

# 8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM

15-20 November 2017, Yangon & Naypyidaw, Myanmar

In conjunction with the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM13)



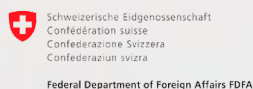
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## Open Call & Overview

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## WHAT IS #MODELASEM8?

The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental process established in 1996 to foster dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe. Presently it comprises 53 partners: 30 European and 21 Asian countries, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat. ASEM addresses Political, Economic, and Social, Cultural & Educational issues of common interest, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership.

More information: [www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)

Model ASEM is your first-hand introduction to the exciting world of diplomacy, negotiation and international relations. Being a simulation of the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting (ASEM FMM), at the Model ASEM you have the chance to step into the shoes of ASEM Foreign Ministers and along with other students, debate and exchange perspectives on current political and bi-regional issues.

The Model ASEM series organised by ASEF is unique as it takes place in conjunction with official ASEM FMMs and hence provides you with a golden opportunity to personally interact with your Foreign Minister and government officials and/or of other ASEM countries.

### Key characteristics of Model ASEM

Provides you with a platform to be part of the ASEM process and personally meet with ASEM Foreign Ministers and Senior Officials

Offers you the opportunity to fine-tune your skills in the fields of diplomacy, negotiation, consensus-building and public speaking

Enhances your understanding of the ASEM process and Asia-Europe relations and opens up a network of Asia-Europe enthusiasts

The 8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM will take place on 15-20th November 2017 in Yangon and Naypyidaw, Myanmar, in conjunction with the [13<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting \(ASEM FMM13\)](#). The agenda and programme of the 8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM will closely follow the actual proceedings of the ASEM FMM13.

Have a look at the [video highlights](#) of the past [7<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM](#), which took place in conjunction with the [11<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit \(ASEM11\)](#) in July 2016 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

## APPLY HERE!

### #FASTFACTS

#### WHEN & WHERE?

15-20 November 2017,  
Naypyidaw, Myanmar

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#### FOR WHOM?

Citizens of any of the  
[51 Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\)](#)  
partner countries

Students between 18-30 years old, with sincere interest in international relations

Strong command of English (verbal and written)

#### SELECTION

150 participants selected through an Open Call

The Open Call and the screening process will ensure a non-discriminative approach assuring an even geographic representation, gender balance and fair access to the opportunity for all.

#### COSTS

No registration or participation fees for the selected participants. Accommodation, meals and travel subsidy will be provided.

#### KNOW MORE!

For further information check out the [8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM FAQ](#)

For other questions, drop us an email at [modelasem@asef.org](mailto:modelasem@asef.org) or call us at +6568749715

## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The 8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM is built on 3 programme elements:

### 1) Online Preparatory Phase (ca. 6 weeks)

Prior to playing out your role as a Foreign Minister or Delegation member at the 8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM, you will attend online crash courses on policy making, webinars on Asia-Europe relations and complete individual and group tasks and research. During the online preparatory phase you might also get in touch with officials at Ministries of Foreign Affairs to build up a stronger expertise on ASEM.

### 2) 4-day conference in Yangon and Naypyidaw

The programme in Myanmar consists of plenary sessions and thematic working groups with a focus on the key topics also discussed by the ASEM Foreign Ministers at the ASEM FMM13. As a concrete outcome, you will develop a consensus-based Chair's Statement which will be presented to the ASEM Foreign Ministers at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM FMM13.

In addition, you will also participate in practical trainings, and visit Diplomatic Missions of ASEM countries and International Organisations located in Yangon to gain an in-depth knowledge about their operations and functions.

### 3) 13<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting

All participants will attend the official Welcome Reception of the ASEM FMM13, hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, where you will be able to interact with your Foreign Minister and government officials and/or of other ASEM countries.

The grand finale: 4 student participants will present the Chair's Statement of the 8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM and a summary of the project's outcomes to the ASEM Foreign Ministers at the Opening Ceremony of the ASEM FMM13.

## WHAT DO I GAIN?

### Opportunity to interact with ASEM Foreign Ministers and Officials

You will have the rare chance to meet and interact with ASEM Foreign Ministers and Delegation members as well as with representatives of ASEM Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations.

### Diplomacy skills-training

Our renowned think-tank partners and experienced alumni will train you to master the skills of public speaking, negotiation, team-work, problem solving, policy, advocacy and consensus-building.

### Contribute to the ASEM Process

The outcomes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Model ASEM will contribute to the ASEM process and highlight the important role you've played in participating in the political dialogue between Asia and Europe.

**RESULTS OF  
#MODELASEM8  
FEED INTO**

**ASEM Ministerial Meetings and ASEM activities:**

\* 13<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting  
20-21 November 2017, Naypyidaw, Myanmar

\* 12<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM12)  
2018, Brussels, Belgium

**ASEF Projects:**

Model ASEM Spin-off activities in:

\* [Singapore, 8-10 December 2017](#), on the theme  
“Asia-Europe Relations in the Age of Connectivity”

\* Dublin, Ireland, April 2018

\* Chengdu, China, September 2018

**ELEMENTS OF  
DIPLOMACY**

Success is achieved in using the available tools in the most efficient way. While diplomats often use words to express the views of their countries, the Model ASEM design has chosen to focus on tangible elements of diplomacy. Simple but powerful, each element represents the foundations of ASEM: diversity, consensus, exchanges, participation, cultures and opportunities.

Flags are a symbol of national identity. Very often, every colour in a flag represents the values and principles of the respective country. The use of multiple flags in the Model ASEM design showcases how ASEM thrives on the principle of collective diversity.