*Capacity Building and Professional Development of Water Governance and Regional Development Practitioners in the Mekong, Salween and Red river basins (MK31, 32 and 33)*

Workshop on Preparing Detailed Research Design

Vietnam Academy of Water Resources Headquater, Hanoi

20 to 22nd  JUNE, 2015

Background

For millions of people across Southeast Asia, water resources are inextricably linked to local livelihoods and wellbeing, agricultural production and food security, and local economies. Water resources are also linked to large-scale development plans, including for irrigation and hydropower development. The “*Capacity Building and Professional Development of Water Governance and Regional Development Practitioners in the Mekong, Salween and Red river basins (MK31, 32 and 33)*” project will strengthen the capacity for undertaking research and policy engagement of scholars and practitioners of water, land and energy use, management and governance in the Red, Mekong and Salween river basins. A particular cross-cutting focus of the project is research on gender and other forms of social marginalization. It also intends to build a learning community amongst these scholars and practitioners.

The project will achieve this through a 16-month mentored fellowship program for 12 research fellows from each river basin. Each research fellow will produce timely and needed research, and share their findings with government officials, researchers, civil society, community representatives and the private sector relevant to their particular research project including through producing a conference paper, a policy brief and two blogs, and joining a policy-relevant international conference or seminar. At least four research fellows’ projects from each river basin will focus principally on gender. The capacity of research fellows will also be strengthened through mentorship, as well as joining workshops for the fellows and “water governance curriculum” training organized by the consortium partners. Eight research fellows from each river basin will be invited to extend their fellowships to produce a book chapter or academic paper based on their research.

Workshop objectives

* For research fellows and project staff to meet and get to know each other
* For research fellows to refine research questions and objectives based on WLE’s concept
* For research fellows to produce a detailed research design, based on the fellowship application
* For research fellows to understand the administrative arrangements for the project, including narrative and financial reporting and relationship with mentor and buddy mentor

Agenda

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| DAY 1: Saturday 20th June  |
| Time | Activity | Duty / Remark |
| By 13:00 | Hotel check-in | MK31 and MK32 participants to have checked-in at Asian hotel |
| 13:00-17:00 | Site visit: Red river |  (MK33 will arrange) |
| 18:00 | Welcome dinner | At Asian hotel restaurant (MK33 will arrange) |
| DAY 2: Sunday 21st June |
| Time | Agenda item | Duty / Remark |
| 8:30-9:00 | Registration | (MK33 will manage) |
| 9:00-9:05 | Delegation introduction | Dr. Ha Hai Duong, VAWR |
| 9:05-9:15 | Welcome speech | Representative of VAWR  |
| 9:15-9:30 | Welcome remarks from representative of Australian Embassy | Representative of Australian Embassy |
| 9:30-9:45 | Introduction to the WLE program | Dr. Kim Geheb |
| 9:45-10:00 | Brief introduction on MK31, MK32 and MK33 projects | Dr Carl Middleton (CSDS), Dr. Kanokwan Manorom (MSSRC) and Dr. Ha Hai Duong (VAWR) |
| 10:00-10:30 | Self-introduction exercises | All participants |
| 10:30-10:45 | Tea break |  |
| 10:45-11:00 | Introduction to “WriteShop” design  | Dr Carl Middleton (CSDS) |
| 11:00-11:30 | Theory of Change: The concept of Research for Development | Dr. Kim Geheb (WLE) |
| 11:30-12:00 | Understanding and researching on gender | Dr. Emma Aguinot, Oxfam Novib |
| 12:00-13:30 | Lunch | At VAWR Headquater  |
| 13:30-13:45 | Framing your Research: Refining Your Problem Statement and Rationale | Dr Carl Middleton (CSDS) |
| 13:45-14:30 | Individual and small group work on “Framing your Research” | Group facilitators |
| 14:30-14:45 | Developing interesting research questions and meaningful objectives | Dr. Hai Hai Duong (VAWR) |
| 14:45-15:30 | Individual and small group work on “Research questions and objectives” | Group facilitators |
| 15:30-15:45 | Tea break |  |
| 15:45-16:15 | Research design and methods | Dr. Kanokwan Manorom (MSSRC) |
| 16:15-17:00 | Individual and small group work on research design | Group facilitators |
| 17:00-17:15 | Wrap up and feedback from Day 1 |  |
| DAY 3: Monday 22nd June |
| 9:00-9:15 | Welcome and participant check in/ revised expectations |  |
| 9:15-9:30 | Designing research with impact: Outcomes and how to achieve them | Dr. Kim Geheb (WLE) |
| 9:30-10:30 | Individual and small group work on “outcomes” + “How will you communicate your research and to who” | Group facilitators |
| 10:30-10:45 | Tea break |  |
| 10:45-11:00 | How to design your budget / prepare your work plan; Project report and financial report; Competitive grants | Dr Carl Middleton |
| 11:00-12:00 | Individual and small group work on “budget” and “work plan” | Group facilitators |
| 12:00-13:30 | Lunch | At VAWR Headquater |
| 13:30-15:00 | Flexible time to wrap up any outstanding issues from earlier group work (including ensuring that gender is integrated throughout project proposal) | Group facilitators |
| 15:00-15:15 | Tea break |  |
| 15:15-16:15 | Short spoken “eleveator pitch” presentations by each fellow about their research topic to full group | 1-2 minutes per fellow |
| 16:15-16:45 | Role of mentor and fellow; Final Q&A session in large group  | All facilitators |
| 16:45-17:00 | Concluding remarks from the host | Representative of VAWR |