



The role of impact assessment in

Transitioning to the Green Economy

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We invite international experts, IA practitioners, sector leaders, and policy makers from industry, government, consultancies, donor agencies, and academia to collaborate on what needs to be done and how to attain this vision.

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Preliminary Program

Paper submission deadlines updated! See page 36.



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Is this your 1st, 5th, or 30th IAIA conference?

What an opportunity! Where else can you gather to hear perspectives in impact assessment from 90+ nations—all in one place?

Be prepared for some out-of-the-box thinking, applying solutions developed across the world to your little corner of it. Because impact assessment is such a dynamic field, you are sure to learn something new every year.

Who will benefit from IAIA10?

- Policy makers and decision makers
- Corporate, industry, and foundation leaders
- Practitioners and users of IA
- Government agency staff
- Educators, trainers, and students
- Consultants
- Legislators
- All others with an interest in impact assessment

Why should YOU attend IAIA10?

- **Networking:** expand and maintain contacts with your peers, clients, and those who conduct, evaluate and require IAs.
- **Education:** explore current best practice principles, recent tools and techniques.
- **Options:** choose from numerous and diverse training courses, theme forums, technical visits, and over 80 sessions ranging from interdisciplinary approaches to topic-specific workshops.
- **Inspiration:** attend and participate in stimulating and thought-provoking discussions.
- **Innovation:** learn about cutting-edge IA theory and practice from around the world.
- **Dissemination:** present your work and receive international feedback.
- **Enjoyment:** participate in one or more of many social events.

Why are IAIA conferences special?

- IAIA is the only international, interdisciplinary conference dedicated to the art and science of impact assessment ... *the only one*.
- Exclusive mix of high-level speakers representing many areas of expertise and interest.
- A very participatory conference: numerous in-depth workshops, roundtables, Q&A sessions, forums, and concurrent sessions mean you can participate actively and present your work and ideas.
- Access to training, papers, publications, tools, techniques, and case studies.

Membership benefits

If you pay the non-member conference rate, you automatically become an IAIA member and can immediately enjoy membership benefits, including:

- Electronic subscription to IAIA's quarterly journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal (IAPA)*, plus IAIA's monthly e-news and quarterly newsletter, packed with the latest IA news.
- Networking tools, including a searchable membership directory, access to listserv discussion groups, a learning exchange and more—so international expertise is only a click away.
- Valuable publications and reference materials, including past conference proceedings, EIA Index of Web sites, and a multilingual glossary of impact assessment.
- Discounted rates on job postings at Career Central (www.iaia.org).
- And more!

About IAIA

The **International Association for Impact Assessment** was organized in 1980 to bring together researchers, practitioners and users of various types of impact assessment from all over the world. IAIA members reside in over 120 countries. IAIA activities are carried out locally and regionally through its extensive network of Affiliates and Branches.

IAIA's Vision: IAIA is the leading global network on best practice in the use of impact assessment for informed decision making regarding policies, programs, plans, and projects.

IAIA's Mission: IAIA provides the international forum for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in all forms of impact assessment to further the development of local, regional and global capacity in impact assessment.

IAIA's Values: IAIA promotes the application of integrated and participatory approaches to impact assessment, conducted to the highest professional standards.

IAIA believes the assessment of the environmental, social, economic, cultural and health implications of proposals to be a critical contribution to sound decision-making processes, and to equitable and sustainable development.



Sandrine Salerno

On behalf of the City of Geneva, I wish you a warm welcome. I am personally very proud that our City has the privilege of hosting the 30th annual conference of the IAIA. Geneva is renowned for its excellent quality of life and its best practices in the environmental field. In this context, the theme of transitioning to a sustainable economy makes it an appropriate one for our city where several pioneering initiatives are being implemented.

Local authorities have an important role to play in fostering a sustainable economy, which is a source of technological innovation, and a key instrument for struggling with climate change and promoting social development. As the closest administrative contact with citizens, we also have the responsibility to emphasize public participation in building a more sustainable economy.

Different experiences related to a sustainable economy are located in the Geneva region. Some of them are supported by the City of Geneva as promising innovations, for example with respect to energy policy, small-scale agriculture or the social economy.

The City of Geneva is also active within its own administration, for instance by reforming its purchasing procedures to include sustainability criteria. The technical visits will let you discover some of these experiences.

I hope that you will enjoy your stay in our city and return home with inspiring ideas.

Sandrine Salerno

Vice Mayor of the City of Geneva



Hussein Abaza

UNEP looks forward to welcoming you to IAIA10 with its focus on new strategies for green investments and economic and environmental sustainability.

Recent global developments—including multiple dimensions of the economic crisis—provide an opportunity for governments and businesses to seek and adopt policies and strategies that lead to a shift from carbon-dependent societies to green sustainable ones. To promote this shift, the world will need assistance and cooperation from government, the private sector, and civil society as well as the public at large.

IAIA10 can contribute to this process by demonstrating the role of impact assessment in transitioning to the Green Economy. The conference should communicate a strong and convincing economic case to governments and the private sector for greening economies and businesses, and creating decent green jobs by investing in a new generation of assets (natural, human, and financial).

I invite you to IAIA10 where we will discuss and refine the methods and tools that can lead to the design of policies that promote sustainable development and help countries to make the right decisions through the current global crises.

Hussein Abaza

Chair, Program Committee



C. Nicholas Taylor

It is my pleasure to invite the international community of people practicing and interested in the process of impact assessment to our annual meeting. People from industry, government, international agencies, academia and NGOs are most welcome to join IAIA members. We meet for IAIA10 in the global city of Geneva, Switzerland, hosted by UNEP. The conference organising committee are putting together a stimulating and topical conference, as outlined in this preliminary programme.

Our 2010 conference challenges us to consider the role of impact assessment in shaping a greener future for our economies and societies. The organising committee ask us to consider the multi-dimensional nature of the global crisis and its wide ranging impacts. How might the methods and tools of impact assessment play a pivotal role in moving economies to a greener future, through new strategies and policies across key sectors?

The annual IAIA conference is a dynamic meeting place for the global impact assessment community. This quality conference builds and nurtures networks and provides a friendly and enjoyable learning experience.

Looking forward to seeing you in Geneva,

Nick Taylor

President, International Association for Impact Assessment
Director, Taylor Baines and Associates, New Zealand



Ways to participate

Training courses

IAIA10 offers a wide range of exceptional pre-meeting training courses, with several one- or two-day options on 6-7 April. See page 16 for course descriptions and registration information.

Special and social events

Special events such as the SEA for Development Cooperation Workshop (page 26) and social events such as the opening reception, international networking night, Dine Outs, and more provide wonderful networking opportunities, local color, a chance to meet new people and to connect with long-time friends. Plan to participate in as many of these events as you can fit into your week in Geneva.

Opening session

The opening session will include addresses by keynote speakers including Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director, representatives of the host country Switzerland, and other high-level representatives from partner International Governmental Organizations.

Theme forums

Theme forums are “cut-above” presentations and discussions which draw together major threads of the conference theme. Theme forums are being developed for the final program by the IAIA10 sector chairs to begin each of the days. For more information, see page 8.

Concurrent thematic sessions

Each day of the conference will follow a specific theme related to the role of impact assessment in transitioning to a green economy (challenges and impacts, what needs to be done, and potential benefits). On each of these three days, concurrent thematic sectors will address various topic areas (trade and aid; finance and governance; health, poverty and employment; and tools/methods) under each of the five sectors (agriculture, industry, cities, and transportation).

Concurrent sessions

IAIA's special-interest Sections will hold conference theme-related sessions, including papers and posters; see pages 13-14 for more information.

Indaba

IAIA provides space for impromptu discussions and “pop-up” topics in unanticipated/unscheduled areas of interest. “Indaba” sessions, from a concept first introduced at IAIA95 in South Africa, are held at the end of each day, with the opportunity to “schedule” your topic throughout the day. The informality and spontaneity guarantee a lively end to each day's sessions.

Poster session and exhibits

Every conference sees an increasingly sophisticated presentation of posters and professional exhibitions. IAIA10 will not disappoint. Information about the poster session is on page 15, and information for exhibitors is on page 29.

Committees and Sections

Much of the cutting-edge work of IAIA is the direct result of Committee and Section activity, and the only chance for members to meet throughout the year is at the annual conference. See the IAIA Web site for information about the Committees and topical-interest Sections. Everyone is welcome to attend Section meetings and informal Section gatherings during lunch. Check the final program schedule for meeting times and plan to attend the Section meeting of your choice. If you are interested in serving on an IAIA Committee, please contact info@iaia.org.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This is the annual business meeting of the Association. All meeting participants are encouraged to attend. You will meet the IAIA Board of Directors and hear reports from IAIA Committee chairs and the treasurer. The prestigious IAIA Rose-Hulman Award is presented at the AGM.

Council meeting

The IAIA Council serves as an advisory resource to the IAIA Board of Directors. The Council is composed of the Board, all Committee chairs, all Section chairs, representatives of Affiliates and Branches, the CEO and Headquarters representatives, and the conference program chairs for the current-year conference and any future known conferences. However, Council meetings are open; all IAIA members are encouraged to attend.

Welcome to IAIA

This session is for any member who wants to know more about the organization, its history, and how it works; anyone interested in participating in IAIA as a Committee or Section member; and any new or prospective Board members.

- Register for a training course
- Be inspired by the keynote speeches
 - Attend the AGM
- Submit a topic on site for the Indaba
 - Be a sponsor or exhibitor
 - Visit the posters and exhibits
 - Participate in a technical visit
 - Network during breaks
- Simply attend and enjoy the conference!

Technical visits

See page 23 for the variety of IAIA10 technical visit options. Technical visits are offered before the conference proper, providing an additional opportunity to participate and meet people one-to-one before the conference begins.

Closing plenary

How can you integrate the dozens of ideas, topics, challenges and debates of the past week? How can you apply lessons learned to the way forward in impact assessment? How can you hear about the main findings of sessions you weren't able to attend? Come and listen, participate, and be motivated.

Awards

IAIA's awards are presented throughout the conference. Who will win the prestigious honors associated with the annual IAIA awards?

Green your travel

IAIA takes steps to reduce the impact of our conferences, such as limiting printed materials, contracting with venues that provide green programs, using bulk servings, and more. See the IAIA10 Web page (Helpful Links > Green Travel) for carbon offset program suggestions to green your travel.

And more...

See the pages that follow for details and check the IAIA Web site for continuing updates (www.iaia.org).

Transitioning to the Green Economy

Despite efforts over the past decades to demonstrate the inter-dependency between the environment, development and human well-being, the environment continues to receive marginal attention in economic policymaking. Worldwide, billions of dollars are spent annually to subsidize carbon-emitting fossil fuels. Meanwhile, investment in renewable energy remains inadequate, posing a threat to affordable and secure energy supply. Investment in the agricultural sector including water and soil conservation has actually declined in the last ten years in the developing world, threatening food security when the world's major food producers have been subsidized to grow biofuels instead of food.

This continued environmental neglect is mainly due to the absence of a powerful economic case being made for investing in the environment. For example, a worldwide transition to energy-efficient buildings would create millions of jobs, as well as "greening" existing employment for many of the estimated 111 million people already working in the construction sector. Investments in improved energy efficiency in buildings could generate an additional 2-3.5 million green jobs in Europe and the United States alone, with the potential much higher in developing countries.

The Green Economy is one in which the vital links between economy, society, and environment are taken into account and in which the transformation of production processes, production and consumption patterns contributes to a reduction per unit in waste, pollution, and the use of resources, materials and energy. Transitioning to the Green Economy will revitalize and diversify economies, create decent employment opportunities, promote sustainable trade, alleviate poverty and improve equity and income distribution.

To promote this shift, the world will need the assistance and cooperation from both public and private stakeholders. IAIA10 can help demonstrate the role of impact assessment in transitioning to the Green Economy. The event should communicate a strong and convincing case to governments and the private sector for how impact assessment, as one tool in a toolbox, can contribute to greening economies and businesses, and creating decent green jobs by investing in a new generation of assets (natural, human, and financial).

IAIA10 focuses on five sectors:

- Agriculture
- Industry
- Tourism
- Cities
- Transportation

These sectors were identified as promising areas for potential sustainable green investment that can help revive the world economy, save and create jobs, enhance poverty reduction, and reduce carbon dependency and ecosystem degradation.

Green investments in these areas can be an immediate response to the current global crises—financial, food, fuel, and climate change. The interaction and outcomes at IAIA10 will contribute to ongoing initiatives, including those of other organizations, on how impact assessment can best insure that these green investments in all five sectors receive proper consideration.

The current global situation has drawn worldwide attention and is providing an opportunity for governments and businesses to seek and adopt alternative strategies that lead to a shift from carbon dependant societies to green sustainable ones.

