

**2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Officials Meeting in preparation of the  
7<sup>th</sup> ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting (ASEMME7)  
14 May 2019, Bucharest, Romania**

# **People-to-People Connectivity: Impact & Outlook by ASEF**

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**Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE  
ASEF Executive Director  
Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**

# Our Vision

**Our vision is a world  
in which Asians & Europeans shape the future together  
— respectfully, fairly and sustainably.**

# Our Mission

**The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) provides opportunities to connect people of Asia and Europe for an exchange of ideas.**

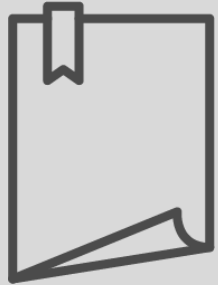
**We encourage collaboration towards innovative and sustainable solutions for common global challenges.**

**We engage civil society, complementing the political Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) dialogue forum.**

# ASEF's Education Portfolio

**We contribute to education policy dialogue and capacity building, and facilitate bi-regional education networks. Our projects strengthen collaborations between education institutions and exchanges among young people, academics and educators through interdisciplinary and pragmatic approaches. We directly link key players in education to the ASEM Education Process and ASEM Leaders' Meetings.**

# A glimpse of our education projects based on 3 pillars



**ASEF Education  
Policy Programme**



**ASEF Young Leaders  
Programme**



**ASEF Teaching & Learning  
Programme**

# ASEF Rectors' Conference & Students' Forum (ARC)

Official Dialogue Partner of the  
ASEM Education Ministers  
Meeting & higher education  
policy dialogue development  
for university & student leaders





# **ASEF Innovation Laboratories (ASEFInnoLabs)**

**Workshops on data science  
& artificial intelligence for  
innovation in higher education  
for education experts**



# ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS)

Official youth forum back-to-back with ASEM Summits; arena for debate & action on ethical leadership for students & young professionals





# ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU)

Annual experiential & interdisciplinary learning for students & young professionals; 2-week 'innovathon' to find solutions for societal challenges



