IAIA Special Symposium

The competing challenges of sustainability and economic development:

Using impact assessment to achieve the SDGs in Asia

Symposium Theme and Focus

The introduction of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development established a series of ambitious development goals for the international community. This is particularly the case for Asia, which is continuing to undergo rapid development and is increasingly becoming a center for global economic activity.

Yet despite the significant economic growth and expansion within the region, there remain significant challenges to achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs), with issues around income and social inequality, a growing gap between rich and poor, and continued environmental degradation across developing Asia.

Impact assessment (IA) can provide an important basis for providing both the private and public sector the necessary tools and techniques to better engage in a more balanced and equitable development approach. These tools and techniques will be important in supporting the achievement of the SDGs, with this symposium opening important avenues for exploring how and what tools may be used to better achieve these ambitious goals.

This symposium will target how voluntary IA tools and techniques, such as sustainability assessments, life cycle assessments, risk assessments, and materiality analysis, can be utilized in a region where regulatory efforts around IAs continue to experience challenges, with both the private and public sector arguing against further investment and business regulation.

The outcomes of this regional symposium may include a special issue of IAIA's journal *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal* (IAPA) on voluntary IA tools and techniques used by the private sector and a symposium report detailing all abstracts and key themes covered.





Key Themes

- > IA and the SDGs
- > IA in the developing country context
- IA targeting human and economic development
- IA for the private sector to address income inequality
- Voluntary IA practice by the private sector
- International sustainability standards, guidelines, and criteria and their relationship with IA
- The role of international organizations in driving voluntary IA use by the private sector
- IAIA's role in disseminating practical tools and techniques for voluntary adoption

Symposium Objectives

- Increase awareness of voluntary methods to undertake IAs by the private sector
- Develop a community of practice for Asia on alternate methods to spread the use of IA tools and techniques, not through regulation
- Identify best practice approaches to undertake IA by the private sector
- Provide pathways for how IA can be utilized to ensure economic growth and development in Asia is sustainable

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