TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

VENUE: National Palace of Culture
Address: 1, Bulgaria Square 1463, Sofia, Bulgaria

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

15.30 – 17.30  Meeting of ASEM Senior Officials
Venue: National Palace of Culture

17.45 – 18.30  ASEF Policy Panel: From Cultural Diplomacy towards Cultural Co-operation – What Future Directions for Asia-Europe Relations?
Panelists: Ms. Arundhati GHOSH, Executive Director, India Foundation for the Arts (Bangalore, India), Mr Kennie TING, Director, Asian Civilisations Museum (Singapore) & Ms. Isabelle SCHWARZ, Head of Advocacy, Research & Development and Knowledge Management, European Cultural Foundation (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Moderated by: Anupama Sekhar, Director, Culture Department, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
Organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Ministry of Culture, Bulgaria
Venue: National Palace of Culture

20.00 – 22.00  Welcome Drink & Official Dinner (Open to all Participants)
Welcome Message from Mr. Boil Banov, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria
Venue: Boyana Residence

Thursday, March 1, 2018

09.30 – 10.00  Registration of Participants
Venue: National Palace of Culture

10.00 – 10.40  Opening Ceremony
Opening Remarks (Minister of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria)
Congratulatory Remarks

10.40 – 11.00  Coffee break

Plenary Session 1

11.00 – 11.05  Introduction by the Chair

11.05 – 12.30  Statements by the ministers

12.30 - 14.00  Lunch /buffet/

Plenary Session 1 (cont.)

14.00 – 14.05  Introduction by the Chair
14.05 – 15.10  **Statements by the ministers**

15.10 – 15.15  **Statement by the ASEAN Secretariat**

15.15 – 15.20  Wrap up

15.20 – 15.30  **Coffee Break**

**Workshop 1**  **Supporting culture as an engine for sustainable social and economic development**

15.30 – 16.45  Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)
Introduction of the Agenda (Moderator)
Presentation 1
Presentation 2
Presentation 3

16.45 – 17.00  **Coffee Break**

17.00 – 18.30  Presentation 4
Presentation 5
Presentation 6
Discussion and Wrap up (Moderator)
Closing Remarks (Co-Chair)

**Workshop 2**  **Promoting culture and intercultural dialogue for peaceful inter community relations**

15.30 – 16.45  Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)
Introduction of the Agenda (Moderator)
Presentation 1
Presentation 2
Presentation 3

16.45 – 17.00  **Coffee Break**

17.00 – 18.30  Presentation 4
Presentation 5
Presentation 6
Discussion and Wrap up (Moderator)
Closing Remarks (Co-Chair)

**Workshop 3**  **Reinforcing cooperation on cultural heritage**

15.30 – 16.45  Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)
Introduction of the Agenda (Moderator)
Presentation 1
Presentation 2
Presentation 3

16.45 – 17.00  **Coffee Break**

17.00 – 18.30  Presentation 4
Presentation 5
Presentation 6
Discussion and Wrap up (Moderator)
Closing Remarks (Co-Chair)

19.30 – 21.30  
Farewell Dinner  
Venue: Boyana Residence

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

08.30 – 09.30  
Meeting of Workshop Co-Chairs

**Plenary session 2**

09.30 – 10.30  
Workshop Wrap-Up

10.30 – 11.00  
Report on ASEF’s work in culture (2016-2018) and key messages from the ASEF Policy Panel  
By Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

11.00 – 11.30  
Coffee break

**Plenary Session 2 (cont.)**

11.30 – 12.30  
Declaration of the Chair’s Statement (Minister of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria)  
The 9th CMM Host Country’s Speech (TBD)