

# Special Events

## ● Indigenous Peoples and Impact Assessment: How Has Impact Assessment Measured Up to the Challenges of Indigenous Peoples' Development?

**Sunday, 29 May • 9:00am-5:00pm**

The event provides a technical forum for Indigenous Peoples leaders, practitioners of impact assessment and other stakeholders to discuss, exchange and share successes and failures of Indigenous Peoples with impact assessment.

The special conference event on Indigenous Peoples and Impact Assessment is a collaboration between the Grand Council of the Cree of Eeyou Istchee; the Tebtebba Foundation, Philippines; the World Bank Group; Hydro Québec; and IAIA.



## ● State-Level Environmental Impact Assessment

**Monday, 30 May • 8:25am-5:00pm**

Approximately twenty-five US states have their own programs for preparing environmental impact assessments of proposed governmental and private actions. These are often called "little NEPAs," but in the aggregate they are responsible for the preparation of far more impact assessments than are created under the National Environmental Policy Act. This special one-day program is organized by the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy & Resources, the nation's leading organization of environmental lawyers. The program provides a unique opportunity to compare the impact assessment practices in the different states, to identify best practices, to highlight emerging analytical techniques, and to understand the role of the courts in the impact assessment system.

## ● World Bank Group Day: New Developments in Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and Procedures

**Monday, 30 May • 9:00am-5:00pm**

This seminar provides an overview of new developments in environmental and social safeguard policies and procedures used by the World Bank Group. Key topics to be covered are the IFC Safeguards Update (IFC) and the Use of Country Systems for Safeguards (IBRD/IDA). The seminar includes presentations on these new developments and opportunity for discussion of their application in World Bank Group supported projects. An overview will also be presented concerning internal and external training provided by the World Bank on environmental and social safeguard policies.

## ● Opening and Closing Plenaries

The opening session at IAIA'05 is the professional highlight of this conference. The three keynote speakers are exceptional additions to the IAIA program. See page 5 for the brief biosketches of James Gustave Speth, Edith Brown-Weiss, and Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea.

IAIA'05's closing plenary will find delegates glued to their seats to hear the summary, integration and lessons learned from the previous days of presentations, discussions, workshops and debates. Don't miss the discussion on where the impact assessment profession will be 25 years from now.

## ● Opening Reception and Poster Session

**Monday, 30 May • 7:00pm-9:00pm**

An innovation in IAIA conference events, this mix of business and pleasure offers a chance to relax from travels and greet fellow colleagues and friends while also providing a dedicated opportunity to meet poster authors and discuss questions and issues raised by their posters.

## ● Theme Forums

Theme forums are "cut-above" presentations and discussions which draw together major threads of the conference theme. See pages 10-14 for the lists of speakers and topics.

### How to get the most from this conference

- **Make a goal sheet.** Why did you decide to register for this program? What is it you expect to gain? Take a moment right now to think about your goals. Then clarify them by writing them down in your program. Look over your goal page throughout the conference; it will help you keep your goals focused.
- **Meet other people.** This is an excellent opportunity to expand your network of contacts. Sit next to someone you don't know, even if you've come with a group. Mingle during the breaks. Exchange business cards. Every participant has a specific area of expertise; find out what it is instead of chatting about the weather. Let us suggest that one of your goals be to meet at least one person you intend to communicate with again on a business or social basis.
- **Participate!** Ask questions. Make contributions. Actively participate in the exercises. Consider the meeting room to be a "mental gymnasium" where it's okay to run, fall, and get up again. You'll benefit much more by participating in the game than sitting on the sidelines.
- **Relate what you learn to yourself.** Don't settle for "abstract" knowledge. Have your current problems, conflicts and interests foremost in your mind. As you learn new approaches and techniques, relate them to your own situation.

## ● Practitioners' Forums

IAIA provides space for impromptu discussions and "pop-up" topics in unanticipated/unscheduled areas of interest. Flip charts are provided in the Ballroom foyer/Courtyard area. In the morning, write in your proposed topic or sign up for a topic of interest to you. In the afternoon, topics are chosen and the locations are added to the flip chart. Groups then meet in those locations to hold discussions. The informality and spontaneity guarantee a lively end to each day's sessions. Organized by J.B. Collier.

## ● Technical Visits

### A. Environmental Justice

Organized by US EPA and Chelsea Creek Action Group. Friday, 3 June • 1:00 - 3:30pm

### B. Central Artery/Big Dig

Guided tour sponsored by the Central Artery's Big Dig Project. Friday, 3 June • 1:30 - 6:30pm

### C. Charles River Watershed

(meet in Thomas Paine)

Friday, 3 June • 4:30 - 9:30pm

### D. Boston Harbor Tour

Organized by Coastal Zone Management and MWRA's Deer Island Treatment Plant.

