

Abstract

SESSION 1:

A Decade of Partnerships in Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia: Synergies and Achievements

WORKSHOP 1.2:

Maritime Sector Contributions to a Blue Economy for the Seas of East Asia

Environmentally Sustainable Initiatives in the ASEAN Ports

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The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in cooperation with the ASEAN Ports Association (APA) initiated the project Sustainable Port Development in the ASEAN Region in 2009 and is currently running in its 2nd Phase (2013 – 2016). The project is part of a regional programme 'Cities, Environment and Transport' (CET), funded by the Germany Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The main objective of the project is to improve the quality and efficiency of Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Management in participating ports, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life for the workers and communities surrounding the ports. Twelve ports are actively participating in the project.

This presentation will highlight the major achievements and results of the project to reduce and mitigate safety, health and environmental risks in the participating ports. The ports have introduced and implemented measures to mitigate environmental impacts related to air emissions, water quality, waste, energy and policies as a proactive approach of the ASEAN ports to ensure a sustainable port operation and to promote a Blue Economy.



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About Franca Sprong:

Ms. Franca Sprong is an environmental expert with a strong focus on sustainable port development. In her current position as Project Director for the ASEAN – German Technical Cooperation ‘Sustainable Port Development in the ASEAN Region’ project for the past 5 years, she is using her expertise and experience in the sector to implement the Sustainable Port Development in the ASEAN region project.

Over the past ten years she has built her experience through the execution of a range of studies and projects in the field of ports and environment, such as air emissions in ports, Environmental Impact Assessment, CO2 in port construction and other related studies. Her connections to members of the port industry enable her to stimulate knowledge sharing and to develop training courses on current topics. In order to do her job in a sustainable manner she is always on the lookout for possibilities to work on a practical level with local people, thereby increasing the likelihood that developed tools are actually used and updated. At the end of the day she is looking for small steps towards a sustainable world.