

Special meetings and networking activities

INVESTING IN NATURAL CAPITAL IN URBAN AREAS

Discuss the key challenges to scaling up community ecosystem- and green economy-based solutions in urban areas. Highlight any risk areas which may catalyze ecosystem-based adaptations with transformative socio-economic outcomes.

Monday, 14 May | 08:00-16:30 | 22ABC
Pre-registration by 20 April required.

INTEGRATING CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT: INTERLINKS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS

The aim of this training is to familiarize practitioners with the interlinkages between climate change, environment, and social impacts. It will guide participants through decisions around when and how to integrate climate change considerations into impact assessment and to identify and realize opportunities to achieve positive outcomes.

Tuesday, 15 May | 09:00-17:00 22ABC
Pre-registration by 20 April required.

STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (SYP) WORKSHOP

The SYP Section invites early career IA researchers, practitioners, and post-graduate students to a half-day workshop to present their work, listen to seasoned IA practitioners and academics speak about their career path, and participate in a speed-mentoring activity. Stay connected by attending other SYP social activities during the week.

Wednesday, 16 May | 08:00-11:45 | 21ABC
Pre-registration by 20 April required.

WORLD BANK DAY: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORK

The World Bank's new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) will go into effect in late 2018. It includes a standard dedicated to labor and working conditions, detailing the requirements that borrowers will satisfy in World Bank-financed projects. This event provides a brief update on the status of the roll-out of the ESF, including guidance material that is currently being developed. We will then discuss the specific labor provisions included in the ESF and will focus, in particular, on occupational health and safety as well as child and forced labor. The presentation of the World Bank's ESF will be accompanied by reports from practical case studies.

Wednesday, 16 May | 09:00-12:00 | Hall 2A
Pre-registration by 20 April required.

MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

Meet and communicate with some of the IAIA training course instructors and Training and Professional Development Committee (TPDC) members, directly ask your questions, and raise any concerns and expectations about IAIA training. The IAIA TPDC will also explain how the Committee works, the process of evaluating and offering courses, and ways in which members can take part.

Wednesday, 16 May | 10:30-12:00 | 21G
Pre-registration by 20 April required.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT PRIMERS

Do you want to know a little bit about a specific topic of impact assessment before the conference begins? Is there an area of impact assessment that you've heard about but are not quite sure what it involves? Are you coming to the conference hoping to learn more about a specialty area, but aren't certain if it's where you should spend your time this week? Do you want to know more about IAIA's Sections and start your networking early by meeting delegates before the conference begins? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, consider participating in the *Impact Assessment Primers*.

Join members of IAIA's Sections for 90-minute introduction sessions where seasoned IAIA members, experts in their field, will provide you with a brief introduction to the topic, an introduction to the Section and its activities, advice and information on which IAIA18 sessions are related to the topic, and how you can start to build your capacity in that area.

Wednesday, 16 May | 08:30-12:00
See page 8 for locations.

EHSS RISK MANAGEMENT IN PROJECT FINANCE: AN IFI PERSPECTIVE

This workshop intends to build participant capacity by familiarizing attendees with International Financing Institution (IFI) environment, health, safety, and security (EHSS) standards, good practices and emerging issues, the role of environmental and social impact assessment (ESIA) in IFI banking and investment processes, and the requirements behind developing bankable ESIA's. Specifically, the workshop will include the following:

- An overview of applicable IFI and international EHSS legislation and requirements (e.g., European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank (WB), African Development Bank (AfDB), Equator Principles Financial Institutions (EPFIs) and Export Credit Agencies (ECAs)) to develop "bankable projects."
- EHSS due diligence requirements of the EBRD and other IFIs with which the Bank co-finances or syndicates deals. This will cover the full internal appraisal and due diligence process carried out by IFIs, including project categorization, EHSS due diligence planning, the auditing and analysis process, use of independent third party consultants, etc.
- An overview of banking and investment processes and the differences in the environmental and social implications related to differing investment types (debt vs. equity, bonds, lending facilities, and the leverage available in differing scenarios).
- The legal mechanisms through which the Bank and IFIs agree on, covenant, and ensure actions designed to manage risk and drive compliance with policy. This will include loan documentation tools such as representations and warranties, covenants, conditions precedent and subsequent, and the use of Environmental and Social Action Plans (ESAPs).
- Emerging EHSS issues currently being explored through ongoing and collaborative IFI environmental and social (E&S) working groups.
- Project monitoring and evaluation: annual E&S reporting and evaluation, key performance indicators, and outcomes.
- IFI independent recourse/complaints mechanisms.

