

IAIA Special Biodiversity Symposium Mainstreaming the Mitigation Hierarchy in Impact Assessment

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SYMPOSIUM THEME AND OBJECTIVES

In 2017 we are five years on from the release of the seminal and highly influential 2012 International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards. The recently revised World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and updated standards and recently approved International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Biodiversity Offsets Policy mark a convergence with these, and with greater emphasis on borrower country frameworks for their implementation. Many borrowing countries are in the process of either developing or applying new policies on biodiversity and ecosystem services that emphasize the importance of effective mitigation planning within the impact assessment (IA) process.

IAIA, in partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and IUCN, is holding a two-day special symposium on Mainstreaming the Mitigation Hierarchy in Impact Assessment in Washington, D.C., followed by two days of specialized training courses. The symposium will provide a forum for sharing and advancing leading practice in mitigation hierarchy implementation for biodiversity and ecosystem services to improve outcomes for society, conservation, business, and finance. It aims to broaden the community of practice, building a shared interpretation of standards and approaches commensurate with risk and opportunity.

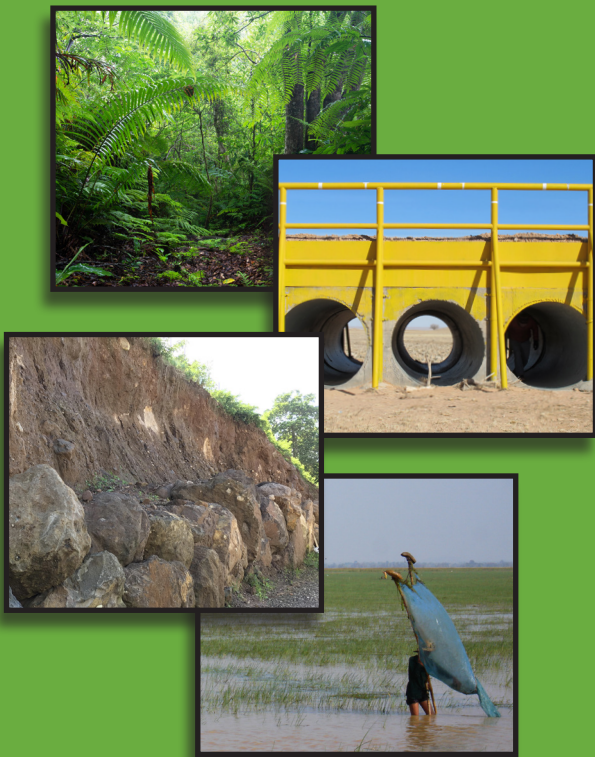
In addition to presentations, the symposium will feature debates based on experience of implementation on "thorny topics" with a view to resolving inconsistencies and informing risk-management processes.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Framing the process: goals and outcomes
- Principles to practice showcase: cases and examples
- Advantages and techniques of mitigation hierarchy implementation throughout the IA process
- Deep dive: data, methods, tools, and models
- Stakeholder engagement and participation
- Beyond project level: incorporating cumulative or indirect effects and applying the mitigation hierarchy at a strategic level
- The offset step: implementing commensurate and lasting interventions
- Ecosystem services: mind the gap
- Defining the business case

For a full description of each topic, visit <http://conferences.iaia.org/wdc2017/sessions.php>.





ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

PROCEDURE From 18 May through 14 July, abstracts are invited on the topics and sessions listed online. Accepted abstracts with the primary author registered by 15 September 2017 will be listed in the final program.

To submit an abstract, follow the instructions at conferences.iaia.org/wdc2017. All submissions should be in English.

ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION Abstract authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted. Please try again or contact kathy@iaia.org for assistance.

Authors of abstracts will be notified of acceptance status by 7 August 2017.

All presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form by 15 September 2017. Please submit an abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel. IAIA does not have funds available to pay travel expenses for program participants. Individuals not able to comply with the registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

LANGUAGE Unless otherwise noted in the preliminary or final program, sessions will be held in English.

QUESTIONS? For questions about this symposium, please contact Kathy Adams (kathy@iaia.org).

IMPORTANT DATES: *Mark your calendar today!*

- **18 May 2017**
Abstract submission opens
- **14 July 2017**
Abstract submission deadline
- **18 July 2017**
Online registration opens
Preliminary program available
- **7 August 2017**
Abstract authors notified of acceptance status
- **15 September 2017**
Presenting author registration deadline
- **27 October 2017**
Registration closes
Final program available
- **14-15 November 2017**
Symposium
- **16-17 November 2017**
Post-symposium training courses (to be announced)

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