



ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME 2010

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Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

In Sweden August 23 – September 14, 2010

And in Lao PDR November 22 – December 3, 2010

Invitation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development in the participants' countries. The International Training Programmes are specially designed for persons qualified to participate in reform processes of strategic importance on different levels and holding a position in home organisation with mandate to run processes of change. This methodology is based on the assumption that your country wishes to carry out changes and is willing to invest own resources to achieve these changes. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries.

The training is focused on support to individual or team plans for change. The plan shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

In this brochure you will find information on the specific objectives for this particular programme, its content and structure, and how and when to apply. You will also find an application form.

The IWRM Programme

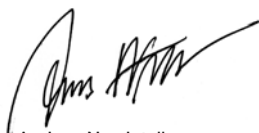
The world is facing a water crisis that seriously affects production and living conditions, jeopardizing poverty reduction and sustainable development, particularly in the poor countries of the world. In many cases the limited water resources, particularly in water-scarce countries, are poorly managed resulting in inefficient use and deepening the crisis.

The poor and marginalised groups in society are often the most vulnerable to the water crisis. At the same time these groups have very limited means to improve their own situation through better management of the resources.

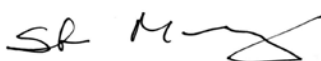
The way to address the situation is partly through technical improvement of the water supply, but, more important, through improved management and governing of the water resources.

Through the IWRM international training programme (ITP) we aim at contributing to poverty alleviation, by supporting capacity building for Integrated Water Resources Management. The approach is integrated and inter-sectorial.

During the programme we strive to achieve an active and strong link to the participant's professional area but also to strengthen the professional exchange between participants, enriching the programme through their different professional and geographical backgrounds.



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Programme Objectives

The objective of the training programme is to support and stimulate the application of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in the participants' home countries, and to encourage the participants to involve in and contribute to networking on IWRM.

Specific objectives

After the programme the participants should have:

- increased understanding of IWRM and its relation to sustainable development and poverty reduction;
- increased knowledge about international, national and local IWRM management processes and tools;
- clearly formulated plans for how to apply the knowledge acquired during the programme in practice;
- an extended network through the other participants and resource persons from Sweden and Lao PDR for information exchange in connection with participants day-to-day work at home.

Contents

The training programme consists of five compulsory phases:

Phase 1; Preparation in home country (6 weeks, part-time)

Participants will immediately after confirmed selection further develop the idea for an Individual Project (IP). A short synopsis should be sent to the programme secretariat about six weeks before arriving to Sweden.

Phase 2; Training in Sweden (3.5 week, full-time)

The training in Sweden includes:

- presentations of key aspects of IWRM;
- four days of participation at the World Water Week in Stockholm;
- field visit to the Em River Basin (Emån), covering aspects of stakeholder interaction and local management processes;
- group discussions on cases and examples;
- exercises in effective group work, presentation and negotiation tech-

niques, including a role play on water decision-making; and

- development of Individual Projects and formation of groups for networking during and after the training programme
- introduction to water management planning methods and tools.

Phase 3; Assignment in home country between the trainings (8 weeks, part time)

The participants will continue with their Individual Projects according to plans developed during Phase 2 and with support from mentors and members of the groups identified in Phase 2.

Phase 4; Regional training in Lao PDR (2 weeks, full-time)

The training in Lao PDR includes:

- IWRM case study from Mekong River in Lao PDR;
- presentations and discussions on IWRM experiences in Asia, and in particular in Lao PDR
- finalisation of the Individual Projects; and
- transboundary water manage-

ment visit to the Mekong River Commission Secretariat.

Phase 5; Completion of Individual Project in home country (2 months, part-time)

- “implementation” of Individual Projects;
- regular contact with programme secretariat, through e-mail;
- interaction in working-groups, through e-mail.

Programme Structure

Date and place

The programme consists of 5.5 week scheduled training distributed in two different phases, 3.5 week training in Stockholm, Sweden (Phase 2), August 23–September 14, 2010, and 2 weeks training in Lao PDR (Phase 4), November 22 - December 3, 2010.

In addition to the scheduled training, participants will undertake an Individual Project, on a part time basis in their home organisations, starting 6 weeks before the training in Sweden and to be completed within 8 weeks after the regional training.

Training Methodology

The training methodology includes lectures, a role play, group and plenary discussions and field excursions. In addition, each participant will carry out an Individual Project (IP) during the programme. The IP must be relevant for and supported by the home organisation. The IP topic is selected by the participant and approved by the home organisation before the programme and shall be indicated in the application.