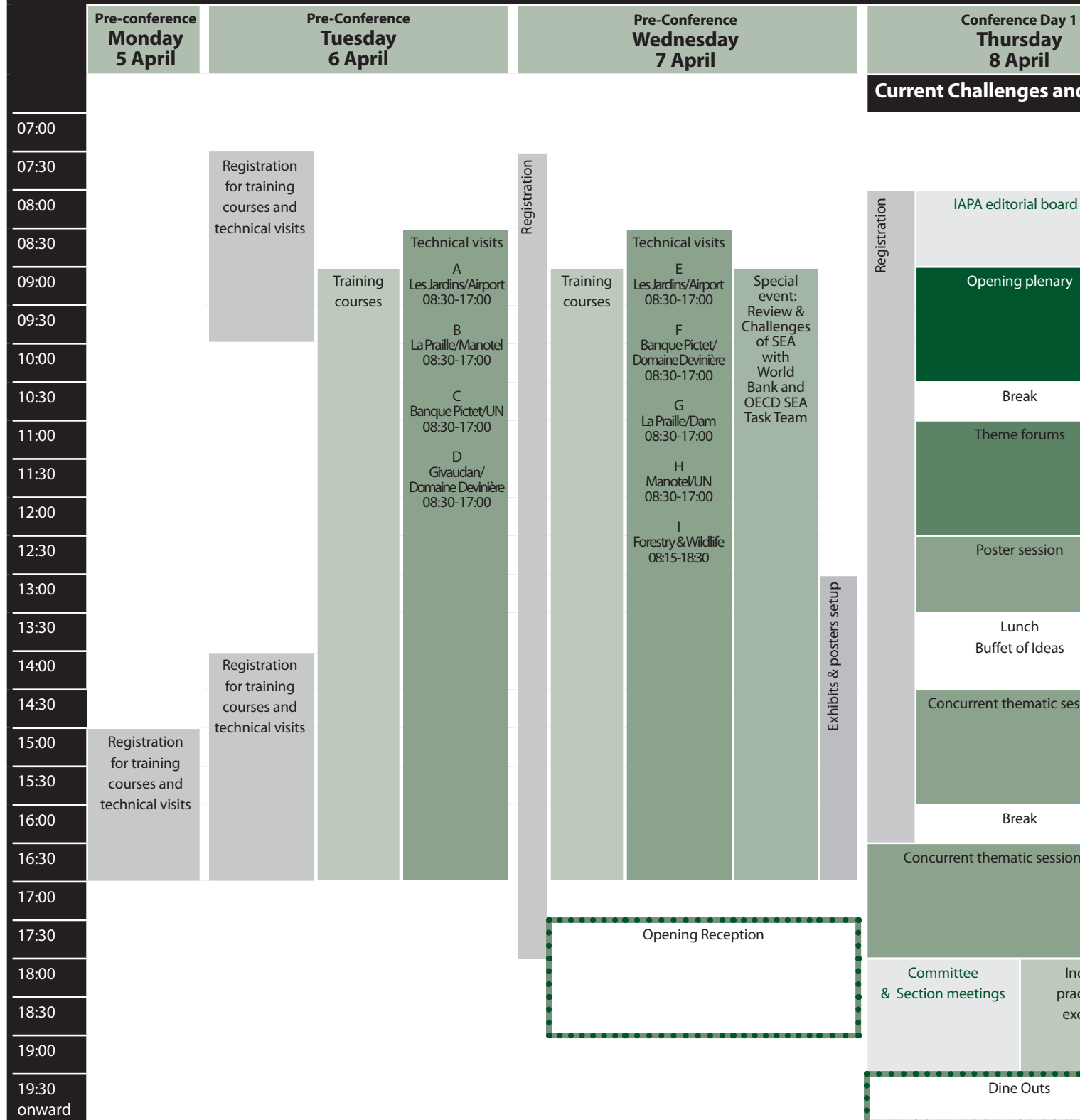
In light of the urgency for these strategies, **THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW!**

Conference overview

- The conference will formally commence on Wednesday, 7 April 2010.
- Training courses (page 16) and a pre-conference special meeting (page 26) will be offered 6-7 April.

Tentative Program Overview

Check the final program for confirmed dates, times, and events.



Conference overview

- Diverse social activities (page 26) and technical visits (page 23) will be available throughout the conference.
- The opening reception will take place Wednesday, 7 April, and a special social event will be held Saturday, 10 April.

	Conference Day 2 Friday 9 April	Conference Day 3 Saturday 10 April	Conference Day 4 Sunday 11 April	
Impacts	What Needs to Be Done?	Potential Benefits	Summary & Output	
		Fun Run		07:00
				07:30
meeting	Registration	Registration	Registration	08:00
	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	08:30
Exhibits & posters	Theme forums	Theme forums	Concurrent sessions	09:00
	Break	Break	Break	09:30
	Concurrent thematic sessions	Concurrent thematic sessions	Concurrent sessions	10:00
	AGM and Rose-Hulman Award Presentation	Council meeting	Lunch	10:30
	Lunch & Section meetings	Lunch & Section meetings		11:00
sions	Concurrent thematic sessions	Concurrent thematic sessions		11:30
	Break	Break		12:00
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dabas & practitioners changes	Committee & Section meetings	Committee & Section meetings	Plenary IAIA Presidential Address Awards IAIA10 report from theme forums & summary Intro to Future IAIA Meetings	13:00
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				19:00
	Dine Outs	International Networking Night		19:30 onward

Technical program

About the Technical Program

Each day of the conference will follow a specific theme in relation to the 5 conference sectors (Agriculture, Industry, Cities, Transportation and Tourism):

Day 1 will focus on challenges and positive and negative impacts of current policies and practices in the 5 sectors on the environment, as well as social and economic aspects.

Day 2 will focus on what needs to be done within the context of the current multiple crisis (financial, food, energy, water, ecosystem degradation and climate change), including enabling conditions (regulations, tools and procedures, incentives, trade and aid, finance and governance, public participation, training and education) that need to be introduced to revive the economy, create jobs, and reduce poverty, while promoting more sustainable patterns of production and consumption, conserve the environment and arrest environmental and ecosystem degradation.

Day 3 will focus on potential benefits (positive impacts) resulting from adopting environmentally sound and sustainable policies and practices with respect to: i) the environment (conservation of ecosystems, efficient and sound management of natural resources air, freshwater, oceans and seas, forests, fisheries, land, soil, subsoil assets); ii) social aspects (health, jobs, more equitable distribution of incomes and resources, poverty reduction, gender equality, public participation, empowerment, public awareness); and iii) economic aspects (revitalizing and diversifying the economy, creating trade opportunities, green investments).

Theme forums for each of the 5 sectors will be held concurrently at the beginning of each of the three days. These will bring together special speakers, from among IAIA members or other experts, to set the stage for the day's discussions and sessions in the respective themes. These forums will also allow generous time for discussion and interaction. The theme forums are being developed by the sector chairs; details will be available in the final program.

For each sector and on each day, **concurrent thematic sessions** will be convened in the subsequent time periods, addressing various topic areas (trade and aid, finance and governance, health, poverty and employment, and tools and methods), to the extent possible and depending on interest. The following pages provide a preliminary description of some of these sessions.

The scheduling of the program will work to avoid having the treatment of one topic area under different sectors taking place simultaneously, in order to allow some participants to follow specific topic areas through the conference. This means that a participant with finance background, for example, should be able to attend the finance and governance sessions for various sectors: to see what the current challenges and impacts are on the first day; find out what needs to be done in order to assist countries get out of the current multiple crisis by transition to a green economy on the second day; and finally identify the potential benefits.

In addition to the theme forums and concurrent thematic sessions, there will be **concurrent sessions** proposed by IAIA Sections; a number of these sessions are also oriented toward the green economy theme of the conference.

Definition of Conference Terms

Theme forums, thematic sessions, and concurrent sessions may be presented in different formats, which will be specified in the final program.

A **session** is a block of time, typically 90 minutes, during which discussion centers on a particular topic.

For IAIA10, **thematic session** refers to a session that is specifically oriented toward the conference theme of the role of impact assessment in transitioning to a green economy.

Sessions and thematic sessions may utilize a variety of formats, and the length of time available for presentations depends on the format that has been selected by the session chair. Formats include:

Paper session: In a paper session, authors orally present the findings of a prepared paper or project. A chaired paper session typically allows 4-5 presentations of 15-20 minutes each, including time for specific questions. Ideally, the chair allocates time for general questions and open discussion following the presentations.

Theme forum: Smaller than plenaries and larger than concurrent sessions, theme forums include "cut-above" presentations and discussions which address the conference theme, bring together on a particular topic the various aspects of impact assessment, and examine how those aspects apply to different sectors and issues.

Workshop: In a workshop, the topic is specific and seeks to resolve a defined problem, often through a combination of 2-3 short paper presentations and active discussion.

Panel discussion: In a panel, the speakers are invited. The chair introduces each speaker and puts each talk in perspective. Each speaker gives a brief (10-15 minutes) prepared presentation, usually presenting a different view or experience on the topic, followed by debate between the speakers and questions from the audience facilitated by the chair.

Roundtable: Involves a group of individuals, some of whom may be invited, holding an informal discussion on a specific topic or problem, with no formal presentations.

Debate: A debate takes place between two or more opponents who are experts in their fields as well as being entertaining presenters. The debate topic is clearly defined in terms of a question, with one side presenting the affirmative case and the other the negative case.

World Café: World Café comprises progressive rounds of conversation among groups of 5-6 participants. Each round lasts 15-20 minutes, after which participants are invited to form new groups and continue the conversation drawing in ideas and comments from earlier discussions. The session concludes with a whole-group discussion.

Practitioner exchanges provide an opportunity for up to 8 conference participants to present a brief (3 minutes) overview of their work and to network with others in the same field. Time does not permit presentation of full papers during the session, but abstracts will be included in the final program. Note: Some Practitioner Exchanges are scheduled in the preliminary program in response to submissions received, while others may be added during preparation of the final program to accommodate large numbers of paper submissions on a particular topic.

Indaba: For issues that arise during the conference and that delegates want to pursue through follow-up discussions. During the morning, participants post potential topics for discussion, and individuals interested in each topic sign up. If a topic generates sufficient interest, space is made available for the discussion to take place in the late afternoon.

Agriculture, broadly defined by the FAO to include forestry, fisheries, land use and water management, faces several challenges involving a range of economic, social and environmental issues. Global food production is struggling to keep pace with population growth and changing dietary habits in growing economies. Agriculture accounts for 70 percent of global freshwater use and also contributes a significant quantity of surface water pollution. Marine fish stocks are being depleted, aided partly by harmful subsidies. Crop and livestock production contributes about 13 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, which is exacerbated by trends in deforestation.

Current Challenges and Impacts

Current challenges in agricultural finance and governance

This session will look at the current challenges that hinder the agricultural sector in making the transition to the green economy. These barriers can include a lack of financial support, in particular for investment, as well as policies and policy instruments that inhibit a transition towards sustainable farming, fisheries, and forestry and land use practices.

The challenge of applying ESIA to agriculture

Conveners: Patrick Duffy, Michael Koeh

We continue to be informed by fresh success stories from several countries on six continents. Join us and catch up on the progress. Remember: "Nature, to be commanded, must be obeyed." (Francis Bacon, 1612).

Tools and methods in IA that present challenges to sustainable agriculture

Current tools and methods in impact assessment that can be used, or in some instances should be avoided, to make the shift towards sustainable agricultural practices. These best practices and lessons learned will include examples from both developed and developing regions of the world.

What Needs to Be Done?

Technology Assessment will assist the transition

Convener: Frank Vanclay

Technology Assessment will help the transition to a green economy by providing a process by which the community can contribute to decisions about the new technologies that will be a feature of the green economy. This theme forum features invited presentations from leading TA practitioners drawn from European TA agencies.

Overhauling poor agriculture with good ESIA

Convener: Patrick Duffy

By revisiting the combination of ESIA and reporting with the standard EIS model, we can successfully avoid or turn around damaging practices. Come and learn the simple approach to solutions, bringing your own cases from home.

Promoting a shift to sustainable agriculture

This session will examine impact assessment's role in what needs to be done in trade and aid, finance and governance, and health to promote a transition to sustainable agriculture. Contributions, primarily from developing countries, will address how impact assessment can contribute to initiatives such as local ecosystem management and enabling policy frameworks.

Potential Benefits

What if we made this happen?

Convener: Patrick Duffy

Eighty nations have quite the same EIA policies and regulations, yet most have excluded agriculture, forestry and fisheries from ESIA. Governments and agencies are creeping towards more application. Come with your views on how to harness the potential of fresh policies to thoroughly rectify the situation.

Sustainable agriculture: innovative metrics

Conveners: Chantal Line Carpentier, Daniele Giovannucci

For more than a decade now, the demand for Organic, Fair Trade, and Rainforest Alliance has been unprecedented. Yet, what do we really know about their impact? Leading researchers discuss the results and the policy implications of new ways of measuring sustainability with social, economic, and environmental indicators.

Potential benefits of the shift to sustainable agriculture: finance and governance

This session will carry forward the discussion on the current challenges concerning finance and governance in agriculture. Presentations on some specific cases will be used to illustrate the potential benefits that can be achieved, such as concerning agricultural and land use policy. Participants are invited to come with their own examples and viewpoints.

Concurrent thematic sessions

Industry

Sector Chair: to be determined

The Industry Sector in the Green Economy includes a diverse range of processes, products, and services that make use of renewable materials and energy sources with a view to significantly reducing the use of materials, energy, and other resources and minimizing or eliminating pollution.

Current Challenges and Impacts

Does impact assessment promote a green economy?

Conveners: Angus Morrison-Saunders, Bill Ross, Francois Retief

To what extent does IA practice promote a green economy rather than entrench “business as usual”? Come and join the debate in a participative audience discussion.

When is “Green Business” truly green?

Convenor: Mark Stoughton

Green business is critical to a sustainable economy, and an increasing focus of environmental and industrial policy—and of responsible business. But verifying that “green business” is truly green is a critical challenge. The IA community has not fully engaged in this area. Explore these issues and challenges in this session!

Environmental effects of renewable energy

Conveners: Pamela Gunther, Derek Melton

Presentations and discussions about siting constraints and environmental, social, and health effects observed or projected to occur from utility scale renewable energy sources (such as hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, wave, and tidal).

Tools and methods that present challenges to the industry sector

Impact assessment has a role to play in the transition toward the green economy. This paper session will examine what this role is and how it can lead to more sustainable practices in the industry sector.

Do green policies ensure green projects?

Conveners: Charlotte Bingham, Vanessa Hovland, Jonathan Nash

Some projects resulting from green policies raise red flags and may create high risks, environmental losses, and social impact. Are they worth it? Papers will address similar issues, such as use of undeveloped land to produce biofuels, cumulative impacts of many small “green” projects, and projects that seem sustainable but upon robust analysis are not.

Impact assessment and finance

Conveners: Shawn Miller, Greg Radford, Deborah Berger, Marcelo Battisti

This session will focus on the current role of impact assessment in financing development projects, and the recent trends in the environmental and social policies of multilateral, bilateral and private commercial banks that implement the Equator Principles. The session will examine how these standards impact the outcomes of projects.

What Needs to Be Done?

Community health and safety in development lending

Conveners: Michaela Pfeiffer, Carlos Dora

Discussions will cover tools/frameworks to facilitate the integration of community health into international financial institutions (IFI) lending policies/practices; IFI experiences with community health aspects of their policies/practices; and issues and challenges for practitioners and IFIs and what may be done to address them.

The extractive industries’ good practice toolbox

Convenor: Erica Dholoo

The extractive industries have at their disposal a growing suite of methods to manage environmental and social impacts along the project lifecycle. Is this expanding toolbox helping the industry achieve integration within impact assessment, as called for in international standards for good practice?

The role of partnerships in promoting innovation

Convenor: Ana Maria Esteves

Partnerships between governments, companies and communities blur sectoral boundaries. Traditional sector solutions will not address the “big” issues. Papers in this session examine how partnerships will help reduce poverty, revitalize and diversify economies, create jobs and market opportunities. The session will provide concrete recommendations on what needs to be done to achieve this.

Potential Benefits

Potential impacts of the transition to greener industries

The transition towards greening the industry sector will require a shift in investment, as well as the enabling conditions, such as policy change. What potential impacts will this have on poverty and employment, health, and/or trade and aid, and what is impact assessment’s role in demonstrating these impacts?