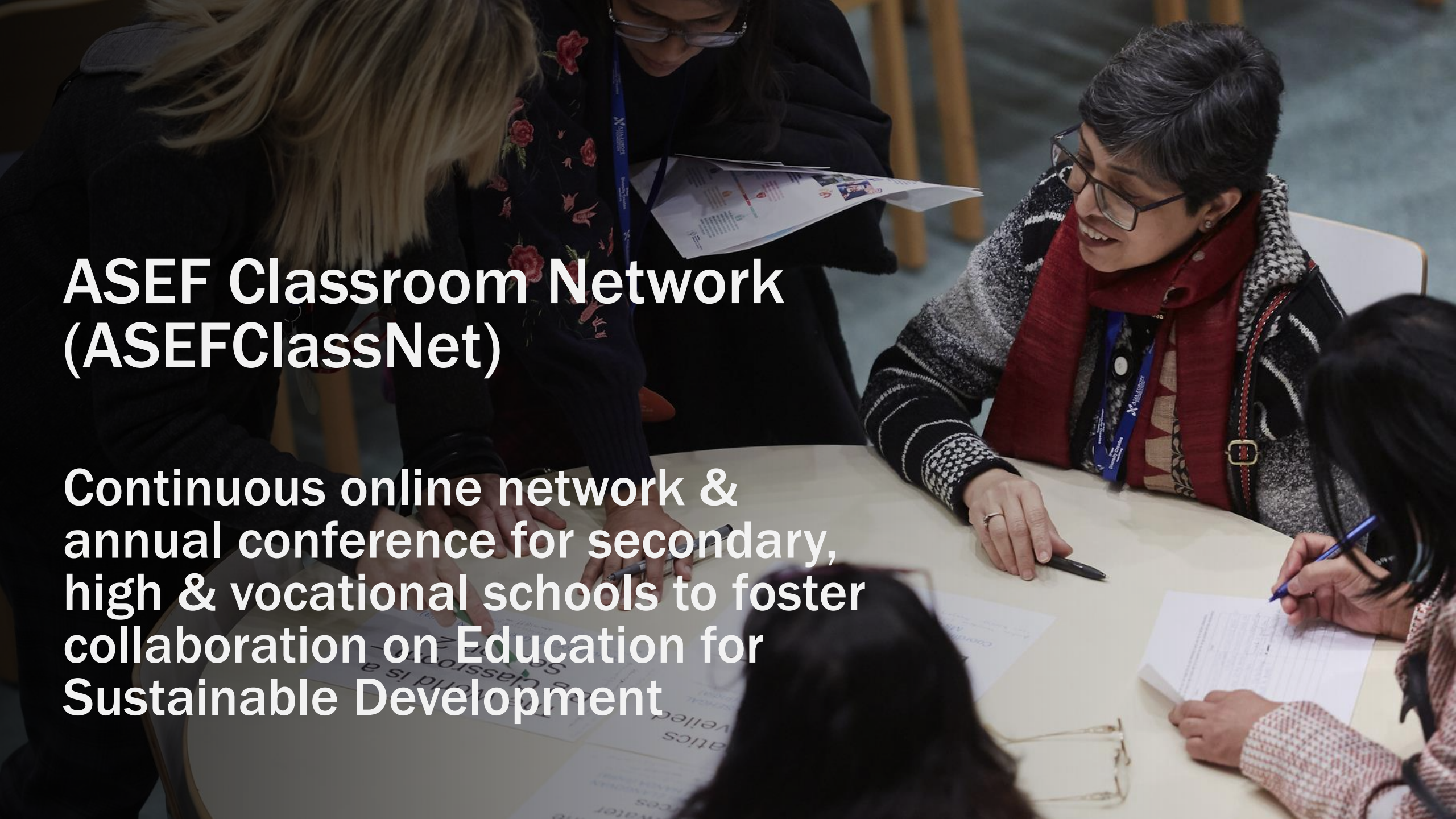


# Model ASEM

Simulation of ASEM Foreign  
Ministers Meeting (ASEMFMM)  
back-to-back with actual  
ASEMFMM;  
capacity training for students





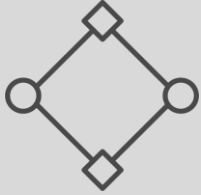


# ASEF Classroom Network (ASEFClassNet)

Continuous online network &  
annual conference for secondary,  
high & vocational schools to foster  
collaboration on Education for  
Sustainable Development

# Our Work in Numbers





**15** projects including various activities



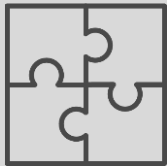
Engaging & financially supporting **1,270** participants



Across **16** ASEM countries



Representing all **51** ASEM nationalities



In collaboration with **48** partner organisations



Attracted **44,331** applications by youth & teachers



Followed by **37,000** on ASEFEdu Facebook



## NETWORKING

87% of ASEFEdu project alumni  
are **still in touch with peers**



## CONCRETE OUTPUTS

34% of alumni have **established  
collaborations** with peers



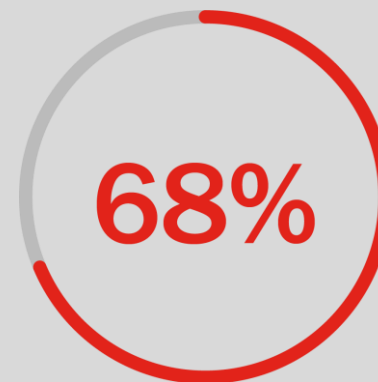
## LEARNING

89% of alumni assessed that  
the ASEFEdu project **improved  
their career opportunities**



### **PROMOTING MOBILITY**

**78% of alumni were inspired to potentially study/work/live in another ASEM country in the future**



### **PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING**

**68% of alumni assessed the ASEFEdu project had an impact on their Perceptions of other ASEM countries/cultures**

# Our Impact Through Voices



***“The interactions with fellow educators in a highly immersive networking environment have helped me understand different learning cultures as well as education systems. It has broadened my perspectives on the various pathways to success through education, and deepened my reflection on my own education system and personal beliefs in education.”***

**Mr Melvin NG**, Head of Science Department,  
Changkat Changi Secondary School, Singapore  
**14<sup>th</sup> ASEF Classroom Network Conference (ASEFClassNet14)**



***“The 21st ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU21) had a profound change in my mindset and my perception of people with disabilities. It has been an eye-opening experience in many ways: I have learnt a lot about the situation of people with disabilities 'first-hand', and I feel like it has made me more knowledgeable and tolerant as a human being.”***

**Ms Olivia GEYMOND, France**  
**21<sup>st</sup> ASEF Summer University (ASEFSU21)**



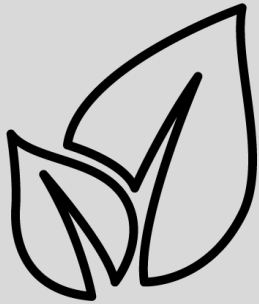
***“This [...] conference provides a platform for that type of exchange of ideas across societies and across different types of education structures, which is going to be key to the professionals to learn what they can do, and to think about what they can do about how to update their education system.”***

**Dr Janil PUTHUCHEARY**, Senior Minister of State,  
Ministry of Education, Singapore  
6<sup>th</sup> ASEF Rectors' Conference & Students' Forum (ARC6)

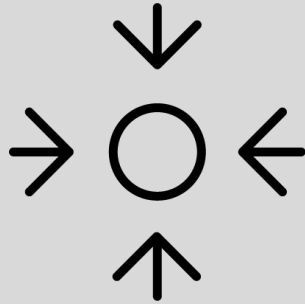


# **Outlook: ASEF's 3 Strategic Priorities**





**Sustainability  
& Climate Change**



**Gender Equality  
& Inclusion**



**Digitalisation**

**We contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with an Asian-European perspective and input.**

# Diversity Creates

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