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**

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

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