



Future of graduate education in sustainable development:

# Fostering the next generation of professionals



**29 November 2018**

9:00 – 16:30 at Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok

To explore how academic programs can more effectively serve the region in the coming decade we invite leading regional and international organization and AIT alumni to come join us for discussion on the future of graduate education in sustainable development

## Background

In the past decades, Asia has experienced rapid economic growth, socio-political changes and globalization along with challenges such as climate change, natural disasters, volatile global markets and widening income gaps. In this context many communities, both rural and urban, are becoming increasingly vulnerable. Disparity and conflict along lines of gender, religion, ethnicity, age and race continue to add to the complexity of these issues. Now more than ever there is a need to foster professionals who are able to effectively engage with these multifaceted development issues and advocate for sustainable and innovative solutions.

AIT as a leading international postgraduate institution, since 1959, has actively worked with public and private sector partners and leading universities to serve the region. Our graduates today are leaders in national and international organizations across the public, private and non-profit sectors. Our goal at AIT is to keep up this tradition of excellence and continue to provide cutting edge curriculum and training for the professionals of tomorrow.

## Agenda

9:00 - 9:30	Opening and overview of Department of Development and Sustainability
9:30 - 10:30	Presentation and Q&A from International organizations
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:00	Presentation and Q&A from private sector and NGOs
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 13:30	Presentation on the alumni questionnaire survey results
13:30 - 14:30	Group discussion based on the themes identified in the questionnaire survey
14:30 - 14:45	Break
14:45 - 16:15	Plenary discussion
16:15 - 16:30	Closing session

## Programs

Currently, our department (Department of Development and Sustainability) strives to generate knowledge and learning centered around the following interdisciplinary programs

### GDS

Gender and Development Studies

### NRM

Natural Resources Management

### UEM

Urban Environmental Management

### RRDP

Regional and Rural Development Planning

### DPMM

Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Management

### DS

This program will be launched in **August 2019**  
 Development and Sustainability Program

## Expected Participants

Participants will be representatives from both public and private sector organizations that future AIT graduates may be able to contribute to; and/or organizations where AIT can provide capacity building for organizational staff. Alumni of academic programs under the Department of Development and Sustainability who are professionals in their respective fields are also invited