During the training programme, new tools and methods will be integrated into the IP work, and a final version will be presented by the end of phase 4 – for “implementation” in the home organisation during phase 5.

The result of the completed project will be available to all participants on the internet. Mentor support will be provided to all participants for developing their Individual Projects.

Management and staff

The programme is organised by Ramboll Natura AB and the Stockholm International Water Institute

(SIWI). The International Water Management Institute (IWMI) is a coordinating partner. The training programme in Lao PDR is hosted by the Water Resources and Environment Administration and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and it is carried out in close co-operation with these organisations. The Programme Director is Mr Claus Pedersen of Ramboll Natura in close co-operation with Mr Anton Earle of SIWI, the Programme Co-Director. The regional training Coordinator is Dr Hilmy Sally of IWMI.

Participation

Target region

Selected countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East/North Africa, Europe and Central Asia. For information about eligible countries, please see: www.rambollnatura.se

Target group

Applicants should hold an academic degree and have at least five years of professional working experience.

The programme is primarily aiming at the following target groups:

- policy and decision-makers in the water resources area or with strong connection to water resource management.
- subject matter specialists involved in planning, implementation and management of water related activities, both from the public and private sector;
- members of national and international NGOs involved in water management.

Only candidates with an official nomination by an appropriate authority or organisation will be accepted. To achieve good gender balance women are encouraged to apply. In case of two applicants from the same institution, at least one should be a woman.

Due to the character of the programme, family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the training in Sweden or Lao PDR.

Language requirements

The teaching language will be English; participants must be proficient in writing, reading and speaking.

Application Process

**Closing date for application is
March 15, 2010.**

Applications submitted after closing date will not be considered.

The application should be written on the form attached and include a recent photograph and the required information and documents. If possible please download an electronic version of the application form on www.rambollnatura.se

An English language test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability.

The Swedish Embassy/Consulate does not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

Please be informed that in some countries the application should be approved by an official nominating authority of the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate, and if possible send a soft copy to the programme secretariat. If there is no Swedish Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country, the application should be submitted directly to the programme secretariat.

Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or fax no later than May 31, 2010. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm his/her participation. An invitation letter containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements will then be issued.

Cost of Participation

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover the costs for lectures, literature, documentation, study tours, certain social activities, accommodation and meals.

The international travel cost to and from Sweden is not covered by Sida. The participants shall find funding themselves and make arrangements for their return travel between their home country and Stockholm Arlanda airport.

Sida pays for international travel costs in connection to the regional training (Phase 4) in Lao PDR and Ramboll Natura will arrange for the participants' travel. Visa fees, domestic travels in the participants' home country and local airport taxes are not covered by Sida.

Personal expenses are not included.

Accommodation

Accommodation for the participants is arranged for the full duration of the two training sessions. During the field trips the accommodation might be somewhat simpler.

Visa

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their journeys and stays during the trainings, both in Sweden and in Lao PDR. The visas should be valid for the entire period of each training respectively and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. Visa in-

quires for Sweden should be directed to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate or other Schengen representation as soon as possible after acceptance in the programme. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving the home country, especially for visits to countries not included in the Schengen agreement.

The costs for obtaining visas are carried by the participant.

For more information, this website offers Swedish visa information: <http://www.migrationsverket.se/english.html>

Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance while in Sweden and in Lao PDR. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included.

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Ramboll Natura AB is an international consulting company in the field of sustainable development, with focus on environment and natural resources management, including forest, land and water. Ramboll Natura is part of the Ramboll Group, the largest Nordic provider of knowledge service within the field of engineering, management and IT. The Ramboll group has around 8,000 employees. Ramboll Natura also offers training programmes in Transboundary Water Management and Education for Sustainable Development.



The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is a policy institute that contributes to international efforts to find solutions to the world's escalating water crisis. SIWI advocates future-oriented, knowledge-integrated water views in decision making, nationally and internationally, that lead to sustainable use of the world's water resources, sustainable development of societies and reduced poverty. SIWI organises the World Water Week in Stockholm, administers the Swedish Water House and the UNDP Water Governance Facility at SIWI, and works in a number of international water projects, above all within the policy development and capacity building areas, through different commissioned assignments. www.siw.org



International Water Management Institute (IWMI) is a non-profit research organization funded by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The research agenda is organized around four priority themes covering key issues relating to land, water, livelihoods, health and environment. The Institute concentrates on water and related land management challenges faced by poor rural communities. IWMI works through collaborative research with partners in the North and South, to develop tools and practices to help developing countries eradicate poverty and better manage their water and land resources. www.iwmi.org

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