Oil for Development

Convenor: Arne Dalfelt

Oil and gas production requires extensive on-site industrial activities for the life of the fields. The oil and gas theme forum and sessions at the conference will throw light on these issues and discuss new methodologies and technologies for improved IAs in the sector. It will particularly focus on the benefits that could be realized if new and improved methodologies and technologies for IAs in the sector were widely adopted. The oil and gas sector carry an undeveloped potential for green investment, and improved IAs may potentially contribute to environmentally sound investments that better fit local, national, and regional situations.

Transportation

Sector Chairs: *Olivia Bina and Andrea Ricci*

The transportation sector faces some of the greatest challenges in a transition to a green economy. The global automobile industry generates some \$1.9 trillion in revenues and employs 4.4 million people, but unless there is a major shift away from current patterns of energy use, world transportation energy demand is expected to grow by two percent per year. This would result in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions at 80 percent above 2002 levels by 2030. However, many possibilities to improve options for more sustainable transportation are being developed, including reinvigorated public transportation systems and technological advances in the use of renewable fuel sources. What are the challenges for impact assessment in evaluating such investments, and can the field provide some indication of the potential benefits that could be generated?

Current Challenges and Impacts

Finance and governance facing the transition to greener transportation

This paper session will examine and discuss what can be learned from impact assessments with regards to the challenges/impacts that will be encountered from the financial sector and governance in moving towards greener transportation systems.

What Needs to Be Done?

To be included in final program.

Potential Benefits

Health impacts of the transport transition

Convenor: *Martin Birley*

The twin issues of climate change and peak oil imply a widespread energy descent transition with profound effects on transport. The transition will occur during the lifetime of all projects and policies started today and should be considered in all impact assessments.

Low carbon economies and strategic environmental assessments in Asia

Conveners: *Olivia Bina, Andrea Ricci, Xu He, Kin Che Lam*

Although many weaknesses still undermine the effectiveness of SEA assessments in Asia and around the world, there is an increasing understanding of what can make SEA a strong ally in the pursuit of environmental governance and the mainstreaming of environmental policies. This session explores the synergies between green economy/growth, industrial ecology/growth, LCE, and maximization of ecosystem services; how we can integrate LCE concerns with social objectives; and one or more institution/country-focused groups to discuss current activities.



Concurrent thematic sessions

Cities

Sector chairs: Maria Partidário and Markus Eggenberger

Globally the construction sector has a turnover of \$3 trillion annually and directly employs close to 120 million people. However, buildings are responsible for about one-third of greenhouse gas emissions globally, 40% of resource use, 30% of solid waste generation, and 20% of water consumption. For reasons such as these, cities have been identified as one of the five sectors in the IAIA10 conference that offer promising areas for potential sustainable green investments. We will engage in discussions around the perspective of cities as complex systems where people, multiple sectors and multiple functions meet and interact. Sustainable construction and adaptation to climate change, citizens and consumers behaviors, social groups and the ownership of cities functions and cities space, the role of ecosystem services in creating urban green areas and generating economic benefits, namely through the image of the city -- all of these have to be reflected in planning approaches to cities.

Current Challenges and Impacts

Sustainability assessment "hypothetical"

Convener: Jack Krohn

Rug up for a return to the Ice Age! This unscripted Hypothetical format session translates a modern city back 18,000 years. It's colder, drier, and sea levels are lower—but it's changing. Our expert panel will respond to the unfolding scenario, illuminating the challenges of societal and economic transition to meet environmental challenge.

What Needs to Be Done

Coastal zone challenges in moving toward a green economy

Conveners: Pedro Bettencourt, Claudia Fulgencio

Climate change and sea level rise are reshaping the world's coastlines with major impacts in widely and densely populated areas. The session's aim is to present and discuss strategies and case studies for adaptation and mitigation of environmental, economic, and social damage in coastal areas.

Potential Benefits

Potential impacts of the tools and methods used for the transition to green cities

As measures are proposed to support the transition to green sustainable cities, what are the impacts of these proposed tools and methods? Using the papers submitted under this sector and area of focus, this session will look at what the possible benefits are, as well as discuss the negative impacts, if any, these measures will have.

Tourism

Sector Chairs: Linda Ghanimé and Nick Bonvoisin

Although less affected than some other sectors, tourism has not been immune to the effects of the economic crisis. Many countries have therefore targeted travel and tourism in their stimulus measures. As one of the largest employment sectors in most countries, the travel and tourism sector can play a critical role in meeting the Millennium Development Goals. Tourists have the money, knowledge, and time to adapt their behavior and they can switch travel plans to alternative destinations or seasons, or simply stay at home. This power can support the transition to a green economy if the right investments are made now. Impact assessment has an important contribution to make in pointing the path for decision-makers in identifying these opportunities.

Current Challenges and Impacts

Tools and methods in the tourism sector

A range of IA tools and methods can be applied to tourism sector investments, including those that can support the transition to a Green Economy. The impact of new energy projects in developing countries on nearby small-scale tourism sectors is another context in which tools and methods may need further development. This paper session will examine the challenges facing the application of IA to this sector, with a range of presented case studies to initiate discussion, drawn from a variety of contexts and different scales of application.

What Needs to Be Done

Tourism, biodiversity and poverty alleviation

Conveners: Linda Ghanime, Nick Bonvoisin

The UN WTO and key tourism partners working with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity have developed guidance on tools to advance tourism with biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. This is illustrated with a growing suite of best-practice initiatives in tourism with benefits to local and national economies. This two-session forum will discuss how the IA community and its suite of tools can best be involved in this effort to mobilize experts, practitioners, policy-makers and planners, developers, consultants/specialists in serving communities wishing to include nature-based tourism in their pathway to a greener economy.

Planning inclusive tourism for green economy

Conveners: Vinod Mathur, Asha Rajvanshi

The rapid and unregulated growth in tourism has produced more infrastructure, put unsustainable demands on local environments, and created adverse impacts on both cultural and natural biodiversity. All this is making transition towards the green economy a distant dream. There is an urgent need to plan inclusive tourism infrastructure projects.

Potential Benefits

To be included in final program.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES

Impact assessment and forest management

Co-chairs: Kevin Hanna, Bram Noble, Ismo Polonen

IAIA Section: Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry

This session examines the use of IA in the management of forest resources. The emphasis is on how IA has improved, or can improve, participatory and deliberative resource management. Examples from high production jurisdictions are used to illustrate challenges and promise in IA application to forest management.

BIODIVERSITY & ECOLOGY

Offsetting biodiversity impacts: Stopping the loss

Co-chairs: Susie Brownlie, Asha Rajvanshi, Kerry ten Kate

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

We—and nature—are in crisis. Biodiversity offsets aim to conserve biodiversity and sustain valued ecosystem services. Policies of companies, authorities and financing institutions promoting offsets provide opportunities to grow the Green Economy. What have we learned from experiences world-wide to enable us to optimise biodiversity offsets?

Resilience thinking improves SEA: A discussion

Co-chairs: Roel Slootweg, Mike Jones

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

Resilience scientists have coined the term “social-ecological systems” to emphasize the interdependence between humans and nature. The concept can be adopted to encourage holistic, participatory approaches to planning, based on local and scientific knowledge. Resilience thinking seems relevant to impact assessment. How can both worlds meet?

Valuing ecosystem services and climate change

Chair: Roel Slootweg

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

Impact assessment can be used to improve resilience of ecosystems through biodiversity-based adaptation and mitigation strategies for climate change. Impact assessments can be thought of as “trading tool” through which actors can negotiate priorities, participation, and methodological issues. Ecosystem services provide the “currency” for such negotiations.

Global trade in living resources: What legacy?

Co-chairs: Susie Brownlie, Asha Rajvanshi, Patrick Duffy

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

Is international trade in living resources the “silver bullet” to improve the fortunes of developing countries? This session will look at the impacts and challenges of current and emerging trade policies, and explore how—and if—trade is delivering sustainable solutions.

PES and SEA in the GMS: Challenge and opportunity

Co-chairs: Pavit Ramachandran, Lothar Linde, Sarah Katz

IAIA Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

How do Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) and Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) complement each other to strengthen sustainable economic development? Experiences from countries in the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) are shared and best practices of how to employ these mechanisms to maximize impact are discussed.

Accessing biodiversity information globally using GBIF

Co-chairs: Nick King, Selwyn Willoughby, Diane Erasmus,

Susie Brownlie, Asha Rajvanshi, Vishwas Chavan

Section: Biodiversity & Ecology

Imagine a freely accessible global biodiversity database. IAIA and GBIF have signed an MoC to generate just such a global resource. Piloted in South Africa, the benefits for IA work are huge—participate in this workshop to see how you and your country can become part of this exciting initiative.

CORPORATE STEWARDSHIP & RISK MANAGEMENT

Is EA achieving its original objectives?

Chair: Jeffrey Barnes

IAIA Section: Corporate Stewardship & Risk Management

This session will explore whether EA is achieving its objectives and remains a legitimate and effective tool for project planning in countries with well developed environmental awareness, legislative framework and expertise.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Cultural Heritage in impact assessment

Co-chairs: Arlene Fleming, Julio Jesus

IAIA Section: Cultural Heritage (proposed)

Cultural Heritage is an established element of EIA and SEA, along with the biophysical and social components. Policies, guidance and information to facilitate coverage of cultural heritage are available. The addition of best practice principles to be issued by IAIA should stimulate further improvements worldwide.

The role of IA tools on the conservation of the historic urban landscape

Convenor: Julio de Jesus

This workshop will discuss how impact assessment (namely EIA, SEA, visual impact assessment) could play a role on the conservation of historical urban landscape. IAIA10 provides a timely opportunity for participants to examine how the new UNESCO recommendation on this issue should reflect this role.

DISASTER & CRISIS

Environmental assessments in shock-prone countries

Chair: Charles Kelly

IAIA Section: Disaster & Crisis

Consider the challenges of planning and implementing environmental assessments in shock-prone countries and focus on how to be more effective and have a greater impact in the face of global crises.

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Biodiversity conservation in large industry

Chair: Jenifer Hill

Sector: Finance & Governance

Large industrial projects are required to meet international standards for biodiversity conservation and sustainable natural resource management. We invite stakeholders to help examine how companies are meeting these standards, whether the standards are helping create a “green economy,” and how compliance benefits industry.

HEALTH

Current challenges in HIA practice

Chair: Ben Harris-Roxas

IAIA Section: Health

Have you encountered a challenging situation while undertaking an HIA? This interactive workshop will present real-world issues that IAIA members have encountered and for participants to discuss. This workshop will draw on the experience of all participants to improve our understanding of how we can address current challenges.

Concurrent sessions

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Methodological challenges and prospects for IA processes in developing countries

Co-chairs: Easther Chigumira, Lemogang Molebatsi, Wanjiku Githinji, Idah Mbengo

IAIA Section: Public Participation

Reviews of IA reports in most developing countries show shortcomings in magnitude, direction, spatial extent, probability and social distribution of impact assessments. These generally emanate from methods used. The session aims to present these methodological challenges and provide real examples of tools to be used for best practice in IA.

ICT tools for public participation in IA

Co-chairs: Bert Enserink, Rita Sully

IAIA Section: Public Participation

Participation is a basic governance requirement for successful transitions. Modern ICT tools have radically changed the possibilities for information sharing and public involvement in impact assessment. Interactive tools allow for new forms of participation. In this session practitioners will present and demonstrate their favorite ICT tool.

Participation, contention, and the politics of IA

Chair: John F. Devlin

IAIA Section: Public Participation

Projects continue to be designed, approved and implemented with economic valuations foremost while social and environmental values are given secondary or tertiary consideration. This session asks what role contention plays in championing environmental and social concerns. Case studies will analyze contentious processes and how contention influences outcomes.

Evaluating the effectiveness of impact assessment

Co-chairs: Kevin Hanna, Bram Noble, Ismo Polonen, Tuija Hildng-Rydevik, Mat Cashmore

IAIA Section: Public Participation

After more than 35 years of experience, has EIA offered more in theory than it delivers in practice? Is EIA an effective tool for environmental management? This panel session will discuss challenges in measuring the effectiveness of EIA as environmental management and as a participatory process that advances environmental policy. The key points and conclusions from the discussion will be incorporated in the update to the IAIA EIA Effectiveness Study.

Socio-ecological systems' transitions governance

Co-chairs: Niki Frantzeskaki, Bert Enserink, Derk Loorbach

IAIA Section: Public Participation

This panel will focus on the relation of policy transitions and the role of policy practitioners and/or scientists for governance of socio-ecological systems' transitions. Indicative guiding questions: What is the role of policy practitioners and scientists for governance of SES transitions? What are insights for governance from empirical and/or theoretical explorations?

Scale issues in public participatory processes

Co-chairs: Sukhad Keshkamat, John F. Devlin

IAIA Section: Public Participation

The effect of scale in participatory public processes is a topic not often examined, yet its tacit understanding amongst key-players in the process often influences the tug-of-war between various groups and the outcome. This workshop will consist of an exchange of case studies, ideas and solutions between practitioners and researchers.

Policy Panel - Canada, USA, Australia

Co-chairs: Margaret Bailey, Peter Burnett, Susan Bromm

Panelists from Canada, the United States and Australia will provide a comparative review of three distinct environmental impact assessment (EIA) regimes, sharing experiences and approaches to addressing common challenges, including lessons learned and best practices in applying EIA to complex multi-jurisdictional projects and Aboriginal engagement.

SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Developing International Guidelines for SIA

Chair: Frank Vanclay

IAIA Section: Social Impact Assessment

The International Principles for SIA is a major position statement. To make these principles more effective, there needs to be accompanying International Guidelines that can put the higher-level concepts into more direct statements to be utilized by governments, developers, consultants and communities. This workshop is one step in that process.

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Asian SEA, EIA and sustainability assessment

Chair: Kii Hayashi

IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

EIA and SEA are widely developed in Asian countries. Exchanging knowledge and experiences increases understanding of EIA and SEA in this region. Our network will help us to promote better assessment in this region. We invite your participation in this session.

SEA capacity development: Are we on or off track?

Co-chairs: Sandra Mols, Nick Okello, Rob Verheem, Bobbi Schijf

IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

Sound SEA practice can only result from effective capacity development. Each year substantial funding is given to capacity development activities, yet these do not always deliver desired outcomes. How can we harness current SEA knowledge, package it and deliver it to effectively develop capacity and ensure greening economies?

