



## Partnership Opportunities in Science, Technology, and Innovation

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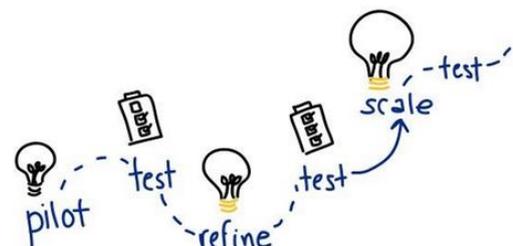
#### Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER):

- PEER invites developing country researchers to apply for financial support for research and capacity-building activities in partnership with U.S. scientists sponsored by nine federal science agencies. U.S. federal science agencies participating in the PEER program include: the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Institute of Health, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Agriculture including the Agricultural Research Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and the Smithsonian Institution. General technical areas funded include, but are not limited to, water resources management, climate change, biodiversity, energy, disaster mitigation, nutrition, maternal and child health, and infectious diseases.
- **To Apply:** <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/peer/index.htm>
- **Deadline:** January 15, 2016.
- **PEER's Special Call for Proposals:** Vietnamese Biodiversity: Among other special focus areas, this 5th cycle of the PEER program includes a special call for proposals addressing biodiversity in Vietnam. While Vietnam is the priority, in cases where the research involves transboundary considerations, research teams are encouraged to look for collaborators in neighboring countries. Projects should also ensure that programmed activities involve and benefit both women and men and, when feasible, address the underlying, gender-based constraints present in biodiversity conservation. For more information, visit: <http://go.usa.gov/caw8j>.
- **Deadline:** January 15, 2016.

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#### Development Innovation Ventures (DIV):

- USAID launched Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) in October 2010 to find, test, and scale ideas that could radically improve global prosperity. DIV is part of USAID's commitment to invest in cost-efficient innovations that address global development challenges. DIV holds a year-round grant competition for innovative ideas, pilots and tests them using cutting-edge analytical methods, and scales solutions that demonstrate widespread impact and cost-effectiveness. DIV's tiered-funding [model](#), inspired by the venture capital experience, invests comparatively small amounts in relatively unproven concepts, and



continues to support only those that prove they work. Visit the DIV [portfolio](#) to see the evidence-gathering and scale-up activities of DIV winners around the world.

- **Deadline:** Rolling basis; final closing date November 1, 2016
- **For more information, visit:** <https://www.usaid.gov/div/apply/aps>

### **Global Resilience Challenge:**

- Resilience Challenges are a key feature of the Global Resilience Partnership, focused on bringing together people and organizations from across sectors to collaborate on innovative and transformative



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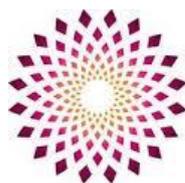
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solutions to the toughest resilience challenges in the three focus regions: the Horn of Africa, the Sahel, and South and Southeast Asia. Multi-sectoral teams will collectively develop locally driven, high-impact solutions that can build resilience at scale. Stay tuned for more information about the next Global Resilience Challenge: the Water Window, launching in conjunction with Zurich Insurance in early 2016. The Water Window aims to mitigate the effects of water-based disasters on vulnerable communities by building a coalition of funding partners to support innovative and scalable resilience solutions.

- **Deadline:** New phase to begin spring 2016.
- **For more information, visit:** <http://www.globalresiliencepartnership.org/challenge/>; e-mail: [challenge@globalresiliencepartnership.org](mailto:challenge@globalresiliencepartnership.org)

### **Global Innovation Partnership:**

- The Global Innovation Fund invests in social innovations that aim to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people in the developing world. Through grants and risk capital, GIF supports breakthrough solutions to global development challenges from social enterprises, for-profit firms, non-profit organizations, international organizations, researchers, and government agencies. GIF is global in breadth and scope: open to the best approaches to solve any major development problem in low- or lower-middle income countries. GIF seeks solutions that can scale up commercially, through the public/philanthropic sector, or through a combination of both in order to achieve widespread adoption.



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- **For more information, visit:** <http://www.globalinnovation.fund/>
- **To Apply:** <http://www.globalinnovation.fund/application-process>.
- **Deadline:** GIF is open and accepting applications for funding. They take applications on a rolling basis, with no specific deadline to apply.

### **SERVIR-Mekong:**

- SERVIR-Mekong is a geospatial data for development program designed to respond to such needs of the Lower Mekong countries. A United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funded and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) partnered joint development initiative, SERVIR-Mekong works in partnership with leading regional organizations to improve environmental management through



increased application of geospatial analysis. A five-year regional project (2014-2019), SERVIR-Mekong targets the countries whose ecosystems are affected by the Mekong River. The program is implemented by the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) in consortium with Spatial Informatics Group (SIG), Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), and Deltares. The overarching program goal of SERVIR-Mekong is to improve environmental management and resilience to climate change in the Lower Mekong Region through the increased application of geospatial analysis to critical, urgent, or common policy and planning needs. The program adopts a demand-driven approach to assess and address the needs of the region, including an open call mechanism for users of geospatial information to request the development of new tools **or to obtain needed data.**

- **For more information, visit:** <http://servir.adpc.net/>
- **To Apply:** “Open Call” for Technical Assistance from governments and private sector - <http://servir.adpc.net/>
- **Deadline:** Rolling basis.

### **Connecting the Mekong through Education and Training (USAID COMET)**

- Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC) is requesting applications from qualified organizations in Vietnam for a new USAID COMET grant program. The five-year, workforce development program in the Lower Mekong countries aims to: improve youth employment with market-driven skills, promote gender-balanced employment in key growth sectors, and increase technology-based learning solutions in universities and vocational technical colleges through the use of innovative training approaches. The objective of the grant(s) resulting from this RFA is for a university or vocational technical college to become a Mekong Learning Center which will be a regionally recognized institution for delivering the MekongSkills2Work training to address student skills gaps in at least one of the areas of STEM+AT (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics + Accounting, Tourism). The USAID COMET model seeks to close the gap by enhancing the capacity of educational institutions. This is full and open competition, under which any type of organization, large or small, commercial (for profit) firms, faith-based, and non-profit organizations, are eligible to compete.
- **To Apply:** <http://mekongskills2work.org/news/call-applications-become-leading-institution-asean>
- **Deadline:** Deadline for submission of Applications: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, 5PM ICT. Submission email: [grants@mekongskills2work.org](mailto:grants@mekongskills2work.org) .