

# Achieving Sustainable Hydropower – Social Impact Assessment Course

**Hanoi, Vietnam**  
**October 26–30, 2015**

As investment opportunities in hydropower take off in Southeast Asia, it is vital for hydropower development to follow good international industry practices so that projects are developed and operated in an environmentally and socially sustainable way.

The International Centre for Hydropower (ICH) and IFC are pleased to invite hydropower professionals to apply for the course, 'The Process of Social Impact Assessment'. ICH and IFC will deliver this one-week interactive training course in Hanoi, Vietnam in October, 2015.

Social impact assessment (SIA) is the process of managing the social issues of hydropower development. As participants in this course will learn, the social impact assessment process should be participatory; it should support affected communities, proponents, and regulatory agencies; it should increase the understanding of change and build capacity to respond to that change; it should seek to mitigate negative impacts and enhance positive benefits across the life-cycle of development; and it should emphasize enhancing the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**October 2, 2015**



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# invitation

## Course Specifics

### GENERAL

All lecturers and resource persons are well-known specialists within their field, and they have extensive international experience. Attending the courses is an opportunity to discuss and learn about current issues related to hydropower together with professionals from Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America.

### COURSE OBJECTIVE

The course will introduce participants to procedures that should be followed in order to comply with requirements for a sound social impact assessment process, considering strategic priorities and strong engagements with prior and informed consent, social performance standards, supply change management, governance, local content. The course will provide tools for planning hydropower and other water-related projects in the best possible way on a national, regional and local level.

### COURSE CONTENTS

- Background and development of SIA
- Impact assessment methodologies
- Baseline data and mitigation measures
- Stakeholder consultation process
- Resettlement
- Livelihood development
- Social Assessments and Performance Standards
- The role of NGO's and monitoring
- Environmental and technical issues
- Indigenous peoples and vulnerable groups
- Institutional strengthening and capacity building
- Financial and budget issues
- Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management (AEAM)
- Corporate Social Responsibility

### TARGET GROUP

The course is aimed at professionals with minimum 5 years of experience in the hydropower sector power companies, ministries, authorities, NGO's, relevant private enterprises and

others working with development of water resources requiring structured knowledge of the SIA process. Executives of power companies, ministries, water resource and energy agencies and relevant private sector enterprises with management responsibility or influence on project planning will benefit from this course. The course will also be of value to engineers working in water resources planning and multipurpose projects.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a minimum of 5 years of working experience is required.
- applicants should hold a B.sc. Degree in hydropower engineering or have an equivalent relevant background.
- proficiency in English is compulsory

ICH reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant in the basis of their qualifications and experience.

*Please Note!* Applications with signatures should be send by e-mail no later than the application deadline. Notice of admission will be given one week after the application closing.

### DATE

Only applications on line will be accepted. You can access the official ICH application from [www.ich.no](http://www.ich.no). Please follow the graphic icon application form for courses and select the name of this course.

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Information on travel, detailed course programme and other relevant information will be sent to all participants in due course.

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apply.



**International Centre for Hydropower ICH and IFC are proud to invite hydropower professionals in the region to send their applications.**





### COURSE FEE

A limited number of sponsored seats are available for participants from developing countries prioritised by NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation). International travel expenses are not included.

The course fee is of 500 USD for vietnamese nationals and 1000 USD for participants coming from other countries in South East Asia. The course fee includes lectures, materials, accommodation, meals, a social programme and field trips if applicable. There is a reduced fee for ICH members organisations in the region

### COURSE DATES

Participants are expected to arrive to Hanoi 25 October 2013 and departure no earlier than 31 October 2014. Information on travel, detailed course programme and other relevant information will be sent to all selected participants in due course.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Organizers



*The International Centre for Hydropower (ICH) is a non-profit organization based on institutional membership for organizations and companies involved in the hydropower sector. The purpose of ICH is to raise the standards of competence of personnel in the hydropower industry and promote the sustainable development of hydropower resources through the capacity building programmes offered in Norway, Africa, Asia and Latin America.*



*IFC provides tailored advice to hydropower companies, banks, chambers of commerce, and energy and environment ministries to help them address environmental, social, and worker health and safety issues effectively.*

*For more information visit, [www.ifc.org/mekonghydro](http://www.ifc.org/mekonghydro)*



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*NORAD's main task is to ensure that Norwegian development aid is utilized in a most efficient manner, and achieves its targets. NORAD accomplishes this through their advice, quality control and evaluation of the aid given.*



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