SEA and sustainable water management

Chair: Ross Marshall

IAIA Section: Strategic Environmental Assessment

Water is the ultimate resource, its abundance or lack influencing a multitude of development scenarios and strategic plans. SEA has an important role in setting out the consequences of unsustainable activity, poor urban design, resource depletion or economic mismanagement. This session seeks to look at current practice and lessons learned.

OTHER TOPICS

Cross-sectoral partnerships to eradicate poverty

Co-chairs: Ilse Aucamp, Ana Maria Esteves

Sector: Industry

Cross-sectoral partnerships are increasingly considered useful vehicles by corporates for building local community support, strengthening company reputation, increasing awareness of social forces. This session focuses on what makes a high-performing partnership for social development, from the various perspectives of corporates, affected communities, development agencies and NGOs.

Accreditation of EA practitioners in developing countries

Co-chairs: Judith Kamoto, Paradzayi Tagwireyi, Saima Angula, Arsema Andargatchew, Remembrance Mashava, Makarius Mdemu, Irene Nadunga, Farai Dondofema, Nick Okello, CLEAA secretariat

Policy and decision makers need quality EIAs to address global crises and specifically improve sustainability in agricultural, tourism, industrial and transport sectors. An effective accreditation system is needed to certify and monitor performance of EIA practitioners. What accreditation system is desirable for the field of environmental assessments in developing countries?

Capacity for EA in Africa—Greening from within!

Chair: Morgan Hauptfleisch

Capacity for EA in Africa is improving from within through the CLEAA program. In this panel session, regional African nodes will showcase their successes from the past two years and explain how the program is an effective networking tool and EA capacity building program.

Impact assessment teaching and education

Co-chairs: Luis Sanchez, Angus Morrison-Saunders

Section/Sector: Other

Do you teach any form of impact assessment? Would you like to meet fellow educators and share experiences?

State of the art of sustainability assessment

Co-chairs: Jenny Pope, Angus Morrison-Saunders

Cutting-edge theory and applications of sustainability planning and assessment are explored based on experience around the world. The emphasis is on moving from theory to practice including application of effective techniques and engagement of stakeholders. Facilitated audience discussion will follow presentation of papers by international leaders in the field.

International cooperation for sustainability

Co-chairs: Sachihiko Harashina, Stephen Lintner, Peter Leonard

International cooperation is an essential tool in building a sustainable world. The organizers held a successful forum at IAIA09 on environmental and social considerations in international cooperation. We plan to expand the discussion with a follow-up discussion to address key issues related to international cooperation in creating a sustainable world.

Research and impact assessment (1)

Co-chairs: Richard Morgan, Mat Cashmore

An opportunity for impact assessment researchers to meet other researchers and to engage in open discussion about doing research: methods and approaches, emerging themes, developing research capacity, comparative research and possible collaborations. Or whatever you feel is important as a researcher!

Research and impact assessment (2)

Co-chairs: Richard Morgan, Mat Cashmore

This roundtable will be an opportunity to explore emerging ideas for new collaborative research projects in impact assessment: come along and float an idea, or just come and listen, and discuss, some interesting ideas, and intriguing possibilities.

Linking research, capacity development and practice

Organised by the Swedish EIA Centre

Critical issues in impact assessment: Linking research, capacity development and practice for the transition to a green economy.

Dealing with deep uncertainties

Chair: Wil Thissen

Long-term strategy development by definition has to deal with deep uncertainties: those that cannot easily be quantified, and where the outcome is not known. What methods are available to assess the relevance of such uncertainties? What policy approaches can best be used in light of such irreducible uncertainties?

Partnerships and impact assessment: How to advance

Chair: Jos Arts

This roundtable will discuss recent case studies, theoretical concepts, legal and practical issues, and appropriate tools with a focus on identifying best practices and guiding principles for partnering between government and business in impact assessment.



POSTER SESSION

Posters are a creative and popular alternative to the oral presentation of a paper. In a poster session, there is no formal oral presentation; instead, each author is assigned a display area on which diagrams, graphics, pictures/photos, and a small amount of text are presented. Posters will be on display throughout the conference and are generally self-explanatory, but IAIA also dedicates a block of time for delegates to view the posters and visit directly with the authors.

SPECIAL TO IAIA

Welcome to IAIA

This session is for any member who wants to know more about the organization, its history, and how it works; anyone interested in participating in IAIA as a Committee or Section member; and any new or prospective Board members.

IAIA Affiliates Forum

Convenor: Júlio de Jesus

IAIA Affiliates, Branches and Associated Organizations will participate in a topical program and present posters in a designated area of the poster display area.

Training courses

6-7 April

Important date: 19 February!

Important note: In consideration of the trainers and their need to prepare appropriate quantities of course materials, registrants may not change courses after 17 March.

ABOUT TRAINING COURSES

IAIA pre-conference training courses are presented primarily by IAIA members. The courses are open to all participants but require advance registration and payment.

Dates, times, location

IAIA10 pre-conference training courses will be held from 09:00 - 17:00 on Tuesday, 6 April, and Wednesday, 7 April. The courses will be held at the CICG.

Registration, deadlines, and fees

IAIA's courses cost US\$395 for the 2-day courses and US\$225 for the 1-day courses. This fee includes course materials, light lunches, and coffee breaks. Participants in the training courses who are not registered for the IAIA conference will be assessed an additional US\$75 fee. Course fees must be paid in full before you will be enrolled in the training course.

Please register early! Courses will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 19 February.

Minimum/maximum class sizes are noted. If the training course for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 19 February, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another course. Course registration after 19 February will be subject to availability, instructor consent, and receipt of payment.

If you must cancel, your course registration fee will be refunded minus a US\$75 administration fee and contingent upon a written notice of cancellation received in HQ by 1 March. After 1 March, no refunds will be issued.

For students

A limited number of free training course registrations are available to student participants of IAIA10 once courses reach their minimum paid enrollments. If you are interested, please send your name, a 300-word statement of interest explaining how the chosen training course could contribute to your research or student career, and first and second course choices to (impact@iaia.org). Allocations of the free training course slots will be made by 1 March, based on the order in which the requests were received and subject to instructor approval.

Check-in

Check-in for the training courses will be at the IAIA registration desk in the lobby of the CICG at the following times.

- Monday, 5 April
- Tuesday, 6 April
- Wednesday, 7 April
- 15:00-17:00
- 07:30-10:00, 14:00-17:00
- 07:30

Name tags will be distributed at check-in and are required for admission to courses. Check-in the day before your course begins is encouraged.

For more information

For more detailed descriptions of the courses, including outlines of activities, listings of course materials, and background information on instructors, see the IAIA Web site (www.iaia.org > IAIA10).

1 | THE CULTURAL COMPONENT OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The importance of culture in development, and specifically, as a component of impact assessment, including EIA and SEA, is recognized in the policies of international and regional financial institutions, bilateral aid agencies, and the laws of national governments. However, cultural heritage, as one of three components in EIA— together with biophysical and social—has received the least attention in terms of training, methodology, and quality control. Neglecting cultural aspects can seriously impede development projects; conversely, incorporating, respecting and enhancing cultural features can strengthen projects. Attention to quality improvement and capacity building for the cultural component of impact assessment is increasing, with availability of training, methodologies and tools.

This course is open to participants from all countries who have a general knowledge of the EIA process and an interest in the cultural component. The course is given in English, with a written summary and detailed guidance tools available in both English and French, so that participants can share the content with colleagues in their respective Anglophone or Francophone countries.

The interactive course introduces participants to the various definitions and aspects of culture and cultural heritage, and provides for discussion of the value placed on cultural artifacts and practices by diverse stakeholder groups in the development process. Policies, standards and guidance materials for covering cultural heritage in EIA are presented and discussed, with emphasis on the detailed World Bank Physical Cultural Resources Safeguard Policy Guidebook and the Physical Cultural Resources Country Profiles. A step-by-step discussion of the EIA process, as well as creation and monitoring of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), indicates the considerations, actions, and methods required for the cultural component at each step. Participants apply the principles, methods and information in the guidance materials in case study exercises.

The course, together with the guidance materials provided, prepares participants to conduct and review cultural impact assessment in the context of development. A brief presentation on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), highlights the importance and rationale for including culture and cultural institutions in this investigative and planning process, and a discussion of cumulative effects encourages participants to consider long-range impacts of development projects on tangible cultural heritage.

Level:	Foundation/Intermediate
Prerequisites:	General knowledge of IA and an interest in the cultural component of EIA and SEA.
Language:	English
Duration:	1 day (6 April)
Min/Max:	6-32
Instructors:	Arlene K. Fleming , Cultural Resource and Development Specialist, Advisor on Cultural Impact Assessment to the World Bank and the U.S. Millennium Challenge Corporation, USA Ian I. Campbell , Cultural Heritage and EIA Specialist, The World Bank in Ethiopia, USA

2 | PRACTICAL GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE IA FOLLOW-UP

IA follow-up is essential if the outcomes of decisions are to be understood. The challenge of transitioning to a green economy is the challenge of sustainable development. Follow-up provides valuable learning from experience and is key to determining the contribution of IA to sustainability.

This course presents the theory and practice of IA follow-up based on best practice examples from around the world. It addresses follow-up for all forms of impact assessment: project based EIA, strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and sustainability assessment. Participants will learn how to establish effective IA follow-up procedures and programs and how to evaluate them.

The course content includes the following topics:

- What is IA follow-up?
- Why is follow-up important?
- Who is involved in IA follow-up?
- What is involved, including screening and scoping for follow-up.
- Regulatory needs and wording of IA approvals for follow-up.
- Adaptive environmental management.
- Options and approaches that can be used in the implementation of IA follow-up.
- International best practice principles for IA follow-up.
- Effectiveness, SEA follow-up and follow-up for sustainability assurance.

Learning outcomes

By the end of this course participants will understand:

- The international framework and best practice principles for IA follow-up
- The roles of proponents, regulators and public in follow-up processes
- outstanding world-wide examples of IA follow-up – regulatory approaches, techniques and practices
- How to word IA approvals to ensure effective follow-up outcomes
- Emerging directions and future challenges

This course is designed for planners, government agency personnel, proponents and consultants, and students in IA-related fields.

This course is interactive with an emphasis on participant discussions, case studies and activities as well as lecture presentations. A resource manual with state-of-the-art IA follow-up information is provided.

Level:	Intermediate
Prerequisites:	Participants are expected to have an understanding of IA processes and terminology. Hence it would be beneficial if they previously have attended the IAIA training course “Understanding Impact Assessment” or similar, or otherwise have at least a year of work experience as a proponent or regulator within an IA system.
Language:	English
Duration:	1 day (6 April)
Min/Max:	10-60
Instructor:	Angus Morrison-Saunders , Senior Lecturer in Environmental Assessment, Murdoch University, Australia



Training courses

3 | MULTI-CRITERIA ANALYSIS (MCA): A TOOL FOR SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

Multi-criteria analysis (MCA) is a valuable and increasingly widely-used tool to aid decision-making where there is a choice to be made between competing options. It is particularly useful as a tool for sustainability assessment where a complex and inter-connected range of environmental, social and economic issues must be taken into consideration and where objectives are often competing, making trade-offs unavoidable. It provides a robust and transparent decision-making structure, making explicit the key considerations and the values attributed to them, and providing opportunities for stakeholder and community participation. MCA can be applied at all levels of decision-making, from the consideration of project alternatives to broad-reaching policy decisions guiding a transition towards sustainability and the green economy.

This advanced course focuses on MCA as a tool for sustainability decision-making, building upon principles presented in the course Practical Guide to Sustainability Assessment offered at previous IAIA conferences. It presents an ideal opportunity for previous participants in that course to further develop their skills in sustainability assessment, but this is not a formal pre-requisite. While participants should have some prior understanding of sustainability concepts, the course is designed for participants with minimal prior knowledge of MCA techniques.

The course will address the following topics:

- Theory of MCA.
- Application of MCA within a sustainability assessment framework (theory and case studies).
- Determining when to apply MCA and which approach to use.
- Detailed demonstration, using computer simulation, of two different MCA techniques: additive weighting and concordance analysis.
- Developing sustainability criteria.
- Criteria scoring and weighting.
- Sensitivity analysis.
- Opportunities for stakeholder and community participation.
- Advantages and disadvantages of MCA as a tool for sustainability assessment.
- Alternatives to MCA - deliberative decision-making.

Participants will undertake group exercises using the models presented to develop comprehensive understanding of their use and characteristics.

Level:	Advanced
Prerequisites:	Basic understanding of sustainability concepts and issues and the incorporation of these concepts into planning and impact assessment practice. This course builds upon the principles presented in the course Practical Guide to Sustainability Planning. It would therefore be useful, though not essential, for participants to have previously completed this course, or alternatively to have some practical work experience in sustainability assessment or strategic environmental assessment. No prior experience with decision support systems is assumed, and nor will participants be expected to have quantitative skills.
Language:	English
Duration:	1 day (6 April)
Min/Max:	10-60
Instructors:	Jenny Pope , Director, Integral Sustainability, Australia David Annandale , Senior International Specialist, Integra Consulting Services (Czech Republic), Canada

4 | MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR TRANSITIONING TO GREEN ECONOMY

Although it is widely recognised that biodiversity is at the heart of delivering sustainable development, the ongoing economic crisis that the world is facing today is an unmistakable reflection of the failure to establish the interdependence between biodiversity, ecosystem services, economic development, and institutional changes. Therefore, economic benefits and biodiversity conservation are often seen as distinct objectives by economists who remind us of the need for technological developments for achieving real economic growth while the conservation community reminds us of the finiteness of biodiversity resources available to provide the inputs for economic activity.

Mr. Pavan Sukhdev, lead author of the study "The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity," through his remark "we are trying to navigate uncharted and turbulent waters with an old and defective economic compass and this is affecting our ability to forge a sustainable economy in harmony with nature" aptly portends the need for synchronising economic development with conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity.

This course aims to focus on how impact assessment can help to protect ecosystems from development and how to invest in managing ecosystems for development.

For business community, the course will help make the transition to a "green" economy. For investors, the course will reaffirm the faith that greening is a new engine for growth. For decision makers, it will help make informed choices about development models that combine biodiversity conservation, profitability and sustainability. For EA professionals, it will help explore mainstreaming tools for biodiversity and ecosystem services. For those in the government, the course will highlight the need for making reforms in environmental governance for green and sustainable development.

This two-day course is an intermediate level course relevant for mid-career EA professionals, researchers, business groups, decision-makers, government officials, donor agencies and economists.

