ENGAGE program (Ecosystem Based Adaptation approach for Sustainable Management and Governance of Coastal Ecosystems)

CanTho city, Vietnam

20-25 November 2016
Application and Deadline

International participants should complete and submit full application by 30th September 2016. International participation is limited to candidates from the South East Asian Region (SEAR) region. Local participants from Vietnam can submit their interest till end of October.

Inquiry for this program can be directed to

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or

**Ms Lo Ly** (AIT based coordinator)
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Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants should use the provided application form
- Application must be submitted before or on the given deadline
- Applicants should have at least a bachelor’s level education or comparable experience in a management agency, academic institution or a non-governmental organization.
- Nationality in the South East Asia region
- Relevant academic background (coastal and marine issues), or relevant work experience
- Proficiency in English
- Institutional connections, such that participants will ideally be able to replicate the training in his/her work sphere or include the outcomes in his/her strategic plans
- Letter of support from the employer or supervisor

Quality Assessment

- Experience and relevance of the applicant’s research area to the workshop
- Motivation and contribution to the aims of the workshop
- Description of the long-term impact expected through the participation in the workshop
- Ability to disseminate workshop’s outcomes

Selection Procedure

1. Eligibility check
2. Quality assessment
3. CV review

Notification of results

International applicants will be notified through email by early October 2016.

Equal Opportunities

The coastal management workshop is committed to equal opportunities and diversity in all its activities and this includes the avoidance of any bias in the assessment of applications due to gender, disability, racial or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or religious belief. Participants’ selection will be undertaken by workshop organizers must not contravene this policy. We assure to provide support to enable participation of early career researchers.
COURSE OUTLINE

20-25 November 2015

The actual program is for 4 days (21- 24)

The sessions are a mix of theoretical lectures, case study presentation by the candidates, group exercises and discussions.

**DAY 1 - Coastal and Marine Ecosystems- An introduction**

- The ecology coastal and marine ecosystems in the SEAR region
- Occurrence, distribution, diversity and importance of mangroves
- Overview of status and threats to coastal and mangrove ecosystems - global, regional, national
- Ecological services and benefits of coastal and marine ecosystems
- Open Discussion by the participations on issues in coastal and marine ecosystems in the SEAR region

**DAY 2 - Coastal and Mangrove Ecosystems in a Changing Climate**

- Climate change impacts on coastal and marine ecosystems
- Role of coastal ecosystems in carbon cycle and climate change
- Carbon accounting in mangroves (Blue Carbon Theory and Concept)
- Natural disasters and ecosystem-system based natural disaster risk reduction (Eco-DRR)
- Application of Remote Sensing & GIS for Resource Assessment
- Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation Vulnerability and risk assessments Strategies

**DAY 3 - Management of Coastal and Mangrove Ecosystems**

- Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Ecosystem based management approaches Marine Spatial Planning (MSP)
- Community based management approaches, alternative livelihoods, property rights, tenure issues
- Presentation of Case Studies and lessons learned (from SEAR region)
- Application of Remote Sensing & GIS for Resource Assessment

**DAY 4 - ENGAGE Workshop**

Will include discussion on:

- Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation Vulnerability and risk assessments Strategies
- Nature Based Solutions and Blue Economy
- Overview and analysis of gaps and policy hurdles for sustainable management and needs for policy reforms
- Recap of training course, evaluation and focused group discussion
- Plan of Action for improving research, training and management in the SEAR region, primarily focusing on Ecosystem Based Adaptation approach for Sustainable Management and SEAR
### Application Form

#### 1. Applicant

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<td>Brief CV (academic career, publications, markers of esteem, and any other relevant information) – no more than ½ page of A4</td>
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#### 2. Abstract - Please give a summary of your area of research in coastal management and which of the workshop themes this relates to (300 words)
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6. Workshops will take place in English as standard. Please indicate your ability to work and communicate in English.

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7. Please use this space to give any additional information that you feel is relevant for the application.

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL FORM - ENGAGE program

Subject: Approval for Participating in the ENGAGE program

I support ___________________________ (name of applicant) in his/her participation in the ENGAGE program. I confirm that s/he will be able, if necessary, to travel to the regional center where the workshop will be held on the dates indicated above.

The training will be offered in Can Tho City, Vietnam. It is being offered to all selected participants. We will cover all travel and accommodation costs for people on this project funded or affiliated projects for the selected participants.

Supervisor’s Signature: ___________________________ Supervisor’s Name: ___________________________
Supervisor’s Title: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Comments:

(Your supervisor must sign this form)