



APPLICATION FOR THE MEKONG LEGAL ADVOCACY INSTITUTE

In order to express your interest in participating in the 2018 Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute (MLAI), please submit:

- a completed copy of this application form (PDF or MSWord doc); and
- a 1-page curriculum vitae (CV).

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

Deadline for submission of applications is Sunday, 24 June 2018.

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 **9 August 2018 – 22 August 2018** 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) 2018

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday, August 9

ARRIVAL

Participants arrive
Welcome dinner

Day 2: Friday, August 10

INTRODUCTION TO 'EARTH RIGHTS'

ERI Theory of Change and concept of law as a campaign tool
Concept of 'co-powering' (community empowering) and community organizing
Stakeholder power mapping & SWOT / PEST analysis
Gender empowerment and mainstreaming

Day 3 & 4: Saturday & Sunday, August 11-12

FIELD TRIP

Field trip overnight to Chiang Khong

Day 5: Monday, August 13

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) overview
Access to information and public participation
EIA case studies from the Mekong region

Day 6: Tuesday, August 14

LAND RIGHTS & INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Land rights and indigenous cases

Day 7: Wednesday, August 15

ACCESS TO REMEDY

NHRC and Thailand Outbound Investment
Community Driven - Operational Grievance Mechanisms
Litigation



Day 8: Thursday, August 16

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Follow the money
Shareholder advocacy

Day 9: Friday, August 17

INTERNATIONAL LAW

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 10 and Day 11: Saturday & Sunday, August 18-19

FREE TIME

Free time and prepare final presentations

Day 12: Monday, August 20

FINAL PRESENTATIONS

Final presentation as country groups
Mekong Legal Network and MLAI - sharing cases and legal strategies
Graduation ceremony
Farewell dinner

Day 13: Tuesday, August 21

SECURITY & EARTHRIGHTS DEFENDERS

Security and legal strategies for environmental and human rights defenders (EHRDs)
Mekong Legal Network, EHRDs and MLAI – sharing cases and legal strategies

Day 14: Wednesday, August 22

FAREWELL

Participants leave the country