



## Call for Applications to Join the Conference

### “The Impact of Gender Norms and Stereotypes on Violence Against Women in Greater Mekong Sub Region”

The conference will be held on 09-10 January 2019 in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR This convening is funded by Advancing Learning and Innovation on Gender Norms (ALIGN), an initiative led by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). For further information, visit [www.alignplatform.org](http://www.alignplatform.org) and follow @ALIGN Project. The Sub-Commission for the Advancement of Women and Children (Sub-CAWC), Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism (MICT) in cooperation with Gender Development Association – GDA are seeking participants to join the conference.

To better understand gender norms and to amplify the voice of those who have most at stake in the success of development efforts, this conference aims to bring together doctoral, postdoctoral and early career researchers working on gender in **Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam**. This two-day sub regional event will promote dialogue and critical reflection on the latest evidence, paradigms, concepts and approaches to promote/utilize positive Gender Norm Change, combat Gender Based Violence and Promote Gender Equality in Development; and consider the implications for policy and programming. The 4 main topics of the conference are:

**Day 1- 09, January 2019: presentation from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam which relates to the topic of:**

- “Gender Norm Change and Sustainable Development Goals 5 (SDG).”
- “The Role of Gender Norms and Gender Equality in the reduction of Gender Based Violence”
- Youth Panel and debate on 2 topics: “The Role of Media in Gender Based Violence Reduction and Supporting Gender Norms Change” and “the Role of Men in Promoting Positive Gender Norm Change”

**Day 2- 10, January 2019: two workshops on the topics of (parallel session):**

- “Media Campaign Development: Encouraging Positive Gender Norm Change and Social Norm Change to Impact Gender Based Violence”
- “Combating Violence Against Women and Promoting Positive Gender Norm Change Within Ethnic Minority Communities”

#### Who Can Apply?

- Researchers or experts over 18 years old working within Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam and Laos.
- Individuals with a proven interest in gender equality, and have experience working toward the reduction of gender inequality through research, projects, campaigns or activities relates to the conference topics
- Those with experience in project operation and management to address gender issues

Support funding for presenters/participants from Indigenous, nonprofit and civil society members from participating countries is available.

#### Application must include these following documents in English:

- Application form
- Abstract/concept note/your working papers/ research (for the presentation in the conference) 2 pages Max
- CV/Resume 2 pages Max
- Scan/Copy of your passport

GDA will be accepting application until **23:59’ PM, December 11<sup>th</sup> 2018** to this following Email:

Email Address: [Genderconvening.laos@gmail.com](mailto:Genderconvening.laos@gmail.com)

Application submitted via email is required to have their title in the following format:

**[Gender Conference 2018 Application]\_Full Name\_Country**

Only selected candidates will be contacted.

#### (\*) Notes:

(1) There will be 03 researchers or experts and 02 students from each country in The Greater Mekong Sub Region. Total participants of the event will be 24 persons. The event will be conducted in English, with necessary translation. Please identify translation needs on application form.

(2) The selected candidates will be sponsored (international travel, board & lodging) to participate in a two-day convening in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.