



INVITATION

Dear colleagues,

You are cordially invited to:

CSO Dialogue on Good Practices on Gender Mainstreaming in Socio-Economic Development Programmes in Ethnic Minority Communities

Date & Time: Friday, October 19th, 2018
9.00am– 16.30pm

Venue: Super Candle hotel, 287 Doi Can, Ha Noi

As you know, Viet Nam is an ethnically diverse country, with 54 recognized ethnic groups, and 53 of these groups identified as ethnic minority. Each ethnic group has its own rich and vibrant traditions and cultural practices. However, ethnic minorities often find themselves at the margins of Vietnamese society. Furthermore, across ethnic minority groups, it is women and girls who have the most limited access to opportunities, resources and representation, as they often find themselves at the intersection of discrimination based on both gender and ethnicity.

Although the Government of Viet Nam has enacted many policies and programmes aimed at reducing poverty rates in ethnic minority regions, ethnic minorities, and ethnic minority women in particular, are often seen as passive beneficiaries, and many policies and programmes do not take the specific needs and wants of ethnic minority women and girls into account. However, we know that ethnic minority women are active agents of change in their communities, and their voices must be heard throughout the development of these programmes.

In this context, iSEE and UN Women, with financing from Irish Aid, are jointly organizing a workshop (please see details above) to facilitate a dialogue between CSOs and other stakeholders to share good practices in gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment in socio-economic development programmes in ethnic minority communities.

Please kindly confirm your attendance by October 15th, 2018 by email to Ms. Pham Thi Le at ptle@isee.org.vn and Ms. Nguyen Thu Trang at nguyen.trang@unwomen.org

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, cursive letters that appear to read 'LMN' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Elisa Fernandez Saenz

Head of Office

UN Women

Luong Minh Ngoc

Director

The Institute for Studies of Society, Economy
and Environment (iSEE)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8.45 – 9.00	Register
9.00 – 9.15	Opening
9.15 – 9.45	Challenges & Opportunities for EM Women - Research report by UN Women & CEMA
9.45 – 10.30	<u>Good practice 1:</u> Pride-based approach – <i>Pride_Confidence_Self determination</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introducing network The Pioneers for Voice of ethnic minorities in Vietnam- Sharing of Ms. Truong Thi Thuy (Muong, Thanh Hoa) and Ms. Hang Thi Xa (Mong, Lao Cai)
10.30 – 10.45	Teabreak
10.45- 11.30	<u>Good practice 2:</u> Co-research approach – <i>A power shifting process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introducing Report of Bac Kan co-research team- Sharing of Ms. Sam Thi Sinh (Mong, Bac Kan) and a representative of Bac Kan Women Union
11.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.15	<u>Good practice 3:</u> GALS/WEMAN approach – <i>Men’s engagement</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of the approach- Sharing of Ms. Luong Thi Oanh (Khmer, Soc Trang) and Ms. Ngo Thi Phuong Lanh (local facilitator, Soc Trang)
14.15 – 15.00	<u>Good practice 4:</u> Women empowerment in policy monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of the approach- Sharing of Ms. Bui Thi Bong and Dinh Thi Lua (Muong, HoaBinh)
15.00 – 15.15	Teabreak

15.15 – 16.15

Panel discussion

- How each approach overcomes barriers?
- How these approaches would be supplementary each other?
- How to apply these approaches into different context?

With representatives of CSOs (iSEE/CECEM/ RIC/Women Union),
UN/INGOs (UN Women/Oxfam/CARE) and Government Agency (CEMA).

16.15 – 16.30

Closing