

## Program Agenda

### Mekong Virtual Symposium

Fostering Solutions and Collaboration for a Sustainable Mekong River Delta

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 • 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM ICT



#### Objectives

The [Mekong Virtual Symposium](#) seeks to respond to challenges related to water management and socio-economic development in the Mekong region and provide an ongoing and virtual platform to strengthen collaboration and build capacity in the region.

Under the overall objective, this first event focusing on drought and salinity intrusion in the Mekong Delta of Vietnam has the specific objectives

- To encourage continued discussion and relationship building and foster communities of collaboration on addressing the drought and salinity intrusion in the Mekong Delta;
- To brainstorm solutions and opportunities for ongoing engagement including concrete next steps to address key challenges related to drought and salinity intrusion. These next steps may be shared in the form of a concept note and published on MekongWater.org.

- To identify primary needs for information sharing, technical assistance, and capacity building on drought and salinity intrusion in the Mekong Delta that could be included in the upcoming programs of the [Mekong Water Data Initiative](#) (MWDI).

## **Main Questions:**

The panelist presentations and later discussions will focus on answering the following four **main questions**:

1. What are the solutions and opportunities for ongoing engagement of the MWDI that can contribute to addressing drought and salinity intrusion in the Mekong Delta?
2. What are the roles that different stakeholders, such as national government, local government, civil society, academics, and communities can play in those solutions and opportunities?
3. What training would you or your organization benefit from most on salinity and drought in the Mekong Delta?
4. What changes to MekongWater.org, a water data sharing platform launched by the MWDI, would equip you or your organization to best respond to challenges in the Mekong like salinity and drought?

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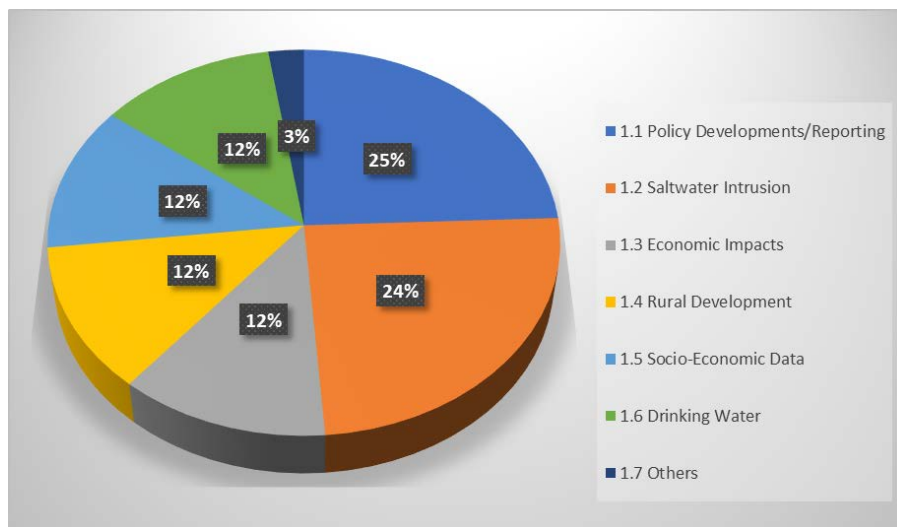
## **Agenda**

1. Opening Remarks and Introductions (Moderator: Dr. Phan)
2. First Panelist Presentation (Dr. Tri)
3. Second Panelist Presentation (Ms. Phuong)
4. Third Panelist Presentation (Mr. Wilson)
5. Fourth Panelist Presentation (Mr. Jacobson)
6. Presentation Q&A
7. Moderated Discussion

8. Revisit Audience Polls on Training and MekongWater.org
9. Moderated Discussion
10. Audience Questions
11. Program Ends

## Survey results

1. What capacity building/training would you or your organization benefit from most on salinity and drought in the Mekong Delta?



2. What changes to MekongWater.org would equip you or your organization to best respond to salinity and drought challenges in the Mekong?

