



APPLICATION FOR THE MEKONG LEGAL ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

In order to express your interest in participating in the 2017 Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute (MLAI), please submit:

- a completed copy of this application form; and
- a one-page curriculum vitae (CV).

Please email all application documents to: mlaiapplications@earthrights.org

Deadline for submission of applications is Sunday, 1 October 2017.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Province: _____
Postal Code: _____ Country: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____
Passport # & Nationality: _____

English Ability (fluent, advanced, intermediate, beginner):

Spoken: _____

Written: _____

Please note that this is for information purposes only, so we can provide materials that are appropriate to the participants' abilities.

Please submit your answers to the following questions on a separate page.

Please keep your answers brief and concise.

1. **Availability:** Are there any dates from **26 November 2017 – 8 December 2017** that you are **NOT** available to be in Chiang Mai?
2. **Current work status:** What is your current position/job? What are your responsibilities? How long have you been working there? How long have you been a lawyer, youth leader or NGO worker?
3. **Experience:** Please describe your experience with public interest law and legal advocacy, especially regarding environmental protection, social and development issues and safeguarding community needs and interests. This can include your own experience or experience from your country or other countries that you have learned about or been exposed to.



4. **Interest:** Why are you interested in receiving further training and skills development in legal practice and advocacy, particularly on environmental and social issues? Why do you think legal practice and advocacy is important in your country?

5. **Case:** Please tell us briefly about one particular public interest legal case or situation that you are working on or would like to begin working on. Who is having the problems? What problems do they face? Who is doing harm, and what is that harm? What has been done to help so far?

6. **Mekong development issue:** What issues in the Mekong region (involving the environment, social or development issues) are you most interested in? We would like all participants to share at least one Mekong issue in order to get input and advice from other participants, so please provide any information that would be useful for that goal.

7. **Other subjects:** Are there any other subjects you would like to learn about? How would these subjects help your current or future work?

8. **Referral for this/next year:** Are there any other Mekong youth leaders, NGO workers or junior lawyers you know who would benefit from Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute sessions? Please inform us if there is someone else we should contact, and we will follow up if there is someone you think is interested in MLAI.



Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute (MLAI) 2017

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 0: Sunday, Nov 26

Participants arrive
Welcome dinner

Day 1: Monday, Nov 27

Introduction to 'earthrights'
Concept of campaign and law as a campaign tool
Concept of 'co-powering' (community empowering) and SWOT analysis

Day 2: Tuesday, Nov 28

Land Rights and Indigenous Rights
Specific cases in Mekong countries, study specific court cases

Day 3: Wednesday, Nov 29

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) overview
Access to information and public participation

Day 4: Thursday, Nov 30

EIA case studies from the Mekong region
Access to remedy - cases from the region

Day 5: Friday, Dec 1

Access to Remedy - NHRC and Thailand Outbound Investment
Land rights and indigenous cases
Litigation

Day 6 and Day 7: Saturday Dec 2 and Sunday Dec 3

Field trip overnight

Day 8: Monday, Dec 4

Earthrights School, Mekong Legal Network and MLAI - sharing cases and legal strategies

Day 9: Tuesday, Dec 5

'Earthrights Defenders' (human rights and environmental defenders)



Day 10: Wednesday, Dec 6

Community organizing
Power mapping
Stakeholder analysis
Follow the money
Community Driven - Operational Grievance Mechanisms
Gender empowerment and mainstreaming

Day 12: Thursday, Dec 7

International human rights and environmental frameworks
UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
Mekong River Commission and ASEAN
Brief and prepare for the final presentation

Day 13: Friday, Dec 8

Final presentation as country groups
Graduation ceremony
Farewell dinner

Day 14: Saturday, Dec 9

Participants leave the country