Level:	Intermediate
Prerequisites:	Basic understanding of ecological concepts and principles of environmental economics. Familiarity with generic EIA framework, experience of project evaluation and economic planning will be useful though not a must.
Language:	English
Duration:	2 days (6-7 April)
Min/Max:	10-20
Instructors:	Asha Rajvanshi , Professor and Head, Environmental Impact Assessment Cell, Wildlife Institute of India, India Vinod B. Mathur , Senior Professor and Dean, Faculty of Wildlife Science, Wildlife Institute of India, India

5 | POTENTIALS OF STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING AND TRANSITION COUNTRIES

Climate and air feature in the standard list of environmental criteria for all SEAs. Due to the tremendous importance of climate change, its cross-cutting nature, and the complexity of specific risks and solutions, the adequate reflection of climate change within SEA is considered as a great challenge. On the other hand, SEA is one of the tools which is best placed to explore different policy options, to model scenarios for climate change and to test mitigation measures and adaptation solutions in an interactive way with stakeholders and decision-makers. The course helps assessment practitioners as well as stakeholders and decision-makers involved in SEAs to fully exploit these potentials. It is mainly addressing participants from developing countries and will be conducted at advanced level.

The course is based on the assumption, that climate change can be reflected within the structures of an “ordinary” SEA and does not need a specific assessment tool. The SEA approach of the training is oriented on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Guidance on SEA. The specific challenges of climate change within SEA are specified within a separate Advisory Note by the OECD DAC, which will provide the conceptual framework to the course.

The GTZ training course was adopted by OECD DAC as the official training for implementing the SEA Guidance and has been conducted several times during IAIA annual conferences. The version of the course as offered here is further developed to explore through interactive casework simulations how the challenges, potentials and adequate tools can be applied during each step of SEA to adequately reflect mitigation as well as adaptation challenges of climate change. The course will address an SEA for a land use planning case. Specific questions in respect to climate change include, e.g.:

- How to identify key vulnerabilities from climate changes in respect to land use patterns in a concrete plan. How to make a plan “climate proven.”
- How to incorporate structural changes in the plan, which reduce the GHG emissions.
- How to calculate GHG emissions during an SEA—including cumulative impacts—and compare different options.

Level:	Advanced
Prerequisites:	Basic knowledge of SEA concepts and practices; preferably participants, who were challenged with the task to adequately reflect climate change in SEAs during their practical work.
Language:	English
Duration:	2 days (6-7 April)
Min/Max:	10-25
Instructors:	Alfred Eberhardt , Head of Climate Change–Mitigation and Adaptation section; Ministry for Agriculture, Environment, and Rural Areas of the German Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein and Consultant to GTZ in the fields of impact assessment, SEA, climate change, Germany Bernhard Frey , SEA Project Officer at Project Rioplus / GTZ – Environmental Policy and Promotion of Strategies for Sustainable Development, Germany

6 | STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTEXT

The course combines SEA experience from the developed and developing country context, but addresses the realities of less-developed context, using real-case examples from this part of the world. It is generally intended to expose participants to experiences and good practices in SEA to assist decision making. The key objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce participants to key SEA concepts and issues towards strategic thinking.
- Review current practices and experiences in both developed and developing countries context.
- Expose participants to simple practical tools for conducting SEAs throughout a case exercise.

The scope of the course would include the following:

- SEA in developing countries context—possible approaches and applications.
- Key SEA concepts and definitions.
- SEA role in sustainability.
- SEA relationship with sustainability assessment, cumulative effects assessment and EIA.
- Elements in the SEA Process (defining the context and the focus for SEA, evaluation of opportunities and risks, guidelines, monitoring, reporting in SEA).
- Public participation in SEA.
- Exposure to practical tools for conducting SEA.
- International Perspectives and Experience with SEA.
- SEA case studies from both developing and developed countries.

The course involves presentations, group discussions and group exercises and would be in two parts:

Part I (Day 1) – presentations interspaced by group discussions on concepts and methodologies as well as on practical situations that participants themselves are invited to bring to the fora.

Part II (Day 2) – Case application, based on a problem-case to test the application of SEA, using a developing country case exercise.

Learning Outcomes

- Understanding SEA concepts, principles, processes and tools
- Improved ability to carry out SEA using simple tools
- Improved ability to evaluate cumulative effects assessments
- Hands on experience gained through working on a case study

Level:	Intermediate to Advanced
Prerequisites:	General understanding of environmental assessment principles.
Language:	English
Duration:	2 days (6-7 April)
Min/Max:	10-40
Instructors:	Jonathan Allotey , Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Maria Rosario Partidario , Associate Professor, Instituto Superior Tecnico (IST), Portugal Christine Asare , Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Ebenezer Appah-Sampong , Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana Kwabena Badu-Yeboah , Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana
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7 | ACHIEVING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF SIA

This course provides a basic introduction to SIA, based on IAIA's International Principles for Social Impact Assessment and leading practice.

The course goes beyond traditional understandings which only saw SIA as occurring in project settings and driven by a legislative framework. In the understanding being advanced, SIA is as much about the processes of managing the social issues as it is about the prediction of social impacts in advance of project development. SIA should be seen to be a tool to ensure positive development outcomes are achieved (a do good approach), rather than traditional SIA oriented to a do no harm approach.

This course will appeal to early career SIA practitioners, people who commission SIAs, people who would like to do them, people who are involved in assessing them, and people with a general interest in the field.

Specific course objectives are to:

- Increase awareness of new developments in SIA thinking and practice.
- Create awareness of the benefits to proponents of seeing SIA as a process of engagement rather than being limited to a point-in-time assessment.
- Strengthen understandings of the social nature of impacts on communities.
- Build practical knowledge in how to conduct an SIA.
- Increase ability to critically evaluate an SIA.
- Increase awareness of approaches to ensure SIA commitments are implemented.
- Equip with tools to realise the potential of proponents to contribute to longer term sustainability outcomes.
- Increase comprehension of the ethical and human rights issues in SIA practice.

Using multiple case studies from developed and developing, urban and rural, peaceful and fragile contexts, the course will also provide participants with frameworks and tools to consider issues such as sustainable livelihoods and resettlement, human rights, gender, agreement-making with Indigenous peoples, closure planning, cumulative impacts, and public-private partnerships.

Level:	Basic
Prerequisites:	No specific prerequisite; however, it is presumed that participants will have a general understanding of EIA.
Language:	English
Duration:	2 days (6-7 April)
Min/Max:	5-30
Instructors:	Ana Maria Esteves , Director, Community Insights Pty Ltd, Australia Frank Vanclay , Professor, Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research, University of Tasmania, Australia

8 | CUMULATIVE EFFECTS AND FOLLOW-UP IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This course has five purposes:

1. To summarize the state of professional practice regarding the conduct of the fundamental requirements of CEA within Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) processes.
2. To plan the accomplishment of the fundamental requirements for an actual proposed project from a European country.
3. To illustrate the use of environmental sustainability considerations in determining the significance of cumulative effects.
4. To discuss adaptive management (and monitoring) as follow-up activities in CEAs for large-scale proposals.
5. To summarize policy choices and collaboration approaches for the development of local and regional cumulative effects management initiatives.

The premise of this course is that CEA should be an integral part of, and not separate from, both in-country and international EIA processes.

The fundamental requirements are focused on stepwise procedures associated with international best practice principles that guide the professional practice of EIA and CEA. These procedures and principles are addressed by identifying key valued ecosystem components (VECs), focusing on those for which CEA is appropriate; delineating spatial and temporal boundaries; describing historical baseline conditions and trends; establishing cause-effect linkages between past, present, and future actions and VECs; determining the significance of cumulative effects via the use of environmental sustainability principles; development of follow-up adaptive management programs based on six common elements; and development of project mitigation and regional management programs, as appropriate.

Attention will be directed toward practical approaches for management of cumulative effects, including the use of emissions trading, collaborative planning, and appropriate institutional policies and programs.

Practical processes for both preparing and reviewing CEA-related documents will be emphasized, along with presentations on case studies, and workshop sessions involving interactive groups.

A central feature of the course will be group activities related to the development of a CEA plan for a proposed project from a European country.

Interchange of information and experiences by the participants will be encouraged within all methods of presentation.

The anticipated learning outcomes are related to achieving a better understanding of the principles and practices of CEA, and to effectively applying them in study planning and review.

Level:	Intermediate/Advanced
Prerequisites:	Foundation training on EIA or CEA (professional-level short course or University-level specific course or program) and/or minimum of 2 years of professional experience in planning and conducting EIA or CEA for environmental impact studies.
Language:	English
Duration:	2 days (6-7 April)
Min/Max:	10-50
Instructors:	Larry Canter , Consultant, Environmental Impact Training, USA Bill Ross , Professor of Environmental Science (retired), University of Calgary, Canada

9 | ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS AND SYSTEMS

With the move towards green products and sustainable development, increasing attention is being given towards environment management tools such as environment auditing and environment management systems (EMS). These tools offer a structural and systematic approach to incorporate environmental concerns in all aspects of business and industry. The establishment of an EMS has progressively become an important support tool for both public and private enterprises in “transitioning to the green economy” as it allows organisations to comply with environmental regulations and minimises risks of liabilities and costs, while improving environmental performance.

The purpose of this course is to:

1. Enable participants to make the link between preparing an environmental management plan (EMP) as part of the predictive process of environmental impact assessment (EIA) and thereafter incorporating the EMP into an organisation's EMS once operations commence;
2. Expose participants to the purpose, principles and methods of introducing an EMS within an organisation; and
3. Improve the level of appreciation and understanding of EMS.

The outcome of the course will ensure that participants gain practical tools on how to support the design, development and implementation of an EMS in their organisations in order to allow for improved environmental performance and potential “sustainable green investment.”

The course will also provide participants with practical steps in establishing an EMS and at the end of it, they should be able to convince their peers, colleagues and management of the importance of an EMS and be able to present the information and skills gained from the training.

This is a two day course offered at an intermediate level and therefore the prerequisite of the course is basic understanding of EIA.

This course is open to members of both private and public enterprises, nongovernmental, bilateral and multilateral organisations, environment management consultants and trainers, administrators, governmental officials (particularly local government) and university lecturers.

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Basic understanding of EIA

Language: English

Duration: 2 days (6-7 April)

Min/Max: 10-25

Instructors: **Easther Chigumira**, Lecturer, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe; Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon, USA; and Consultant

Wanjiku Githinji, Head of Environmental Department, Norken (I) Ltd Engineering and Management Consultants, Kenya

Margaret Mwanjani Ganje Sikwese, Lecturer and Researcher, University of Malawi, Malawi

10 | BEST PRACTICE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: THE ALTERNATIVES AND IMPACT PREDICTION STAGES

Purpose

To promote the application and development of best practice SEA techniques—focusing on alternatives and impact prediction/mitigation—by presenting and discussing examples and ideas from good SEA practice worldwide

Audience and learning outcomes

The course is oriented towards experienced SEA practitioners, reviewers and academics.

By the end of the course, participants should have improved understanding of current SEA good practice techniques worldwide, and hopefully ideas for how to improve their own SEA practice or research.

Content

SEA practice has evolved very quickly over the last few years, including in the US as part of the development of policies on economic restructuring, China in response to the 2003 EIA Law and more recent draft SEA legislation, many developing countries as a result of World Bank and other initiatives, and Europe in response to the SEA Directive.

The course will present information about current good practice SEA worldwide collected in summer/autumn 2009 as part of the preparation of the second edition of the course instructor's book *Strategic Environmental Assessment in Practice*.

It will present good practice examples/ideas of SEA alternatives development and assessment, and impact prediction/evaluation/mitigation.

Level: Advanced

Prerequisites: Full understanding of the SEA process, preferably practical experience in carrying out or reviewing one or more SEAs.

Language: English

Duration: 1 day (7 April)

Min/Max: 6-30

Instructor: **Riki Therivel**, Partner, Levett-Therivel sustainability consultants and Visiting Professor, Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom



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11 | PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

The challenge of transitioning to a green economy is the challenge of sustainability! Sustainability assessment is a tool that informs decision-making in order to promote sustainable outcomes. It can be applied in different circumstances for different purposes by different types of decision-makers, including:

- Government regulators as an approvals process for proposals (particularly project proposals), analogous to EIA.
- Proponents (or consultants, planners, engineers) to inform development of a proposal, which could be a policy, plan or project.
- Government regulators, non-government organisations or any other interested party to assess the sustainability of current practices (e.g., a whole industry sector).

This intermediate level course presents the theory and practice of sustainability assessment based on best practice examples from around the world. It is designed for planners, government agency personnel, proponents and consultants, and students in all fields of IA (environmental, health, socio-economic, SEA). No prior experience with sustainability assessment is assumed but good understanding of IA processes will be beneficial.

The course content includes the following topics:

- What is sustainability assessment?
- Extending EIA to establish a sustainability assessment approvals process
- Integrating sustainability assessment into decision-making
- Integration, offsets and trade-offs in sustainability assessment

Learning outcomes – Participants will develop an understanding of:

- Sustainability assessment principles, processes and issues
- Sustainability assessment for the approval of new development proposals
- Sustainability assessment to inform planning and decision-making within an organisation
- A generic 7-step process framework for sustainability assessment of any proposals ranging from projects to plans and policy change
- How to develop a sustainability decision-making protocol appropriate to a particular context by drawing on relevant strategies and standards

This course will feature short lectures interspersed with small group discussions and activities. A resource guide with state of the art information on sustainability assessment will be provided.

Level: Intermediate

Prerequisites: Understanding of IA processes and terminology. Previous attendance at the IAIA training course “Understanding Impact Assessment” or similar, or at least one year of work experience as a proponent or regulator within an IAIA system would be beneficial. Particular interest in sustainability assessment is desirable.

Language: English

Duration: 1 day (7 April)

Min/Max: 10-60

Instructors: **Jenny Pope**, Director, Integral Sustainability, Australia
Angus Morrison-Saunders, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Assessment, Murdoch University, Australia

12 | INCREASING TANGIBILITY IN SEA THROUGH VALUATION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

The course's main purpose is to lead participants to understand:

- 1) How they can value ecosystem goods and services using a broad valuation concept.
- 2) How they can integrate such valuation into a broader long-term financial planning approach.
- 3) How they can use integrated valuation of ecosystem goods and services to increase tangibility in SEA.

Often SEA has been criticized for being too general and qualitative. While that is often the case, the tangibility of SEA for strategic decision-making can be improved. This course will introduce participants to the valuation of ecosystem services, as encouraged by the Convention on Biological Diversity, and how it can improve the added-value of SEA. The Economic Valuation of Ecosystems Goods and Services (EVEGS) will also be explored to show how it can help broader valuation of ecosystem services in SEA, to help map the different economic and social values.

