

Asia meets Saxony/Saxony meets Asia

Here: Workshop "Dialogue on municipal water and waste management"

Objective: Plan and schedule a feasibility study within the framework of German-Asian co-operation in the field of environment

The state of our environment shapes the future and quality of life for human beings in all countries. Based on their respective experiences, experts from Saxony and Asia plan to exchange ideas on how to develop joint projects in the field of environment.

Saxony can contribute to this process by sharing its experiences on how to deal with environmental problems within rapidly changing economic and ecologic framework conditions caused by the reunification process in Germany in 1989. Environmental pollution had to be dealt with and efficient water and waste utilities had to be established in urban and rural areas. In this connection, among other things, new and innovative solutions guaranteeing cost efficiency were put into practice.

The contribution from representatives from countries in Asia to the workshop could be to subsequently review and discuss whether the challenges Saxony had to deal with within the last 16 years are similar to the situation in Asia nowadays and for which current challenges in Asia specific solutions have to be developed.

Experience teaches us that the chances for finding solutions for regional challenges are enhanced through a global dialogue among experts. The workshop „Dialogue on municipal water and waste management“ will be held:

Tuesday, May 30th 2006 in Leipzig, from 2.00 to 6.00 pm.

During the first part of the workshop it is envisioned to share and discuss selected practical experiences in water and waste management. Participants can inform one another about their individual projects.

During the second part participants shall discuss starting points for joint projects in the field of water and waste water in Germany as well as in Asia.

For all participants interested in an intensive co-operation and development of concrete projects, the option for a more detailed discussion and planning will be given on

Friday, 2. June, in Dresden.

Objective of the second meeting(s) will be to formulate contents, objectives and financial conditions for projects of "municipal water management" and "municipal waste management" as well as their regional focus. The projects outlined, which should be of strategic importance for both sides, should be detailed and finalised by the Asian and German partners in the months following the meeting in Dresden in such a way that international financing for the project can be applied for.

30th May, 2006; Location: Leipzig Trade fair

14:30

Plenum

Welcome & Opening

**Project Manager for Workshop
Minister for the Environment, Free State of Saxony**

Experiences – Impulses – Objectives for development of projects

**Representative of Asian participants
Representative of German participants**

I Municipal water management

Chairmen: NN Germany, Asia

- Current results and future development prospects in Saxony
- Presentation of envisioned projects by participants from Asia
- Discussion and formulation of project objectives

II Municipal waste management

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16:45

Project related discussion

Municipal water management

Chairmen: Dr. Wummel, Sachsenwasser

- Project Ideas
- Next steps

Municipal waste management

Chairmen: Dr. Barkenthien, IWU

- Project Ideas
- Next steps

02nd June, 2006, Location: Dresden

10:00 - 17:00

Detailed discussion on development of selected projects