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"POP UP" MEETINGS

Do you need to meet with colleagues? Continue a discussion? Get together with a potential business partner or client? Meeting room 12B is available on a first-come, first-served basis for small meetings that "pop up" during the conference. Check the schedule on the room for available times and sign up.

16-19 May | 09:00-18:00 | 12B

WELCOME RECEPTION

For the welcome reception, we are planning to show a little of the famous South African hospitality. The event will aim to showcase the extraordinary cultural diversity in South Africa and Durban specifically. It will offer the opportunity to catch up with old friends and hopefully make some new ones all from the comfort of the conference venue, so no need to arrange transport. You will leave the meet-and-greet inspired for the conference and hopefully with some insight into what makes Durban and South Africa as a whole so remarkable.

Wednesday, 16 May | 16:45-18:15
ICC foyer and courtyard

AFFILIATES FORUM

IAIA Affiliates, Branches, and Associated Organizations broadening our reach for professional benefit to each. Meet with all of the representatives. It's about sharing ideas from across the globe toward building a community of professional practice. Bring your poster. Share your needs. Tell us your aspirations. Summarize your challenges. Together let's build relationships.

Thursday, 17 May | 07:00-08:30 | 22G

BOOK LAUNCH

Join Jutta Law for a launch of *Environmental Management in South Africa, 3rd Edition*, edited by ND King, HA Strydom, and FP Retief. Editors Nicholas King & Francois Retief will present this exciting new edition.



Drop your business card at the Jutta booth for a chance to win a copy of the book. Drawings will take place during the book launch and at the closing plenary.

Thursday, 17 May | 12:40 | Hall 2A

COCKTAIL DINNER

IAIA delegates asked for a more informal, networking-friendly banquet evening ... here it is! Join your colleagues and friends for a "cocktail dinatoire" (walking dinner).

This African-inspired cocktail event will provide networking opportunities in a contemporary urban South African setting. Conference goers will experience the diversity of food, dance, and music of the many Durban cultures, all brought together through the spirit of *Ubuntu*. *Ubuntu* is a powerful African philosophy translated as "I am because we are" or the spirit of community. We invite you to immerse yourself!

Friday, 18 May | 19:00-23:00
The Warehouse, 82 Hunter Street
Pre-registration by 20 April required.
See page 7 for shuttle bus times.

LEGACY PROJECT

The Entuthukweni Primary School in Lamontville, South of Durban is located next to the Mobeni Industrial area. Over the years, the children have been exposed to industrial pollution that is affecting the entire South Durban Basin. The school has no air conditioning, forcing the classrooms to be kept open to the Durban heat, even when emissions from the industrial area are extreme. The fencing at the school is also lacking, exposing children to dangers of crime and being run over by traffic. IAIA donates \$5 of each conference registration to a worthy cause. With the conference theme of "Environmental Justice in Societies in Transition," the IAIA18 Committee felt that this school is a worthy recipient of a donation. The school can use the money to purchase fans for the classrooms as well as do something about the fencing.

SUSTAINABLE CONFERENCES

IAIA takes the following steps to mitigate the impacts of our conferences:

- Limit printed materials; communicate via e-mail and Web to the extent practical and possible.
- Contract with venues that participate in green programs (e.g., hotels that provide a linen and towel reuse program).
- Use bulk servings and pitchers rather than individual bottles; use china and silverware rather than disposables.
- Provide recycling bins for discarded paper products
- Ask delegates to confirm their attendance at events and functions to reduce waste and leftovers.
- Encourage delegates to purchase carbon-offset credits for their flights.
- Encourage delegates to return name badge holders.

SKATE UBUNTU

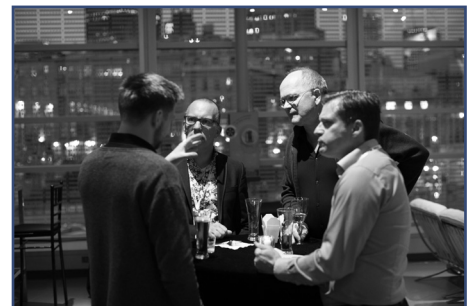
Skate Ubuntu is a student initiative at Rhodes University in Grahamstown. Through the appeal of skateboarding, the student group hopes to create opportunities for kids from Joza township to mix and socialize with kids from Grahamstown. In order to do so, the group is raising money to build a skatepark on land situated between the two urban centers. They are also raising money to buy skateboards and safety gear, so that the skateboarding is both fun and safe.

