

APN Proposal Development Training Workshop Announcement Vientiane, Lao PDR 9-11 July 2014

Call for Participation of Young Scientists/Practitioners

The APN annual Proposal Development Training Workshop (PDTW) will be held from 9–11 July 2014 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The training workshop is designed to enhance the capacity of developing country young scientists and practitioners to develop competitive project proposals for funding. Considering limited financial resources and the numbers that can be accommodated for an effective workshop (about 25), participants will be selected on a "first come, first served" basis. For this reason, we encourage all interested to submit their application at the earliest possible time and, preferably, at least 2 months before the event itself.

The main topic of the present workshop will be:

Green Economy as related to the Energy Sector

The workshop will focus on the following priority research topics taken from the APN's Third Strategic Plan:

1. *Environmental implications of regional policy aimed at energy security and carbon limited society*
2. *Renewable energy systems and sources*
3. *Biofuels and bioenergy*
4. *Bioenergy technology to offset fossil fuel consumption*

Definition of Green Economy:

"One that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. It is low carbon, resource efficient, and socially inclusive. In a green economy, growth in income and employment should be driven by public and private investments that reduce carbon emissions and pollution, enhance energy and resource efficiency, and prevent the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services". *Definitions retrieved from UNEP, 2011, Towards a Green Economy: Pathways to Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication, www.unep.org/greeneconomy.*

A. STRUCTURE OF THE WORKSHOP: The training workshop will be conducted over 3 days (9–11 July 2014) and will comprise two main parts that are: (1) Interactive lecture-based; and (2) Hands-on training exercises (see Table 1). The first part aims to provide an overview of the APN annual calls for proposals, its review process, together with guidelines on project proposal writing. In the second part, pre-determined break-out groups comprising four to five young scientists will develop proposals with support from assigned mentors.

Participants will receive a certificate after completion of three-day training.

Table 1: TENTATIVE COURSE OVERVIEW

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Introduction session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APN Proposals process - Introduction on Regional/ International funding & networking opportunities 	Project timeframe development and budgeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce timeline development and budgeting - Exercise on budget preparation & timeline development 	Proposal Review Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction on review criteria - Exercise on proposal review and grading
Proposal development (I) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction on current research needs of policy makers - How to identify policy-relevant research topics - Exercise on identifying policy-relevant research topics 	Open discussion session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effective methods on delivering scientific outcomes to policy markers 	Break-Out Group exercise on proposal review
Proposal development (II) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature survey and data gathering - How to gather theoretical background information and decide on methodical approaches to the proposed project - Exercise on identifying research methodology 	Break-Out Group exercise on proposal development	Open discussion session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experts/ Scientific Planning Group members comment on draft proposals - Exercise session comparing final technical project report requirements with initial project proposal
Break-Out Group exercise on proposal development		Project implementation and management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important points on project management - log-frame analysis
		Closing ceremony and certificate awards

B. PARTICIATION: The PDTW is open to developing country young scientists who are working in the area of **Green Economy as related to the Energy Sector** in Southeast Asia. For this reason, applicants requiring funding support will ONLY be accepted from those young scientists/practitioners who are from, living and working in the countries of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam. Those young scientists/practitioners who wish to submit applications on a self-funded basis should be working in an area related to the topic and the focus should be Southeast Asia, although he/she may be from any APN member or approved country.

C. APPLICATION PROCESS: To apply to the PDTW, follow these steps:

1. Complete and submit the online application form for the PDTW through the APN website (<http://www.apn-gcr.org/pdtw/2014>).
2. Submit a letter of recommendation from your affiliated institution.
3. Submit a short motivation essay.
4. Submit your resume/CV (maximum 2 pages).

D. ELIGIBILITY

1. Young/early-career scientists/practitioners 40 years of age or under can apply for the PDTW (research students/research assistants and post-docs are encouraged).
2. He/she should be working in areas of, or have academic experience related to, the main topic of the workshop.
3. He/she must be one of the following:
 - a. An undergraduate degree holder with five years of related working experience;
 - b. A postgraduate working towards a PhD or Master's;
 - c. A Master's degree holder with two years of related working experience;
 - d. A PhD degree holder;
 - e. A postdoctoral student.
4. He/she must be currently affiliated to an academic or national/regional research institution
5. He/she must have good working knowledge of the English language. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's affiliated institution is required and must be attached to the Application Form.
6. Participant will be selected on a *"first come, first serve"* basis.
7. Those who intend to apply on a self-funded basis can be within or outside the sub-region, but their intended work must focus on the Southeast Asia Region and the applicant must be from one of APN's member/approved countries.

E. SPONSORSHIP

1. A maximum of 25 young/early career scientists will be selected for the training workshop. Based on the financial resources available, the APN will financially support 12-15 young/early-career scientists.
2. From each sub-regional member country (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam), a minimum of two young/early career scientists will be selected as recipients of APN financial support.
3. The sponsorship for successful applicants will cover the cost of economy class flight tickets, accommodation and daily subsistence allowances.
4. Five to ten self-funded participants will be selected based on their expertise and willingness to join the workshop. Self-funded participants are expected to arrange and pay for their travel, meal costs and accommodation.
5. There is no registration fee to participate in this workshop.

F. APPLICATION DEADLINE: For applicants who request full or partial funding support, the deadline is **18th May 2014**. However, as applications will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis, early application is recommended and the APN reserves the right to close the call when its application quota has been reached.



Additional notes

- 1. During the workshop, breakfast and lunch will be served for all participants.**
- 2. Those who have previously participated in earlier PDTW training Workshops are not eligible to apply.**

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