

NexGen Professional Development Day

Monday March 13, 2023
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Early-career professionals from the Lower Mekong countries will convene at this learning workshop to develop short proposals for “Co-optimization of Hydrologic Tradeoffs” to support the Mekong River Commission’s Basin Development Strategy. The workshop will include content on hydropower development, fisheries, agriculture, economics and socio-cultural issues in the Mekong Basin, as well as professional development training on public speaking and proposal development. Participants will also attend the 2023 Mekong Research Symposium from 14-16 March. They may submit their proposals to compete for an internship position with FutureH2O, a research program of Arizona State University, and gain firsthand experience of working with experts of the Mekong River Commission.

Draft Agenda

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| 8:30 am | Registration and proposal team assignments |
| 9:00 am | Welcome remarks, introductions, and activity |
| 10:00 am | Problem statement with relevant background information pertaining to the co-management of food, energy, water and biodiversity futures in the Lower Mekong Basin |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:15pm | Session 1: The Science of Innovation |
| 2:00pm | Session 2: Best practices of international collaboration |
| 3:45pm | Break |
| 4:00pm | Team planning time and what to expect for the remainder of the week |
| 5:30 pm | Informal happy hour
Optional MFU Campus Tour |

Organizing Lead: NexGen Program (Joseph Holway) and US Department of Interior