To raise money for the initiative, Sean O'Beirne (Conference Co-chair) has made a carving knife and fork that will be raffled at the conference. The knife and fork set is etched with the IAIA18 logo and the handles are made of "sneezewood." The wood, after sawing or sanding, produces highly irritant, aromatic peppery oils that cause violent sneezing. Sneezewood (*Ptaeroxylon obliquum*) is extremely hard and durable and highly valued as a timber for fence posts, buildings, and railway sleepers. The wood for these handles was sourced from an old fence post.

Raffle tickets are on sale at R100. The draw will take place at the closing plenary and you do NOT need to be there to claim your prize.

Tickets may be purchased at the entrance to Hall 2CDE.

Drawing to be held during closing plenary.



Impact assessment primers

IAIA's special-interest Sections are comprised of exciting and hardworking members who work together in their related field to promote and improve their work on topics and areas including social impact assessment, climate change, biodiversity, and much more!

The purpose of these introductory sessions is to give you an inside look into how these experts contribute to the IAIA community on their related topic and are applying rigorous solution sets and best practices. This is also a chance to learn how you can become a member of a Section and become proactive in the IAIA community. Join us!

WEDNESDAY 16 MAY

08:30-10:00

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (12C)

The "invisible" impact drivers

Few governments regulate AFF activities—we promote impact assessment in our sectors internationally and nationally and seek to ally with local and regional groups interested in promoting this work.

Chair: Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu

Biodiversity and Ecology (12D)

Biological and ecological knowledge: The foundation of sustainable development

An overview of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Section's activities, plus the use of biodiversity and ecological information to guide environmental review, IA, and mitigation options will be discussed. Areas where practices are advancing will be reviewed, along with opportunities and challenges to mainstream this work in the future. Information from the "Mainstreaming the Mitigation Hierarchy in Impact Assessment" IAIA Special Symposium will be summarized.

Chair: Denny Grossman

Corporate Stewardship & Risk Management (22ABC)

Being human in impact assessment

The CSRSM section chairs welcome you to IAIA18, starting with an introduction to the Section, with a focus on human rights in impact assessment and vulnerable groups. Through an interactive session, the chairs will share key challenges and lessons learnt from recent experiences working with companies, followed by a Q&A with the members.

Chairs: Nora Gotzmann, Michele Gilbert, & Tulika Bansal

Disaster and Conflict (22G)

Disasters, conflict, and the environment: Why it is important

Focused on immediate threats to life and welfare, the Disaster & Conflict Section seeks to understand disaster-and-crisis environmental impacts to reduce lives lost and promote sustainable recovery.

Chair: Charles Kelly

Public Participation (12A)

Engaging impact assessment

Public participation as if it mattered. Exploring the role, function and opportunities through games and play.

Chairs: John Sinclair, Timothy Peirson-Smith, & Tanya Burdett

10:30-12:00

Climate Change (12C)

Climate change and impact assessment

The aim of this session is to inform you about the methods to integrate climate change in impact assessment and application of a method by you in a practical case in a working group.

Chairs: Arend Kolhoff & Nick King

Cultural Heritage (12D)

Introduction to Cultural Heritage Section

This session will provide an introduction to the role of cultural heritage in IAIA specifically, and more generally to integrating cultural heritage into impact assessment and the development process.

Chairs: Arlene Fleming & Chris Polglase

Health (22ABC)

Health in impact assessment: Concepts and practice

The session will introduce basic and important concepts and methodologies to facilitate why health may be important to consider in impact assessment, when, why, and what outputs may look like.

Chairs: Geetha Ramesh & Mark Divall

Indigenous Peoples (22G)

Impact assessment and Indigenous Peoples: Assessing impacts while respecting rights

What was achieved and how is Aashukan influencing best practice IA when it impacts Indigenous Peoples? Mooting a bi-annual pre-conference gathering for Indigenous Peoples that advances the Aashukan Declaration.

Chairs: Philippe Hanna & Kepa Morgan

Social Impact Assessment (12A)

Social impact assessment

The SIA Section is a professional network of SIA practitioners and researchers. The Section provides a platform for international collaboration and information sharing. The goal is to keep those involved and interested in SIA up to date with the latest developments in theory and practice.

Chairs: Irge Satiroglu & Katherine Witt