In SEA the valuation of ecosystem services in financial terms is not always possible, and often neither is it needed, what is relevant is to ensure economic values are balanced with social values. But the fact is that economic valuation can sometimes be a very powerful tool in the decision making process. Even if broad strategic decisions do not need an economic approach, politicians often like, or need figures and statistics to support and reinforce their decisions. In other words economic valuation is not indispensable, but it can, at least in some cases, be a powerful advocacy tool to assist decision makers.

For all these reasons it makes sense to address this theme in an SEA perspective and context. The course will use a case-application approach, with the assistance of three experts on SEA (Maria Partidario), on Valuation of Ecosystem Services in EIA and SEA (Roel Slootweg) and on EVEGS (Benjamin Landreau).

The course involves short presentations, case examples, and group exercises. Participants attending this course are required to have good background on SEA to enable advanced workshop discussion.

Participants are also required to bring their individual laptops since some training exercises will use Excel spreadsheets.

Level: Advanced

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of Strategic Environmental Assessment

Language: English

Duration: 1 day (7 April)

Min/Max: 10-30

Instructors: **Maria Rosario Partidario**, Associate Professor, Instituto Superior Tecnico (IST) Portugal

Roel Slootweg, Senior Partner, SeVS Consultants, The Netherlands

Benjamin Landreau, Chief Operating Officer, Carbon Management Consulting, Switzerland

About technical visits

Please register early! Technical visits will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 19 February.

Minimum and maximum numbers of participants are noted. **If the visit for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 19 February, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another visit. After 19 February, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 17 March or the visits reach the maximum number.** Registrations will be processed in the order that payment is received.

Prices for technical visits are shown in US dollars. **Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid by 17 March to participate.** If you must cancel, the fee will be refunded, less an administration fee of 25% of the technical visit cost and contingent upon written notice of cancellation received in HQ by 1 March. After that time, no refunds will be issued.

All prices include transportation, guide, fees, taxes and lunch.

Technical aspects of the tours will be translated from French to English.

Family members of registered delegates are welcome to register for technical visits.

Casual clothing and walking shoes are recommended.

Tours depart from the CIGG. Plan to check in for the visit a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the noted departure time.

IAIA, the organizing committee, and the venue will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, losses or other unexpected damage to property belonging to conference participants, either during or as a result of the conference and during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accident, lost luggage and trip cancellation.

Participants will be required to sign a liability release waiver upon check-in for the visits.

Important dates: 19 February and 17 March!



Restaurant le Babylone: A selection of fresh products and a varied menu changing with the seasons and enriched with daily suggestions depending on fresh market goods is offered in its magnificent medieval-styled vaulted great room. The lunch included with the tour fee will consist of the plate of the day (meat or fish with vegetables and potatoes).

Please note that drinks, dessert and gratuity are not included in the tour fee; these costs are the responsibility of the individual delegate.



Café du Soleil: Founded approximately 400 years ago, Café du Soleil was constructed even before the Temple of Petit-Saconnex. It was a meeting place for politicians of all parties and today it remains famous. The restaurant features typical Swiss cuisine and is renowned for its delicious fondue. The lunch is included in the tour fee. It includes a course among the daily suggestions (meat or fish with vegetables and potatoes).

Please note that drinks, dessert and gratuity are not included in the tour fee; these costs are the responsibility of the individual delegate.



Le Belvedere: You will stop for lunch at Le Belvedere, a traditional family restaurant near forest areas. The tour fee includes a choice among the dishes of the day (meat or fish with vegetables and potatoes), prepared by Sandrine and Andre Vallotton. For more information: <http://www.lebelvedere.ch/>.

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IAIA thanks the **Geneva Canton Sustainable Development Office** and the **City of Geneva Local Agenda 21 Unit** for their help in organizing the technical visits.

A/E | Les Jardins de Cocagne and Geneva International Airport

Morning: What is the future for small-scale agriculture? Les Jardins de Cocagne is a Geneva-based cooperative for production and consumption of vegetables that defends the ideas of food sovereignty, sustainable agriculture, health, ecology and proximity and is active in the peasant movement in Switzerland, Europe and worldwide. You will visit the area of Avusy in Sezegnin and discuss organic farming, including production and distribution patterns. You will discover what ethical and economic consequences this particular activity has in the region.

Afternoon: Discover what needs to be done to reduce the airport's overall carbon footprint, such as employees' mobility plans, waste management, and recycling. Activities include screening of a film on the airport's activities, a bus tour on the tarmac, and a presentation on selected aspects of the Geneva International Airport Environmental Management System. Local and regional treatments of noise and air quality will also be discussed.

A Tuesday, 6 April

E Wednesday, 7 April

Depart 08:30 | Return 17:00

Minimum/Maximum: 20-25

Price: \$70

Price includes lunch at Café du Soleil.

Participants must present a photo identification on the tour.

B | La Praille and Manotel

Morning: New ways should be explored so that waste management becomes resource management. This implies a systematic effort in sorting and promoting recycled products, but also a substantive overall reduction of waste. In La Praille, a suburb of Geneva, you will attend a conference on the new 2009-2012 waste management plan for the city of Geneva. This initiative is part of the policy establishing a tax on garbage cans for households. The new plan sets a target of achieving 50% of recycling by 2012. This conference will focus on the means to achieve this goal.

Afternoon: Last year Manotel won the sustainability practice award: welcome to one of the most sustainable hotels in Switzerland, where going green is essential. You will discover that reducing emissions and environmental impact lead to lower costs. During the visit, you will be given a presentation of the Manotel group and its sustainable development program. Time will also be allocated to ask questions related to sustainable tourism and the management of the Geneva Manotel. Finally you will visit the hotel and see concrete examples of sustainable practices (rooms and public areas management). The goal is to reconcile growth, social development and preservation of the environment.

Tuesday, 6 April

Depart 08:30 | Return 17:00

Minimum/Maximum: 15-20

Price: \$60

Price includes lunch at Restaurant le Babylone.

Technical visits

C | Banque Pictet and United Nations

Morning: The asset management industry has the potential to be a major catalyst in moving the global economy toward a more sustainable future, since sustainability has become a legitimate investment choice for a growing number of investors. Founded in Geneva in 1805, Pictet is today one of Switzerland's largest private banks. Your visit includes a welcome by Helene De Vos Vuadens, Head of Corporate Internal Communications; discussion on sustainable investment at Pictet by Christoph Butz, Sustainability Expert; review of Pictet environmental policy by Jean-Hugues Hoarau, Head of Climate Change and Environment Management, and a visit to the headquarters premises.

Afternoon: Tour the Human Rights and Alliance of Civilizations Room, from where you can discover the Armillary Sphere and the monument commemorating the conquest of outer space; the Assembly Hall; and the Council Chamber, where many important negotiations have taken place.

Thereafter, your guide will inform you about the work of the United Nations and review the involvement of the UN in the environment. You will also be briefed on the processes undertaken to make the Palais a sustainable building. You will discover how through a natural cooling system (using the lake), the Palais is a very good example of energy efficient cooling system. Note: Due to meeting scheduling at the UN, a change in the tour route can occur without prior notice.

Tuesday, 6 April

Depart 08:30 | Return 17:00

Minimum/Maximum: 15-20

Price: \$80

Price includes lunch at Restaurant le Babylone.

For security reasons, the attendee list for this tour must be finalized by 17 March.

Participants must present a photo identification on the tour.

D | Givaudan Fragrance and Domaine de la Devinière

Morning: Givaudan is a global leader in the fragrance and flavor market, with 25% of market share in the world. Givaudan's great sustainability program will be explained and will provide a guide of practice for sustainable development in a very specific area. Givaudan has a strong program to reduce energy consumption, lessen environmental impact, and help small-scale natural product producers develop their activities. Located in Vernier, in the eastern suburb of Geneva, you will visit the plant and discover what their secrets are. For an hour you will be given a tour of the plant, the guide will explain the different fragrance production processes and their associated environmental impact.

Afternoon: Le Domaine de la Devinière is a BIO wine producer based in Satigny, approximately fifteen minutes away from the CIGG by bus. The technical visit entails two hours in the cellar with wine tasting and explanations about the producer's commitments to sustainable development. You will learn how to make BIO wine, what the health impacts related to such practices are, and to what extent a wine producer can go green. You will be given a clear explanation on the sales process for a small-scale wine producer in Switzerland.

Tuesday, 6 April

Depart 08:30 | Return 17:00

Minimum/Maximum: 20-25

Price: \$75

Price includes lunch at Café du Soleil.

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Afternoon: Visiting the Verbois dam takes place in three stages. A 15-minute film will introduce the hydropower sector in Geneva, reflecting the challenges that Geneva Industry Services (GIS) faces with increasing power consumption in the area.

You will then move to GIS Solar 3, the second largest solar power plant in Switzerland. Located on a former brownfield site on an area equivalent to two football fields, GIS Solar 3 supplies electricity to about 300 families per year with 6,000 interconnected photovoltaic panels.

Finally, you will visit the Verbois plant and the four turbines, weighing over 700 tons each and producing nearly 20% of the electricity of the Geneva area. It will also be possible to go inside the dam and admire the downstream view. The Verbois dam is located approximately 15 kilometers from the centre of Geneva. The boat trip from Geneva to Verbois will let you admire Geneva's countryside and some of its surrounding villages, as well as one of the most beautiful parts of the Rhone, where birds and other animals rest and nest.

Wednesday, 7 April

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I | Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Near Martigny

Organized with assistance from the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment, this technical visit will reveal the economic benefits provided by forests in a mountainous country such as Switzerland.

Via bus to the spectacular countryside of Switzerland's Valais region, you will first stop in St. Maurice to visit a traditional woodburning factory. See a forest that acts as a net to protect the St. Maurice Abbey and Castle from falling rocks and rockslides. Discover what needs to be done in practice to maintain this green infrastructure, an example in terms of forest management, protection against natural hazards, and sustainable development.

Next stop is the Mont Chemin Forest, above Martigny, for a more technical experience. Along the 500-meter path, you will see three very different areas with distinct tree stands (large isolated trees, uprooted trees and a young stable population with a large number of stems). Discover what the economic consequences of such structural changes are.

Leaving the forest and moving on to Fully, you will learn about the region's instability maps, featuring retention works, as well as flood and avalanche management infrastructure.

At the end of the afternoon, the Fully Municipality invites you to enjoy some fresh roasted chestnuts with an aperitif.

Wednesday, 7 April

Depart 08:15 | Return 18:30

Minimum/Maximum: 20-25

Price: \$100

Price includes lunch at Restaurant Le Belvedere.

Best student paper contest

New for IAIA 10! Watch the Web site for details on a Best Student Paper competition to be held.

Student registration fee waivers

IAIA is pleased to offer a student fee waiver program for IAIA10. This program, initiated at IAIA'04, allows up to ten students a waived conference registration fee in exchange for providing in-kind services on-site in Geneva. The 10-12 hours of in-kind services will include an organizational meeting and reporting on at least two sessions, with the balance of activities being organizational or administrative duties.

Eligible students must:

- Be a current student member of IAIA, or apply for student membership.
- Submit the student fee waiver application form by **31 December 2009**.
- Subscribe to the SEP (Students and Early Professionals) listserv upon acceptance into the program, to facilitate communication.

Fee waivers are allocated in part based on geographic dispersion and on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, contact Loreley Fortuny at IAIA HQ (impact@iaia.org) or phone (+1.701.297.7908) for program guidelines and an application form. You will be notified 3-4 weeks after 31 December 2009 whether you have been accepted. Each student selected will be asked to pay a US\$40 processing fee at that time.

Mentoring program

Initiated at IAIA'04, the mentoring program helps students, early professionals, and first-time delegates feel more comfortable and less overwhelmed with their IAIA conference experience.

The **Mentor** is an experienced IAIA member with the same interest area as the applicant, or "**Mentee**." The Mentor acts as a discussion partner on common topics of interest for the professional development of the Mentee and as a friendly point of contact for guidance and navigation through IAIA (i.e., members, Sections, conference format). It is not intended that the Mentee shadow the assigned Mentor, but rather that they meet at the conference to begin conversation that extends beyond the event. It is hoped that the two will continue communicating on interest areas throughout the year following IAIA10.

I would like to be a Mentor

I would like to be assigned to a Mentor

Please indicate your area of impact assessment experience or interest so that we can match your interests to the extent possible:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SEA | <input type="checkbox"/> SIA | <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity & Ecology | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Peoples |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Participation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Governance | | <input type="checkbox"/> Disasters & Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Heritage |

Other: _____

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Please e-mail Loreley Fortuny (impact@iaia.org) or fax this form to +1.701.297.7917 by **1 March 2010**.

Special meetings, networking activities and events

Welcome reception

IAIA10 will open with a reception; this event is traditionally a highlight of the conference, and the IAIA10 opening reception promises to be something very special! Come along to meet up with old friends, make some new ones, and get your conference off to a great start.

Pending sponsorship.

Wednesday, 7 April

17:30-19:00 at CIGG

Pre-registration is required.

Dine-Outs

The tradition of dine-outs is back for IAIA10! Share an evening sampling some of the wonderful food for which Geneva is renowned at a "pay your own way" dinner. Local hosts have that all-important local knowledge about where the best food and the best dining experiences can be found, and in the spirit of their country's hospitable traditions, they are ready to take you to experience it! To join, sign-up on the forms that will be available in the registration area. Dine-outs are a great opportunity to meet new people and see some different parts of the beautiful city of Geneva.

Thursday, 8 April and Friday, 9 April

19:30 onward

International Networking Night

Join colleagues old and new for a fun and lively networking night. On our last evening together, delegates are invited to wear an item of clothing or jewelry from their homeland and bring something to share (e.g., a game, a typical snack; or some inexpensive souvenirs such as pins, pencils, flags; music) while exchanging experiences and reflecting on IAIA10.

Pending sponsorship.

Saturday, 10 April

19:30-21:00

Pre-registration and nominal fee (\$30) are required.

Fun Run

This popular 5km Fun Run/Walk is back due to popular demand! A great way to start the day and network with fellow runners. The route near Lake Geneva will refresh your mind and body and offer a chance to meet people you might not otherwise meet during formal sessions. Everyone is welcome: runners, walkers, spectators, and volunteers. Pre-registration and a nominal fee is required from runners/walkers to cover prizes. To volunteer to assist with the run or for more information, please contact Etienne Cadestin (Etienne.CADESTIN@unep.org).

Saturday, 10 April

07:00

Pre-registration and nominal fee (\$5) are required.

See the announcement board at the IAIA registration desk for meeting time and location.

