



LEARNING FORUM INVITATION

Leadership role of ethnic minority women: Active or Passive?

Vietnam has 53 ethnic minority groups, accounting for 14,6% of the total population (13,39 million people – according to the survey of socio-economic situation of 53 ethnic minority groups conducted by CEMA, 2015). Results of research and models initiated by the Agriculture and Forestry Research & Development Center for mountainous Region (ADC), Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment (iSEE) and CARE International in Vietnam in some northern mountainous provinces over the past 5 years have clearly showed that the empowerment of self-determination, **particularly through capacity building of women's leadership** in the process of decision-making and promotion of their self-reliance and – confidence, and inner resources by prioritizing the use of indigenous knowledge owned by the communities in social management, economic development and climate change adaptation, is an appropriate and effective approach to sustainably address local problems.

In order to spread out the positive results, ADC, iSEE, and the Ethnic Minorities Working Group (EMWG) cordially invite you to the Learning Forum # 2 in 2016 with the theme: **“The leadership role of ethnic minority women: Active and Passive?”**. This event is a part of **“the regular learning forum on development issues of ethnic minorities”** - an initiative for partners, organizations and individuals interested in the development issues of ethnic minorities in Vietnam, which is under the framework of *the Civil Action for Socio-economic Inclusion Program in Northern Vietnam programme (CASI)* funded by DANIDA and co-implemented by CARE, iSEE, CIRUM and ADC.

In particular, this forum has the participation of representatives of ethnic minority communities, ADC, iSEE and other organizations who proactively work to promote the leadership and empowerment of ethnic minority women in Vietnam.

Time: 13:30-16:30, Wednesday, 14th December 2016

Venue: Room 403, 4th fl., Institute for Studies of Society, Economy and Environment (iSEE), Lakeview Building, D10 Giang Vo (behind Hanoi Hotel), Ba Dinh, Hanoi

Language: Vietnamese. Foreigners kindly arrange their own interpreters.

Tentative agenda: attached herewith the invitation.

Please confirm your participation to Nguyen Thi Hoa (Ms.), EMMG coordinator, emwngocentre@gmail.com | 0977 941892 | 04 3 8328570

The organizers look forward to your attendance at the learning forum!

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the organizers,
Le Kim Dung
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EMWG chairwoman

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Leadership role of ethnic minority women

Objectives of the forum:

- Participating organizations have a new look at ethnic minority women and new approaches in capacity building activities of leadership of ethnic minority women.
- Ethnic minority women have spaces to voice out and perform their leadership competence.
- Several priorities/approaches in promoting empowerment and roles of ethnic minority women are widely shared by the participants.

Time	Contents	Persons in charge
13.30	Opening and introduction	ADC
13.45	Gender aspect and women in ethnic minority communities Q&A	Prof.PhD. Pham Quynh Phuong
14.15	Open sharing about experiences in promoting the empowerment of ethnic minority women Q&A	ADC
14.45	Tea-break	
15.00	<p>Talkshow by ethnic minority women: Active or Passive?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tong Thi Van – Tay group, BaC Can – an initiative in a Conference on the development of poverty reduction programs by the Government • Ms. Tran Thi Kim Phuong – Dao group, Bac Can – Sharing about the role of women in climate change adaptation at the Round table dialogue by UN in Vietnam. • Ms. Truong Thi Thuy (Muong group, Thanh Hoa – EM leaders network member), Final round of the festival “Community driven initiatives for sustainable poverty reduction” by MOLISA • Ms. Ha Thi Sa (Mong group, Lao Cai) – Prestigious awards – media initiative to combat human trafficking 	Vu Phuong Thao, iSEE's deputy director
15.40-16.30	<p>Learning – Discussion session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to promote leadership skill of ethnic minority women? • Some principles and priorities 	Facilitator team