

2nd ASEF ACCESS TO YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

16-21 September 2017, Seoul, Korea. In conjunction with the
7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting (ASEM EMM7)

Overview



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WHY DOES #ASEFYLS MATTER?

The ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS) is the place for Asian and European young professionals and students to meet political leaders, top-tier business representatives, prominent thinkers and doers. It is the forum to voice ideas and call for action on education and youth employment issues that matter - to Asia and Europe, to youth, and to you!

The ASEFYLS takes place alongside ASEM Summits or ASEM Ministers' Meetings, where Leaders, Head of States or Ministers from the 51 ASEM countries, the EU and the ASEAN Secretariat discuss the status and future of Asia-Europe relations.¹

ASEFYLS is unique because it leads to:

Personal interactions between youth and political leaders at high-level ASEM meetings

Youth interventions at an ASEM Summit or Ministers' Meetings

Spin-off activities and actions that shape possible policy directions within the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Process

Networks among young leaders across Asia and Europe

Have a look at the [visual testimony](#) of the previous ASEFYLS edition on “Entrepreneurship and Youth Employment” in 2015 in Luxembourg which supported the [12th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting \(ASEM FMM12\)](#). and the [5th ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference \(ASEM LEMC5\)](#).

WHAT IS #ASEFYLS2?

The 2nd ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS2) will take place in conjunction with the [7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting \(ASEM EMM7\)](#) on 16-21 May 2017 in Seoul, Korea. The 5-day conference on “Access to Youth Employment” focuses on challenges and proposes solutions for young people finding employment in the era of the 4th Industrial Revolution. Read our Concept Note [here](#).

ASEFYLS2 looks at youth employment from 8 angles: 1) age, 2) education, 3) disability, 4) finance, 5) gender, 6) location, 7) social backgrounds and 8) technology. Over 150 youth participants from 51 countries are invited to share their experiences and debate ideas.

The ASEFYLS results – including a Call for Action developed by all participants – will be presented at the ASEM ME6 and feed into the deliberations of the Education Ministers and their delegations from Asia and Europe.

¹ The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together the 28 European Union member states, two other European countries, and the European Union with 21 Asian countries and the ASEAN Secretariat. The ASEM dialogue addresses political, economic and cultural issues, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between the two regions, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership. For more information on ASEM: www.aseminboard.org

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

ASEFYLS2 is built on 4 programme elements:

1) Online preparatory phase

Participants attend crash courses on policy making, ASEM and the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), and build up thematic expertise for the conference on site.

2) 4-Day Conference in Seoul, Korea

The programme includes a variety of learning formats: thematic lectures, human libraries, skills trainings, collaborative working groups and – as a highlight - dialogue sessions between junior and senior leaders from politics, business and academia.

3) Connections with the 7th ASEM Education Ministers Meeting

ASEFYLS stands for leadership exchange: Participants will join the Education Ministers at an official reception on the eve of the ASEM ME6; one-to-one meetings are to be arranged between participants and their respective Education Minister and Delegates; ASEFYLS representatives will also have the opportunity to make an intervention at the ASEM ME6 and present the Call for Action on “Access to Youth Employment”.

4) Spin-off activities

ASEFYLS is an arena for young doers to initiate new projects and find Asian and Europe collaborators. Furthermore, ASEF will invite prominent participants to join as junior trainers at ASEF Capacity Trainings on leadership and employability skills in Greece and Lao PDR.

WHAT DO I GAIN?

Knowledge and skills-trainings linked to SDGs

In particular Goal 4 (on education), 5 (gender equality) and 8 (on decent work)

Access to an Asia-Europe network

New contacts with youth leaders from 51 Asian and European countries, political and business leaders and direct access to the ASEF alumni group

First-hand experience in multilateral policy processes

Unique opportunities to meet policy makers in action, face-to-face and to directly channel your voice

RESULTS OF #ASEFYLS2 FEED INTO

ASEM Ministerial Meetings and ASEM activities:

[7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting \(ASEM EMM7\)](#), 21-22 September 2017, Seoul, Korea

[6th ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference \(ASEM LEMC6\)](#), 2017, Asia

[ASEM Initiative on Women's Economic Empowerment](#), 25-26 May 2017, Vilnius, Lithuania

[ASEM Lifelong Learning Hub \(ASEM LLL Hub\)](#) events, throughout 2017, Philippines, Portugal, Japan and Switzerland

ASEF Projects:

[ASEF Capacity Trainings](#), 2017, Greece and Lao PDR

[6th ASEF Rectors' Conference and Students' Forum \(ARC6\)](#), 9-13 October 2017, Singapore

[21st ASEF Summer University \(ASEFSU21\)](#), January/February 2018, Australia and New Zealand

CHALKS & USB "Rapid technological and socio-economic changes call for innovative approaches to education and training, while still valuing traditionally proven methods. The use of chalks and USB in the ASEFYLS design is to signify both past and present-day learning tools coupled with the importance of adaptability and cohesion"