Saturday, 4 June • 9:30 - 3:30pm

### E. South Shore Coastal Hazards Field Trip

Organized by Coastal Zone Management.

Saturday, 4 June • 12:00 - 6:00pm

Please plan to check in at the registration desk and (except as noted for Visit C) assemble at the hotel's main entrance (Amesbury Street) at least 15 minutes prior to the departure time of your visit. Participants must be pre-registered and prepaid.

- **Make a commitment to review your notes.** Right now, take out your calendar and make a one-hour appointment with yourself to "retake" the program. Don't put your good ideas away with your notes. And consider doing it each evening while your ideas and enthusiasm are fresh.
- **Write a "Dear Boss" letter.** If your boss or company sent you to the conference, thank them with a letter. Include a list of your "action ideas" based on your action plan — what you intend to do or change as a result of what you have learned. If you paid your own way, still send the letter. It will show how committed you are to your own professional growth.
- **Orient, inform, and prepare yourself.** Register early and then take time to walk through the venue to familiarize yourself with locations of activities before the rush of the conference begins. Read through the program thoroughly. Highlight the sessions you want to attend. Read those abstracts and prepare questions for the speakers.
- **Enjoy yourself.** Start relaxed and you'll leave refreshed, inspired and recharged. Forget about what's happening at the office — unless you have unusual telepathic powers, you can't do much about it anyway. This is your conference. Get all you can out of it and have a good time.



**Edith  
Brown Weiss**

**Edith Brown Weiss**, Chair of the World Bank Inspection Panel, has taught and published widely on issues of international law and global policies, including environmental and compliance issues, and is the Francis Cabell Brown Professor of International Law at Georgetown University Law Center. Ms. Brown Weiss served as President of the American Society of International Law and as Associate General Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she established the Division of International Law. Ms. Brown Weiss has been a director, trustee, or advisor for the Japanese Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, the Cousteau Society, the Center for International Environmental Law, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, among others; a Special Legal Advisor to the North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation; a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences' Commission on Geosciences, Environment, and Resources, the Water Science and Technology Board, and the Committee on Sustainable Water Supplies in the Middle East; and is an elected member of the American Law Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law.



**James  
Gustave Speth**

**James Gustave Speth** founded and was president of the World Resources Institute, co-founded the Natural Resources Defense Council, served as adviser on environmental issues for Presidents Carter and Clinton, and was chief executive officer of the United Nations Development Programme. He is currently dean and professor in the practice of environmental policy and sustainable development at the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale University.

In his new book *Red Sky at Morning* ([www.redskyatmorning.com](http://www.redskyatmorning.com)), Gus calls for extraordinary new initiatives, a mobilized civil society, and respect for the unprecedented ethical position in which we find ourselves if we are to avoid global catastrophe and ensure a livable, peaceful planet for upcoming generations. He argues that a new level of responsibility is required from all of us, and his book arms citizens with the information they need to take action and effect change before it is too late.



**Taimalelagi  
Fagamalama  
Tuatagaloa-  
Matalavea**

Archdeacon **Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea** is the Anglican Observer at the United Nations.

Mrs. Matalavea received a B.A. in Accounting/Administration from the University of Samoa in 1984, after she had attained, in 1964, a New Zealand School certificate-General Education.

She has had a long association with the UN and was the operations manager for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at its Samoan field office. Over the years she contributed substantially to the Annual Reports of the UN Resident Coordinators/UNDP Resident Representatives. She also wrote and coordinated the implementation of the security plan for all UN Agencies in Samoa as well as the South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP). She has also been closely involved with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme.

In the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, Mrs. Matalavea gained a rich experience of the Anglican Communion as she was exposed to issues of justice, peace and international projects. She has participated in leadership roles during Anglican Consultative Council meetings in Singapore, England, Wales and Southern Africa. She was responsible for a submission from the Faith Communities to the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg.

The opening plenary features speakers **Elizabeth Brown Weiss**, **Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea**, and **James Gustave Speth**. This is an exceptional opportunity to hear speakers of international distinction.

The opening plenary will start on time. Delegates are encouraged to arrive early.

To minimize interruption, the registration desk will close 15 minutes prior to the start of the plenary and will reopen at the lunch break. Please plan your conference check-in time accordingly.