



## Mekong River Commission

For Sustainable Development

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### I. Learning/Training Agreement:

<b>Title:</b>	Junior Riparian Professional (JRP)
<b>Consultancy/staff type:</b>	MRC Secretariat Staff under Special Agreement
<b>Division:</b>	MRC Secretariat's related Division
<b>Duration:</b>	From 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
<b>Duty Station:</b>	MRC Secretariat Office, Vientiane, Lao DPR or the Regional Flood and Drought Management Centre under the Technical Division which is in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
<b>Reporting:</b>	MRC Secretariat's Assigned Advisor
<b>Expected Deliverables:</b>	Written Learning Report ( <i>Form JRP-02</i> ), together with the PowerPoint presentation and contributions to specific MRC's products (policy paper, technical report, chapters, etc.) submitted to the MRC Secretariat prior to departure to home country at the end of the on-the-job training period.

#### II. Introduction and Background

The Mekong River Commission (MRC) was established by the 1995 *Agreement on Co-operation for the Sustainable Development of the Mekong River Basin*, between the governments of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Viet Nam. In accordance with this Agreement, the **Mission** of MRC is: "To promote and coordinate sustainable management and development of water and related resources for the countries' mutual benefit and the people's well-being by implementing strategic programmes and activities and providing scientific information and policy advice."

Utilizing the current resources of the MRC Secretariat to strengthen capacity for young professionals from the Lower Mekong Basin in areas related to IWRM is one of the key strategic approaches of the MRC to build future work force or leadership, at the same time, to build further understanding emerging IWRM issues such as sustainable hydropower, climate change resilience and adaptation, sustainable basin planning and management, etc. This is also a strategic approach to transfer knowledge and skills in IWRM to the MCs. Hundreds of JRPs had been trained by the MRCS, with some of them then work for MRC Secretariat, at the NMCs, or returned to their organizations, either being promoted, or obtaining further tasks related to their work, or higher education to further enrich their careers in IWRM or related disciplines. The majority of whom are still serving their governments and regional organizations in the areas of Mekong development and cooperation. The MRC continue to invest in this important and valuable human resource development program.

The JRP nominated by the National Mekong Committees and are selected by the MRCS for on the job capacity development while contributing to the work of the MRC, which is hand-on,

practical and on-the-job with specific assignment. The on-the-job training period is a maximum of 6 to 12-months period.

On-the-job training can range from IWRM disciplines, Climate Change, Stakeholder engagement, modelling, data analysis and management, Sustainable basin planning, Strategic Planning, Project cycle management, policy analysis, financial management, human resource management and development, gender equality in IWRM, together with other soft skills such as leadership and management, negotiation, moderation.

The JRPs will receive a certification from the MRC for the period of their capacity development and contribution to MRC.

The JRPs will have a Special Agreement to work at the MRC Secretariat, following terms and conditions of this contract type.

### III. Objectives of the JPR Program

- To continue building capacity of young professionals working in related government agencies and members of river basin organizations in MRC member countries in the field of integrated water resource management, organizational development of river basin organizations, climate change adaptation, sustainable hydropower development, water policy analysis, etc.
- To maximizing the use of knowledge and skills resources available at the Secretariat and to transfer them to the MCs through training young riparian professionals.
- To expanding the understanding and promotion of the work of the Secretariat to a wider system beyond the MRC.

### IV. Deliverables and Concrete Timelines:

Deliverables and Expected Quality	To be Delivered by
Concrete capacity development and contribution plan with specific and realistic objective/s, deliverables, which are attainable and measurable in the period. The plan needs approval from the responsible director or chief. Specific inputs / contributions / deliverables directly related to MRC activities	First 5 days of the first week
Learning results/product available with a presentation of learning and achievements.	Month 5 <sup>th</sup> or month 11 <sup>th</sup> depending on the on-the-job training period.
Final written learning product available (technical report, policy paper, briefing notes, etc.)	Second week of month 6 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> depending on the on-the-job training period.
Exit clearance procedures (Handover of products, Learning Report ( <i>Form JRP-02</i> ), assigned assets, etc.)	2 days prior to departure.

## **V. Required Tasks and Responsibilities:**

- Together with assigned supervisor to develop smart learning objectives and action plans for contribution to MRC work.
- Work together with assigned staff to implement the learning project, bearing in mind the learning by doing/on-the-job training principles of the learning process.
- Work to create, develop, complete assigned tasks, and produce committed report and product.
- Prepare PPT regarding the learning product, and present to related staff for inputs.
- Take part in training, field trips, workshops, as available and assigned by related Division/s.
- Fully cooperate with assigned supervisor and other colleagues to maximize the acquisition of knowledge and skills at the Secretariat.
- Perform related tasks as assigned by the director and/or chief.
- Comply to all MRCS applied rules and regulations.

## **VI. Intellectual Property Rights:**

Intellectual property rights - IPR: Information, data, database, knowledge resources in the forms of briefings, reports, proceedings, articles, essays, etc. issued by and for the MRCS will be the MRCS property. Any utility, announcement and disclosure that are without MRCS highest levels of authority' permission is considered illegal and will be charged by relevant local and international legal procedures.

## **VII. Working Arrangement:**

Reporting line: Division Director/Chief Officer  
Communication line: Assigned MRCS Advisor/s  
Workstation: MRC Secretariat Office in Vientiane Lao PDR or the RFDMC in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## **VIII. Qualifications and Requirements:**

- All participants require a bachelor's degree in IWRM, social sciences, development studies, or management field regarding project management, financial and human resources management.
- At least 2 years of practical experience in project, financial and human resources operation or management, or integrated water resource management, development sector, and related fields.
- Only nationals of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam as well as China and Myanmar are eligible to the program. Age of 35 years old or below.
- Very good command of English skills (reading, writing, speaking, listening and understanding) is essential as the training activities as well as the on-the-job training and working scheme will be conducted in English.
- Clear learning and contribution objectives, that are relevant to the MRCS' field of work and operations.

- Commit to learn and to contribute to the completion of assigned work at the MRCS and has the attitude of learning by doing.
- Competent in using MS Office software: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Knowledge of other software used in the area of water work is a plus.
- Good inter-personal and communication skills – the ability to work independently as well as team spirit and active participation at the training activities is desirable.
- Culturally sensitive and gender cautious.
- Comply to all MRCS staffing regulations and rules.

**IX. Financial Support**

According to the agreed MRC policy.

**X. Signature Block**

*T. M. Khoi*



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