Review and Challenges of SEA for Development Cooperation

The OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) SEA Task Team and the World Bank's SEA Pilot Program

Conveners: Fernando Loayza, World Bank and Peter Croal, OECD DAC SEA task team

The workshop will review progress made in the application of SEA for development cooperation focusing on the experience of the OECD DAC SEA Task Team and the World Bank's Pilot Program on institution-centered SEA. Workshop participants will also provide input into the development of the OECD DAC SEA Task Team's work plan and the relevance of SEA in the new Environment Strategy of the World Bank. Ultimately, the objective of the workshop is to receive advice on the work that needs to be done in the next years to ensure SEA is increasingly influential in development activities and policy.

The OECD SEA Task Team has produced practical tools to apply SEA in development cooperation. These include the SEA Guidance handbook, four Advisory Notes and a very successful SEA Training course. The workshop will also discuss the development of an SEA Quality Improvement Checklist and SEA in development cooperation, a review of recent experience. Also, in line with the OECD DAC SEA Guidance, the World Bank has undertaken a pilot program focusing on policies and high-level plans. Several pilots were carried out in different regions, countries and sectors. Currently, this program is being evaluated and preliminary findings will be presented and discussed in the workshop. The motivation of the workshop is to take stock of the progress made but move beyond the context and process of SEA towards enhancing SEA influence and added value.

The workshop will comprise four 90 minutes-sessions, tentatively as follows:

- (1) OECD SEA Task Team progress and news on the implementation of SEA for Development Cooperation
- (2) Implications of the Evaluation of the World Bank's Pilot Program on Institution-Centred SEA for the new Environment Strategy of the World Bank
- (3) Breakout groups on the following topics
 - a. Development of SEA Task Team work plan
 - b. SEA as a sustainability tool in World Bank's operations
 - c. Strengthening environmental governance and institutions in the new Environment Strategy for the World Bank
- (4) Plenary and conclusion

Wednesday, 7 April

09:00-17:00

Maximum: 100

Price: \$20 Free of charge

Registration includes morning and afternoon coffee breaks, lunch.

Buffet of Ideas

IAIA10 continues a simple methodology introduced at IAIA09 for hosting conversation about issues of interest and concern called "Buffet of Ideas."

Buffet of Ideas is an informal networking session which provides participants the opportunity to create their own workshops in small groups over lunch.

The conversation is to build, link and cross-pollinate ideas and discover new insights into issues important in their work. It is also for participants to share ideas on topics of interest and connect with colleagues with similar interests. The process can evoke the collective intelligence of any group and increase people's capacity for effective action in pursuit of common aims. It also harnesses the power of conversation for work and social value. It provides a useful guide for persons seeking creative ways to foster dialogue in thinking together and creating actionable knowledge.

Participants introduce an idea by suggesting a two- to three-word title. The ideas can be on either a country or a regional basis. Participants should e-mail their titles to Hussein Abaza (Hussein.ABAZA@unep.ch) and Jennifer Howell (jen@iaia.org) by **1 March**.

Book share

Bring one or two of your favorite environmental reference books, new or recycled, as a contribution to the book share table. The books are available on a first-come, first-served basis to delegates who might not readily find such books in their own locales.

Special meetings, networking activities and events

Support EIA Capacity Development in Africa (While Having Lots of Fun!)

Silent Auction

Have you ever asked yourself how you can contribute to effective EIA administration in developing countries?

Here is your chance to do just that -- and with fun!

Capacity Development and Linkages for Environmental Assessment in Africa (CLEAA) has been supporting up-coming environmental professionals for the past eight years through an Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) Professional Development (PD) fellowship program. The program aims to mentor and equip young and up-coming EA professionals with practical experience, skills and confidence required for effective environmental management and administration in Africa. The program involves:

- A two-week course on Environmental Assessment
- Placement for 2-3 months in a mentored professional "EA practitioner" situation (in a host institution), with essential expenses covered by the program
- Invitation to key regional EA professional association meetings
- Three-year memberships in the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA) and the Eastern Africa Association of Impact Assessment (EAAIA)

So far, the programme has supported 25 individuals (PD fellows) to develop their capacities in the field of EIA.

The PD fellows highly appreciate the opportunities they have been given and acknowledge the vast experiences they have been exposed to through the process. Having the urge to give back to the program, the current and former PD fellows have decided to raise at least US\$25,000 through a silent auction at the IAIA10 to support at least one additional fellow to take part in the program in 2011. The more funds we raise, the more fellows can be supported!

How can you get involved?

Auction items will be brought by you to the IAIA10 conference. Participants are asked to bring items with them (curios, antiques, traditional dresses, etc.). Be creative! Think of it as a way to share a little piece of your culture with the rest of IAIA. All we ask is that each item has a minimum value of US\$10 and that you let us know by **1 March 2010** if you plan to donate.

Alternatively, prepare to support this capacity development initiative of young EIA professionals by carrying an item home with you as the highest bidder!

If you want to participate as a donor of an auction item, simply provide the information requested below, for each item you will donate, by e-mail to Arsema or Farai on pdfellows@gmail.com. We would really appreciate if you send us a picture of the item beforehand so we can begin to market it.

Important date: 1 March!



IAIA10 CLEAA-PD Silent Auction Donation

Donor Name:

Organization name:

Mailing address:

E-mail:

* Donated Item(s)

* From what country.....

* Describe the item you are donating (Please be as descriptive as possible):
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Approximate US\$ Value:.....

Starred (*) information will be displayed next to the item for buyers to see.

For more information including shipping details (for those who will not come to the conference) contact Arsema or Farai on pdfellows@gmail.com. We highly recommend that you take your item with you to Geneva. Donors will be contacted later with more details.

Section activities

Meet the IAIA Sections!

IAIA is a member-based organization which currently has thirteen Sections that cover different types and aspects of impact assessment.

IAIA Sections provide opportunities for IAIA members with these mutual interests to share experiences and discuss ideas in an informal setting. Sections provide a forum for active topical debate and for development and promotion of good practice.

IAIA Sections have a chance to meet during each annual conference, and they also have a rolling program of work throughout the year.

The members of the Sections and their activities are the life-blood of IAIA: through the Sections, IAIA members can feed into the organization of each annual conference, publish different materials, and develop new lines of thought.

Why join an IAIA Section?

- When you pay the non-member conference rate, you automatically become an IAIA member and are eligible to join a Section.
- Sections are a networking forum for IAIA members, where you can meet your colleagues.
- Sections promote your personal professional development.
- Sections develop interesting activities that you may want to join.

Where can I find the Sections at IAIA10?

- The Sections will have special tables at the welcome reception, where you can informally meet with the Section chairs, find out more about what they do, and join!
- All sessions that have been organized by the Sections will be clearly identified in the preliminary and final programs.
- Each Section will hold one or more Section meetings during the conference, which everyone is welcome to attend.
- Tables will be identified at lunch times, where Sections can meet informally to continue discussions.
- Section chairs will be identified by ribbons on their name tags so that you can find them during the conference.

Any questions?

Please contact Sections Coordinating Committee Chair Ilse Aucamp (ilsea@lantic.net) or the coordinator of a specific Section as listed at right, or visit www.iaia.org > Sections for more information.



Les Jardins de Cogne (technical visit). Photo courtesy of Geneva Tourism.

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We welcome your sponsorship of IAIA10!

Sponsorship demonstrates your environmental consciousness to delegates from around the world while you contribute to the improvement of impact assessment locally and globally.

Contact Bridget John, IAIA HQ (bridget@iaia.org | phone +1.701.297.7908) or Hussein Abaza, UNEP (Hussein.abaza@unep.org | phone +41 22 917 82 43) for a complete sponsorship pack.

Information for sponsors

Maximize your sponsorship with these unique opportunities. Maximize your exposure to environmental professionals worldwide by confirming your sponsorship as early as possible.

For recognition in the final program, sponsorship must be confirmed by 28 February 2010. Names and logos will be posted on the IAIA10 Web site as they are confirmed.

Sponsorship opportunities include functions, workshops, theme forums, lunches, technical visits, coffee breaks and publications.

Sponsorship benefits

Sponsors may choose to support specific elements of the conference or make a general contribution. All sponsorship attracts benefits, as summarized below. **Amounts are in US dollars.**



Exhibits, booths and display materials

Prominent display space is available for booths and exhibits! Contact IAIA HQ before 1 March for rates and information.

A table will be provided for IAIA members to display information, distribute conference papers, or announce/distribute non-commercial items. Delegates must be in attendance personally to display materials.

Delegate packet inserts

If you would like to distribute materials (brochures, flyers, or other suitable materials) in delegate packets, contact IAIA HQ for rates and shipping information before 1 March.

All materials must be approved by IAIA prior to inclusion in the delegate packets.

Benefit	Reef \$1,500-\$7,500	Island \$7,501-\$25,000	Continent \$25,001-\$50,000	Earth More than \$50,000	Premier Limit 1 by negotiation
Recognition in conference publications	✓	✓	✓	✓	Prominent
Recognition in IAIA newsletter (circulation 1,600+)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Prominent
Recognition on conference sponsors Web page	Company name	Logo	Logo	Logo with hot link to company Web site	Prominent logo and hot link
Recognition in final program	Company name	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo on front cover
Final participant list after conference		✓	✓	✓	✓
Black/white advertisement in final program		One 1/4-page ad	One 1/2-page ad	One full-page ad	One full-page ad
Complimentary registrations		One	Two	Three	Five
Exhibit booth discount			25% discount	50% discount	100% discount
Sponsorship of one theme forum or concurrent session				✓	✓
Sponsor-provided satchel insert				One	Two
Logo on delegate satchels					✓
Acknowledgment in all news releases					✓
Additional invitations to final social event					Three
Recognition on all IAIA10 Web pages					✓
Named host of other conference events, subject to negotiation					✓

Conference information

■ Location and dates

IAIA10 will take place from 6-11 April 2010 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) in Geneva, Switzerland, with adjunct events planned before, during and after the conference. Activities will take place at CICG unless otherwise noted.

Near the city center and only 6 minutes by train from Geneva International Airport, the CICG is located near the Place des Nations and Lake Geneva.

The address is 17 rue de Varembe CP 13 CH - 1211 Geneva 20 | phone +41 (0)22 791 91 11 | fax +41 (0)22 791 90 64 | info@cicg.ch.

■ Language used

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in English.

■ Final program

IAIA plans to have the final program available on the Web site approximately two weeks prior to the conference, and it will be distributed upon conference check-in or on-site conference registration at CICG.

The preliminary program contains the **tentative** schedule; be sure to check the final program to confirm details of activities in which you plan to participate. Please note deadlines of registration for special events.

■ Publications

The IAIA plans to publish full conference proceedings online following the conference. A Program Committee representative will contact you with details.

Participants are encouraged to submit their papers for possible publication in IAIA's journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*. See www.scipol.demon.co.uk/iapa.htm for submission information.

■ Presentation equipment and materials

Please plan to arrive prepared. Presenters are responsible for supplying their own session or poster materials. Because of high rental costs which would necessarily be passed on to all delegates in the form of higher registration fees, IAIA does not provide copying, printing, computers or other business services on-site.

PowerPoint projectors and laptop computers will be provided in each session room. Presenters are responsible for arranging and paying in advance for any other equipment needed for their presentations. Contact IAIA HQ for price information and to order equipment before 1 March.

■ Business services at CICG

In order to avoid equipment rental costs which would necessarily be passed on to delegates in the form of higher registration fees, no other business equipment or services will be available at the CICG. Please plan to arrive prepared, or ensure that your hotel offers any facilities you may need.

■ Conference attire

IAIA conferences are generally business casual.

■ Meals

IAIA will provide lunches and coffee breaks.

Based on the data collected via registration forms, IAIA will estimate a percentage of vegetarian or special meals. This does not guarantee accommodation of individual preference.

■ Video/Audio policy

Individuals officially identified by IAIA may photograph, videotape, and/or audiotape conference events. By attending the conference, you agree to allow your image to be used by IAIA. Speakers and session conveners indicated approval for their audio recordings to be broadcast online by IAIA during the submission process; those preferences will be honored. Individuals are not permitted to record with personal audio or video equipment or other recording devices such as cell phones, cameras or recorders without prior permission from IAIA.

■ Registration and fees

All conference participants, including delegates, sessions chairs, invited speakers, organizers, exhibitors, and paper and poster presenters, are required to register for the conference at the full, student, or exhibitor registration rate. Contact IAIA HQ for information on exhibitor registration.

IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and/or travel expenses for program participants.

Full and student registration fees entitle delegates to attendance at all sessions, coffee breaks, lunches 8-11 April, participants list, delegate satchel, conference proceedings (as available), and special events, unless an additional fee is noted.

Delegates will receive a name badge upon check-in. The badge is an official pass and must be worn to obtain entry to conference functions. If tickets are required for any events, they will be distributed by HQ.

IAIA members: If it is more convenient for you to pay your annual membership dues at the same time you register for the conference, please contact info@iaia.org for a combined invoice. IAIA will credit your account as having paid an annual 12-month membership fee which will begin on your regular membership anniversary date. Otherwise, you will

receive an invoice for membership dues on your regular membership anniversary date. You can also renew your membership electronically if you register online.

Non-members: The non-member rate includes a one-year membership to IAIA, with an electronic subscription to *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*. Your one-year membership begins when IAIA receives your conference payment.

Student: The student rate includes a one-year membership. If you are a current member, your membership will automatically be extended one year from your anniversary date.

Affiliate members: Members of IAIA Affiliates having an active MoU with IAIA will be admitted to the conference at the IAIA member rate. This rate does not include IAIA membership. You must provide your Affiliate's number on the registration form to take advantage of this offer.

■ Payment and refund policies

Registration fees should accompany the registration form. To qualify for the Early Bird rate, both the registration form and payment must be received by 29 January.

Fees are accepted by MasterCard, Visa, or American Express and are charged in US dollars (USD). Checks or money orders made payable to IAIA in USD drawn on a US bank are also accepted.

Any registration after 17 March must be made on-site. Registration receipts are issued by mail only. Official receipts for registrations made after 17 March will be issued by mail after the conference.

IAIA will refund registration fees upon written request received before 1 March. A US\$75 processing fee will be retained. After 1 March, no refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Substitutions for paid registrants may be made in writing without financial penalty. Refunds will be issued after the conference.

■ Quickpass

If your conference registration is paid in full by 29 January, you will be mailed a purple "Quickpass" which entitles you to express check-in service at the conference registration desk in Geneva.

■ Insurance and liability

IAIA, the organizing committee, and the venue will not be responsible for medical expenses, accidents, losses or other unexpected damage to property belonging to conference participants, either during or as a result of the conference and during all tours and events. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance for health and accident, lost luggage and trip cancellation.

