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**SUMERNET 4 All Call for Concept Notes**

**Collaborative Research for Policy and Practice grants for Mekong Region researchers**

## **Selection criteria checklist**

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| Lead applicant name | : |  |
| Organization | : |  |
| Concept note title | : |  |
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Please check that you have satisfied each of the selection criteria using the following checklist. Once completed, please submit online together (upload this file) with the concept note at <https://sei.submittable.com/submit/137732/sumernet-4-all-call-for-collaborative-research-for-policy-and-practice>. The reviewers will use this checklist when reviewing your concept note.

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| **Required criteria** | |
| The project will lead to **original and significant research outputs related to water insecurity**  The proposal fits one or more of the following research themes: | |
|  | Water access, rights and allocation in times of water insecurity |
| Governance and management of water-related disaster risks |
| Transboundary interactions with water systems |
|  | Links to **regional priorities** are clearly indicated: (max 3 bullet points)   * … * … * … |
|  | Identify the core **Sustainable Development Goals** as found in Agenda 2030 (number/name of relevant SDGs): ………………………………………… |
| **Collaborative project design** that includes | |
|  | Why the particular consortium is strategic for promoting sustainable development in the Mekong Region: (max 3 bullet points):   * … * … * … |
| How the consortium will engage stakeholders throughout the project cycle, including project identification and preparation stages: (max 3 bullet points)   * … * … * … |
| **Gender** **and social equality, social justice, conflict sensitivity, governance and poverty reduction are considered part of the research** | |
|  | Engagement with women’s organization and key regional stakeholders |
| Inclusive and **multi-disciplinary approach** |
| 1-2 research questions dedicated to gender and social equality dimensions |
| Marginalised or vulnerable groups are target beneficiaries of the project. |
| The route to **policy and planning impact** is clear: | |
|  | The level is indicated (local, subnational, national or regional): (which levels?) ………………………………. |
| A policy champion is identified as is their role in delivering the research project and its impact  The policy impact is made clear, either: |
| The specific policy and planning outcomes will be achieved: (please indicate) ………………… **or** |
| How the research will positively impact policy and planning processes: (max 3 bullet points)   * … * … * … |
| The **project consortium** includes: | |
|  | Agencies, organizations, or institutions in two or more countries: (names of countries)   * … * … * … |
| At least two partners from the Mekong Region: (names of partners)   * … * … |
| A **policy champion** that is part of the research process: (name organization/ person) |
| Lead applicant is already member of SUMERNET, registration link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XRL-PYmlr0SfxxE_O_9Yc3ERKSxxSRVCnsi1dBkPLEdUN0s3ODVZMU9VS0REMTcyQVlOMjYwMjZQRS4u> |
| A lead applicant institution with a proven capability to manage research projects involving more than one organization: (name of lead institution) …………………………………… |
| Engagement with women researchers (include roles), young researchers and marginalised groups of people |
| The concept note lists tentative **co-funding amount** (if any), source, whether secured or unsecured, and how co-funding will make the research cost-effective: (max 3 bullet points)   * … * … * … |
| To deliver on some **capacity building** initiatives the project will have; | |
|  | A female researcher in a position of authority: (name and role) |
| A gender/ social inclusion advisor: (name and time allocation) |
| Include 1-2 graduate students or post-doctoral researchers: (names of potential students/researchers) |
| Have a clear plan to bridge knowledge and capacity gaps among the project members from different organizations and countries, as well as from different levels of experience: (max 3 bullet points) |
| The project includes each of the required **outputs**: | |
|  | At least two peer-reviewed papers: (expected titles, if possible) |
|  | One policy brief  One product for dissemination to the wider public per annum: (type of product) |
|  | Reporting requirements including a final report |
|  | Other outputs (e.g. photo story, blogs, vlogs, podcasts, etc.) |
| **Suggested criteria** | |
| The project has identified **private sector collaborators:** (name of private sector collaborators) ……………………………………….. | |
| The project has **identified mentor**(s) and clear capacity building tasks aligned to SUMERNET ability: (name of mentors) ………………………………………………………. | |
| The project **includes partners from China** (but note funding restrictions for China): (names of partners) ……………………………………….. | |