



Lower Mekong Initiative
**WOMEN'S
LEADERSHIP
FORUM**
INFORM ENGAGE EMPOWER
Hanoi, Vietnam | December 12-14, 2016

Event description:

The **Lower Mekong Initiative Women's Leadership Forum: *Inform, Engage, and Empower*** is a three-day professional development event for Professional Communications for Leaders (PCSL) project alumni and regional leaders. The forum will include keynote speakers, panel discussions, breakout sessions, and networking activities with the overall goal of increasing leadership opportunities for women and girls in the Lower Mekong region. It will allow participants to access resources, strengthen their network of professional contacts, and develop initiatives to impact gender equality in their institutions and communities.

At the Women's Leadership Forum, scheduled for December 12-14, 2016, participants will be able to explore best practices, share insights, and compare experiences. The Forum will also allow for the development of cross-border connections and the use of English for collaboration among participants from differing countries.

Participants:

The Women's Leadership Forum will invite regional leaders from a number of sectors including education, entrepreneurship, STEM, and health & human services. Eight women or men each from the five LMI countries (Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam) will be invited to attend. There will be a competitive application and interview process. Those applicants showing the most potential for continued advocacy will be selected.

Sponsors:

The event is supported by the Regional ESTH office, U.S. Embassy Bangkok, and by in-kind contributions from the host institution, the University of Languages and International Studies (ULIS) in Hanoi, Vietnam. ULIS has partnered with the U.S. Embassy on recent initiatives, and the Public Affairs Sections at all five U.S. embassies in the LMI countries have expressed willingness to promote this event to their network of contacts.



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