■ Host city

Geneva is a worldwide centre for diplomacy and international cooperation, and is widely regarded as a global city. It is the home of numerous international organizations, including the headquarters of many of the agencies of the United Nations and the Red Cross. Geneva has been referred to as the world's most compact metropolis and the "Peace Capital."

Geneva is the second most populated city in Switzerland (approximately 186,825 people). It is located where the Rhône River exits Lake Geneva (Lac Léman) and is the capital of the Republic and Canton of Geneva.

■ Conference hotels

Our conference host has arranged room blocks at a number of area hotels, with special low rates during the conference. Booking details, the number of rooms available, reservation cutoff dates, hotel information, and maps are available online at www.iaia.org > IAIA10. Please book early to ensure that your first choice is available.

■ Language

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Events will be held in English unless otherwise specified.

French, German and Italian are the three official languages of Switzerland. French is most common in Geneva. English is also spoken by about a quarter of the population, as well as most foreign workers and visitors.

■ Climate

Geneva's weather is generally pleasant and moderate year-round thanks to the lake and surrounding mountains. In April, expect variable temperatures (plan to take an umbrella and layered clothing to accommodate weather from warm and sunny to cool and rainy) with average temperatures of 56°F/13°C (high) and 38°F/ 3° C (low).

■ Passports and visas

For entry to Switzerland, visitors must have valid passports, and in some cases, visas. See <http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rebs.html> for requirements.

IAIA advises delegates to plan ahead: prepare and apply for visas early. Application processes may be completed quickly, but additional screening and collecting required documents may take weeks. If a personal invitation letter is needed for your visa application, please contact info@iaia.org no later than 1 March.

■ Transportation

Transportation is very convenient in Geneva. As a small city, everything is rather central. You will be able to go from one part of the city to another within 30 minutes, by bus, by train, by boat or by tram.

You can pick up a free ticket for public transport from the machine in the baggage collection area at the airport Arrival level. This Unireso ticket, offered by Geneva International Airport, allows you to use public transport in Geneva free for a period of 80 minutes.

Trains between the airport and the central train station run approximately every 10 minutes. Many IAIA10 hotels are located quite close to the central station.

Many hotels, youth hostels, and campsites offer the "Geneva Transport Card" that allows you to use public transport in Geneva free of charge during your stay. Ask your hotel for information.

The public transports of Geneva try to maximize the use of electric vehicles. A good example of practice for the transition towards a green economy! See <http://www.unireso.com/pages/index.shtml> or <http://www.gva.ch/en/Desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/> for more information on Geneva's public transportation.

■ Business hours

In Geneva shops open at 09:00 and close at 19:00. Everything is closed on Sunday; some shops are closed on Monday. On Thursday night you will enjoy the "Nocturne" when all the major shops are open until 21:00.

■ Currency and credit cards

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF, SFr.). The Euro is also accepted at most businesses, but expect to pay a premium rate. Check www.xe.com for the most up-to-date exchange rates. Most transactions in the city are conducted in cash and a surprising number of businesses and restaurants do not accept credit cards. ATMs are widely available throughout the city, dispensing notes up to 1000 CHF.

■ Tipping

Prices in hotels, restaurants, taxi fares, etc., are calculated to include taxes and service. A tip, therefore, is not indispensable, but justified for good service.

■ Electricity

Electricity in Switzerland is 230 V/ 50 Hz . Rounded two-pin or round three-pin plugs are used.

■ Holiday

Visitors should note that Monday, 5 April, is Easter Monday, a public holiday. Expect banks and some shops and restaurants to be closed.

■ Smoking

Smoking in public places is prohibited.

■ Taxes

Value Added Tax rates in Switzerland:

- 7.6% standard rate
- 2.4% reduced rate (e.g., food, medicine, newspapers, books and feed)
- 3.6% lodging services

Hotel information

Important: Book Early!

Our conference host has arranged room blocks at a number of area hotels with special low rates during the conference. The number of rooms available and the reservation cutoff dates are noted online.

Please book early to ensure that your first choice is available and be sure to request the IAIA10 rate. Reservation requests after the noted cutoff dates will be based on availability and may be priced at regular (higher) rates.

All hotels are within 30 minutes of the CIGG by bus or tram.



Map #	Hotel	Rates (CHF unless noted)	Location	Walking distance to CIGG
1.	Geneva Youth Hostel	29.00-123.00	Near Train Station	18 minutes
2.	City Hostel Geneva	32.00-87.00	Near Train Station	16 minutes
3.	John Knox Centre	97.30-121.60	Near Airport	30 minutes
4.	Hotel 33	115.00-138.00	Near Airport	42 minutes
5.	Hotel Moderne	85.00-185.00	Near Train Station	26 minutes
6.	Citadines Genève Ferney Voltaire (France)	€ 91.00-€ 116.00	Hotel is in France. Check visa requirements.	70 minutes
7.	Hotel de Genève	135.55-168.10	Near Train Station	25 minutes
8.	St. James	145.00	Near Old Town and Shopping Area 5 minute Tram from Train Station	37 minutes
9.	Hôtel Express by Holiday Inn Geneva Airport	149.00	Near Airport	50 minutes
10.	Hotel Best Western Strasbourg	150.00-190.00	Near Train Station	21 minutes
11.	Hotel International et Terminus	155.00-175.00	Near Train Station	20 minutes
12.	Hôtel Savoy	158.00-177.00	Near Train Station	22 minutes
13.	Hôtel Bernina Genève	160.00-180.00	Near Train Station	20 minutes
14.	Hôtel Comédie	160.00-230.00	Near Painpalais 25 minute Tram from Train Station	40 minutes
15.	Hotel Mon Repos	166.00	Near Train Station	17 minutes
16.	Ramada Encore Geneve	167.00-189.00	Near Train Station	67 minutes
17.	Hôtel Grand-Pre	186.00-208.00	Near Train Station	11 minutes
18.	Hotel Les Nations	189.00-239.00	Near Train Station	10 minutes
19.	Manotel Hotel Jade	190.00	Near Train Station	17 minutes
20.	Manotel Hotel Edelweiss	190.00	Near Train Station	25 minutes
21.	Hotel Windsor	190.00-245.00	Near Train Station	22 minutes
22.	Manotel Hotel Kipling	190.00	Near Train Station	22 minutes
23.	Manotel Hotel Eden	200.00-255.00	Near Train Station	15 minutes
24.	Suite Hotel	210.00+	Near Airport	30 minutes
25.	Manotel Hotel Auteuil	210.00	Near Train Station	19 minutes
26.	Manotel Hôtel Royal	220.00	Near Train Station	19 minutes
27.	Manotel Hotel Epsom	220.00	Near Train Station	19 minutes
28.	Ramada Park Hotel Geneve	225.00-285.00	Near Airport	40 minutes
29.	Warwick Hotel	255.00-285.00	Near Train Station	19 minutes

IAIA10 registration form

- Register online today!
- Fast, easy and secure
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1 | DELEGATE INFORMATION

Please fill out form completely. Type or print neatly in BLOCK letters. Be sure to include your name and organization exactly as you would like that information to appear on your delegate badge. Registrations after 17 March will be accepted on-site only.

Today's date _____ (month)/_____ (day)/20_____ (year)

Mr Ms First name _____ Last (family) name _____

Title _____ Organization _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone + _____ Fax + _____ E-mail _____ @ _____

I plan to stay at _____ Hotel. This information is used to estimate room blocks in future years and will not be released.

2 | REGISTRATION FEES (all fees in US\$)

IAIA Member ID# _____ Affiliate ID# _____

Early Bird (by 29 January) Regular/On-site

IAIA member/Affiliate member \$575 \$655

Non-member \$695 \$775

Student (proof of current enrollment required) \$400

3 | PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING COURSES

Pre-registration and pre-payment by 19 February is required. After 19 February, registration acceptance is subject to availability, instructor consent, and receipt of payment. Courses may not be switched after 17 March.

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| 1. Cultural Component of IA | 6 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 2. Practical Guide to Follow-Up | 6 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 3. MCA: Tool for Sustainability Assessment | 6 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 4. Mainstreaming Biodiversity | 6-7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 5. Potentials of SEA | 6-7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 6. SEA in Developing Country Context | 6-7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 7. Achieving Full Potential of SIA | 6-7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 8. Cumulative Effects & Follow-Up | 6-7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 9. Environmental Management Plans | 6-7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 |
| 10. Best Practice SEA | 7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 11. Practical Guide to Sustainability Assessment | 7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |
| 12. Increasing Tangibility in SEA | 7 April | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 |

Non-IAIA10 delegates add \$75

4 | TECHNICAL VISITS

Pre-payment is required for technical visits. After 19 February, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 17 March or the maximum number of paid participants is reached.

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|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------|
| A. Les Jardins/Airport | 6 April | # persons _____ | @\$70 = \$ _____ |
| B. La Praille/Manotel | 6 April | # persons _____ | @\$60 = \$ _____ |
| C. Banque Pictet/UN | 6 April | # persons _____ | @\$80 = \$ _____ |
| D. Givaudan/Domaine Devinière | 6 April | # persons _____ | @\$75 = \$ _____ |
| E. Les Jardins/Airport | 7 April | # persons _____ | @\$70 = \$ _____ |
| F. Banque Pictet/Domaine Devinière | 7 April | # persons _____ | @\$75 = \$ _____ |
| G. La Praille/Dam | 7 April | # persons _____ | @\$75 = \$ _____ |
| H. Manotel/UN | 7 April | # persons _____ | @\$80 = \$ _____ |
| I. Forestry & Wildlife: Martigny | 7 April | # persons _____ | @\$100 = \$ _____ |

5 | SPECIAL EVENTS

Review and Challenges of SEA 7 April # persons _____ @~~\$20~~ FREE = \$ _____

Fun Run 10 April # persons _____ @\$5 = \$ _____

International Networking Night* 10 April # persons _____ @\$30 = \$ _____

6 | INDICATION OF INTEREST/MEAL PREFERENCE

Opening reception* 7 April # Persons: Delegates _____ Guests _____

Dietary restriction: _____

7 | PAYMENT INFORMATION

* Starred activities are tentative pending sponsorship.

Registration fee US\$ _____

Total of activities fees US\$ _____

Total amount due US\$ _____

Charge to Visa MasterCard American Express

3 or 4 digit CCV code on back of card _____

Expiration date ____ / ____ (month/year)

Print name on card _____

Authorized signature _____

Check or money order in US\$ drawn on a US bank drawn enclosed.

I will pay on-site with cash or traveler's check (US\$)

Note: Pre-payment by 16 February for presenters and 19 February for technical visit and training course participants is required.

I am being sponsored by someone other than my employer.

Sponsoring organization _____

Contact person _____

Contact person's phone + _____

Contact person's e-mail _____

8 | SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

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About UNEP



UNEP is the United Nations system's designated entity for addressing environmental issues at the global and regional level. The mission statement of UNEP is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

Six priority areas define UNEP's focus on the environmental challenges of the 21st century:

- Climate change
- Disasters and conflicts
- Ecosystem management
- Environmental governance
- Harmful substances
- Resource efficiency

UNEP's Green Economy Initiative (GEI) is designed to assist governments in "greening" their economies by reshaping and refocusing policies, investments and spending towards a range of sectors, such as clean technologies, renewable energies, water services, green transportation, waste management, green buildings and sustainable agriculture and forests.

Greening the economy refers to the process of reconfiguring businesses and infrastructure to deliver better returns on natural, human and economic capital investments, while at the same time reducing greenhouse gas emissions, extracting and using less natural resources, creating less waste and reducing social disparities.

Initially envisioned as a two-year project, the GEI has been expanded to include a number of related UNEP and UN-wide initiatives focused on providing macroeconomic evidence for significantly increasing investments in the environment as a means of promoting sustainable economic growth, decent job creation, and poverty reduction.

GEI activities include providing advisory services to countries interested in greening their economies, producing research products, such as The Green Economy Report, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity series of reports, and the Green Jobs Report, and engaging partners to effectively promote and implement green economy strategies.

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IAIA as an organization promotes the following:

- We compile or review impact assessments with integrity and honesty, and free from misrepresentation or deliberate bias.
- Our personal beliefs should not interfere with fair representation of the potential impacts of policies, plans, programs, and projects.
- We uphold the principle of freedom of access to information and the right of citizens to participate in decisions.
- We subscribe to a holistic approach to impact assessment.
- We seek sustainable and equitable outcomes from human actions that affect ecosystem and social functions.
- We will seek to encourage a process of impact assessment that averts infringement of the human rights of any section of society.
- We do not condone the use of violence, harassment, intimidation or undue force in connection with any aspect of impact assessment or implementation of an intervention arising from impact assessment.
- We conduct impact assessments in the awareness that different groups in society experience benefits and harm in different ways. We seek to take gender and other social differences into account, and we are especially mindful of the concerns of indigenous peoples.
- We strive to promote considerations of equity as a fundamental element of impact assessment.
- We give due regard to the rights and interests of future generations.
- We strive for excellence by maintaining and enhancing our own knowledge and skills, by encouraging the professional development of co-workers, and by fostering the aspirations of potential members of the profession.
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 - Mark Elton, MIGA, World Bank Group, USA
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Tuesday, 6 April

Training courses All day
Technical visits All day

Wednesday, 7 April

Training courses All day
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Special Event: Review & Challenges of SEA All Day
Opening reception* Evening

Thursday, 8 April

Plenary, forums, sessions All day
Poster session Afternoon
Social and networking event Evening

Friday, 9 April

Plenary, forums, sessions, AGM All day
Social and networking event Evening

Saturday, 10 April

Plenary, forums, session, Council meeting All day
Social and networking event* Evening

Sunday, 11 April

Concurrent sessions, closing Through mid-afternoon

* to be confirmed

Important Dates and Deadlines

31 December

- Student fee waiver application deadline

22 January ~~15 December (tentative)~~

- Five-page draft papers due

29 January

- Early Bird rate ends; Quickpass registration deadline

15 February

- Paper reviews completed ~~papers posted online~~

16 February

- Last date authors and presenters may register and pay in full to be included in the final program

19 February

- Deadline for technical visit and training course registration

28 February

- Sponsorship confirmation needed to be recognized in final program

1 March

- Deadline for exhibitors and requests for inserts in delegate bags
- Requests for special audio-visual equipment due
- Mentor/Buddy participant forms due
- Auction donation forms due
- Buffet of Ideas suggestions due

15 March

- Revised papers due; posted online

17 March

- Pre-registration cutoff