN Secretariat
Ms. Milag Ballesteros, AECEN Secretariat

Participants: AECEN National Coordinators

Meeting Objectives and Format: To discuss network updates and obtain feedback on ongoing and planned AECEN activities, including regional capacity initiatives, twinning partnerships and information sharing. The session will focus on clarifying and defining member capacity needs and priorities, and exploring opportunities for future activities.

FORUM OPENING

Forum Chairperson: Ms. Elisea (Bebet) Gozun, former Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines

6:30 – 7:00 Registration (Tudor Ballroom)

7:00 – 7:10 Welcoming Remarks

Mr. Joseph Hui, Director General, Environmental Protection Division
National Environment Agency, Singapore

7:10 – 7:20 Opening Remarks

Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana
Director General, Pollution Control Department, Thailand
Chair, AECEN Executive Committee

7:20 – 7:45 Keynote Address: *Ensuring Cleaner Asian Cities through Effective Environmental Compliance and Enforcement*

Dr. Bakary Kante, Director
Division of Environmental Law and Conventions
United Nations Environment Programme

The keynote address presents major environmental challenges faced by urbanizing Asia, and highlights key solutions for overcoming these challenges. While identified solutions include mainstreaming the environment across sectors, coordination among sector agencies, economic incentives, and multi-stakeholder participation, the key factor is a commitment to effective awareness raising, compliance monitoring and enforcement.

7:45 – 8:00 Video Presentation: *Replicating Innovation through AECEN Twinning Partnerships*

Brief video presentation of AECEN partners sharing their experiences in participating in AECEN member-to-member twinning partnerships and highlighting how regional cooperation and peer-to-peer exchange can enable replication of innovative policies and practices on environmental compliance and enforcement.

8:00 – 8:15 AECEN 2009 Award Presentation: *Commitment and Outstanding Service by a Woman*

Presenters: Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Chair, AECEN Executive Committee
Dr. Herminia A. Francisco, Judge, AECEN Award; Director, Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia

Recipient: Dr. Monthip Sriratana Tabucanon
Principal Inspector General
Thailand Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

8:15 – 9:30 Reception

Reception hosted by the Singapore National Environmental Agency

Dress Code: Business attire

DAY 2: 13 OCTOBER 2009

8:30 – 9:00 Registration (Windsor Ballroom)

9:00 – 10:15 Challenges and Solutions for Improved Environmental Compliance and Enforcement

Moderator: Ms. Kala Mulqueeny, Senior Counsel, Asian Development Bank

Speakers: *Global Trends and Challenges in Environmental Compliance Assurance*
Mr. Eugene Mazur, Project Manager, Environment Directorate, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

Capacity Priorities in Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia
Dr. Peter King, Head of AECEN Secretariat

Respondent: *Regional Cooperation in Advancing Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia*
Ms. Bebet Gozun, former Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippines

Session Objectives and Format: Provide background on the trends and challenges in environmental compliance and enforcement, followed by discussion of successful efforts to strengthen capacity through regional cooperation. Presenters make 15-minute presentations followed by reaction from the respondent and Q&A.

10:15 – 10:30 Joint Statement: Advancing Effective Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia

Dr. Bakary Kante, Director
Division of Environmental Law and Conventions
United Nations Environment Programme

Mr. Joseph Hui, Director General, Environmental Protection Division
National Environment Agency, Singapore

Session Objective and Format: Present the joint statement on Advancing Effective Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia, and solicit comments and statements of endorsement.

10:30–10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:00 Innovative Monitoring and Inspection Tools to Reduce Urban Environmental Impacts

Moderator: Ms. Jane Nishida, The World Bank

Speakers: *Assuring Compliance through Innovative Monitoring and Inspection Tools*
Mr. Poon Chiew Tuck, Singapore NEA

Innovative Monitoring and Inspection Tools for Addressing Urban Pollution
Mr. Davis Jones, Associate Director, International Compliance Assurance Division, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA

Respondents: *Indonesia-Singapore Twinning: Partnership: Revised Inspection Policies in Indonesia*
Ms. Vivien Rosa Ratnawati, Indonesia Ministry of Environment
Mr. Poon Chiew Tuck, Singapore NEA

Session Objectives and Format: Share best practices on monitoring and inspection tools that enable urban centers to meet environmental goals and planning targets, followed by a response from an AECEN twinning partnership. Moderator provides a brief overview of the context, followed by speaker presentations and respondent of 15 minutes each, and Q&A.

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 Promoting Inter-Governmental Coordination in Urban Environmental Enforcement

Moderator: Ms. Siu Tip Lam, Assistant Professor, Vermont Law School, U.S.

Presenters: *Multi-agency Approach in Addressing Air Pollution in Metro Manila*
Ms. Teresita Samson-Castillo, Undersecretary, Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Mainstreaming Environmental Compliance into Integrated Urban Planning, Malaysia
Ms. Norlin Jaafar, Malaysia Department of Environment

Respondents: *Thailand-Japan Twinning: Partnership: Establishing Soil Contamination Guidelines in Thailand*
Dr. Warapong Tungtittiplakorn, Thailand Pollution Control Department
Mr. Masanori Kobayashi, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan

Session Objectives and Format: Share best practices on strategies for inter-governmental cooperation and sector integration to ensure effective compliance and enforcement. Case studies emphasize solutions developed by national and sub-national agencies in coordinating activities to balance economic growth with environmental protection, followed by a response from an AECEN twinning partnership. Moderator provides a brief overview of the context, followed by speaker presentations and respondent of 15 minutes each, and Q&A.

3:00 - 3:30 Update on AECEN Member Priorities and Planned 2010 Activities

Presenter: Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Chair, AECEN Executive Committee

Session Objectives and Format: Present outcomes of AECEN national coordinator meeting, identifying priority areas for cooperation, planned new regional activities, new twinning partnerships, and knowledge products. Open forum.

3:30 – 3:45 Closing

Mr. Winston Bowman, Regional Environment Director
U.S. Agency for International Development, Regional Development Mission- Asia

Mr. Joseph Hui, Director General
Environmental Protection Division, NEA, Singapore

3:45 – 4:00 Break

4:00 – 5:30 Development Partner Roundtable (Leeds Room)

Chairs: Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Chair, AECEN Executive Committee
Dr. Peter King, Head of AECEN Secretariat

Participants: Representatives from development partners and AECEN Secretariat

Objectives: Share priorities of development partners and identify opportunities for expanded collaboration in support of AECEN activities, including twinning partnerships and regional capacity strengthening initiatives.

DAY 3, 14 OCTOBER 2008

9:00 – 12:00 AECEN Executive Committee Meeting (Arundel Room)

Chair: Dr. Supat Wangwongwatana, Chair, AECEN Executive Committee

Participants: Executive Committee members, key partners, and Secretariat

Objectives: Discuss results of the Forum meetings, review 2009 accomplishments, review and approve 2010 work plan and issues related to network sustainability.

9:00 – 5:00 National Coordinator Training: Singapore Model for Environmental Management

Trainer: Singapore Environmental Institute, Programme for Environmental Experiential Learning

Focus: Clean water and clean air with emphasis on compliance and enforcement

Venue: Various offices and sites

Participants: 15-25 participants composed of AECEN National Coordinators and other participants

The Programme for Environmental Experiential Learning (PEEL) developed and implemented by the Singapore Environmental Institute's (SEI) is an "out-of-the-classroom" learning program that expands participants' knowledge of environmental management through a series of site visits to environmental facilities around Singapore. Facilitated by experienced guides, each PEEL "trail" gives a behind-the-scenes look at how Singapore maintains a clean environment to achieve its environmental objectives.