



**DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA**

38th Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment  
16-19 May 2018 | Durban International Convention Center | Durban, South Africa

### Conference topics will include:

- Building capacity of regulators and practitioners for improved environmental justice
- Human rights and gender equality in promoting environmental justice
- The contribution of IA to wellbeing: regulations, cooperative governance, methods, and practice
- The contribution of IA to improve the lot of disadvantaged or vulnerable groups by promoting environmental justice
- The interface between the biophysical environment and human wellbeing: ecosystem services, health and livelihoods
- Identifying and addressing the environmental justice challenges of climate change
- Beyond IA: the use of other environmental management tools in achieving environmental justice
- The contribution of environmental law in promoting environmental justice
- Articulating costs and benefits (who wins, who loses) in assessing and promoting environmental justice
- Closing the inequality divide: how can IA contribute?
- The role of financial institutions in achieving environmental justice in societies in transition.
- Promoting environmental justice through effective public participation.
- Mining, industrial development, and environmental justice
- Indigenous peoples and environmental justice
- Assessing and managing environmental risks in societies in transition
- Demand management of resources in societies in transition
- The interface between environmental protection, IA, and politics in societies in transition.
- Energy needs and challenges in societies in transition: human rights and environmental justice implications
- The contribution of IA in achieving and promoting environmental justice

**In addition to these conference-specific themes, sessions that address general IA topics and the work of IAIA's special-interest Sections are also invited. See the IAIA web site for a full list of topics.**

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN SOCIETIES IN TRANSITION

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

### Globally, societies are in transition due to environmental challenges

such as climate change, shifts in political power as seen in Europe and the USA, and social changes such as mass migration. All these changes and challenges pose a threat to the sustainability of the physical and human environment, and growing inequality threatens both the social and natural environment.

Although the aim of development is to create a more sustainable environment, the reality is often that only few people benefit while others are left to bear the brunt of the impacts and greater inequality. Environmental management should serve to translate environmental costs into wellbeing benefits for all of humankind and not just the privileged few.

South Africa is a good example of a society in transition where reducing inequality is the greatest challenge the country faces. Durban experiences many such challenges. The city boasts both plush upmarket residential suburbs and impoverished informal settlements at the other end of the spectrum. Durban also bears the legacy of apartheid planning with historical residential areas in the immediate proximity of large-scale industrial operations. In amongst this all is a rich natural environment in the form of the sea, estuaries, rivers, forests and wetlands that lie within the city limits.

This is an ideal setting to engage with the conference theme; your participation is invited.

*Your ideas for improving environmental justice so that development meets the needs of societies in transition are encouraged and welcomed at IAIA18.*

**SESSION PROPOSAL DEADLINE**  
**31 July 2017**

# PROGRAM & TECHNICAL VISITS

In addition to conference sessions, workshops, and training courses, you will be able to choose technical visits, sightseeing tours, networking opportunities, and more. Potential technical visits around the region include:

- **iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site:** coastal conservation, tourism and indigenous peoples working together
- **Mfodzi-Hluhluwe Big 5 Game Park:** conservation, mining and local development
- **Maloti-Drakensberg World Heritage Site:** mountains, water sources, climate change and rock art centre
- **Pondoland, Eastern Cape:** centre of endemism, local communities in transition and development choices
- **Exciting rehabilitation and carbon offset projects** in and around the city of Durban
- **Nelson Mandela capture site and exhibition centre**



South Africa's largest city, Durban, ripples with vibrancy and is the country's most popular leisure destination. With mild winters, hot summers, and golden beaches stretching as far as the eye can see, the city is a melting pot overflowing with cultural diversity, sunshine, and scenic beauty. Situated in the province of KwaZulu-Natal and with a population of some 4 million people, Durban is less than an hour's flying time from the country's primary gateway airport, O.R. Tambo International Airport, in Johannesburg.

## ABOUT YOUR HOST



It is with great pride that IAIAAsa is the host for the 2018 IAIA conference in Durban. IAIAAsa was established in 1992 and has grown over time to a membership of approximately 650 members. We hold a national conference every year as well as a number of regional branch events.

IAIASa's main objective is to be a professional association that leads integrated environmental management (IEM) in southern Africa. IAIASa undertakes various activities in order to: provide a platform for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in IEM; enhance professionalism in the practice; and, advocate for sustainable policies and practices.

## ABOUT IAIA



IAIA is the **International Association for Impact Assessment**, organized in 1980 to bring together researchers, practitioners, and users of various types of impact assessment from all parts of the world. IAIA involves people from many disciplines and professions.

Our members include corporate planners and managers, public interest advocates, government planners and administrators, private consultants and policy analysts, university and college teachers and their students. IAIA has members from over 120 nations.

For 35+ years, IAIA has been holding annual conference events all over the world to promote best practices in impact assessment.

# SUBMISSION INFORMATION

## PROCEDURE

Conference submissions take place in three phases:

1. **Session proposals.** Session proposals are invited from 1 May through 31 July 2017.
2. **Paper and poster abstract submissions.** From 1 September through 20 November 2017, papers and posters are invited on the topics and sessions listed online.
3. **Papers for online proceedings.** Through 13 March 2018, paper and poster presenters are invited to prepare 5-page papers to be included in a paper review process for online proceedings.

## HOW TO SEND A SESSION PROPOSAL OR A PAPER/POSTER ABSTRACT

From 1 May, follow the instructions at [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > IAIA18 > Submissions. All submissions should be in English.

## LANGUAGE

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences.

## ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION

Session chairs and paper or poster 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 [webmaster@iaia.org](mailto:webmaster@iaia.org) for assistance.

All session chairs and presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 8 February 2018. Please submit a session proposal or abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel and registration. Individuals not able to comply with the registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

REMEMBER: Early registration will also save you money! IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for program participants.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings in conjunction with the conference must be listed in the preliminary program and on the registration form. Please contact IAIA HQ ([info@iaia.org](mailto:info@iaia.org)) for a proposal form. Forms must be received by 15 September 2017.

## IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### PHASE 1

#### SESSION PROPOSALS

- **31 July 2017.** Deadline for session proposals
- **25 August 2017.** Session chairs notified of acceptance status

### PHASE 2

#### PAPER, POSTER, & SPEAKER ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

- **1 September 2017.** Paper and poster abstract submission opens
- **2 October 2017.** Preliminary program information will be posted as it becomes available. Information will be complete by 2 October.
- **20 November 2017.** Deadline for submission of abstracts (paper and poster presenters, session chairs, all speakers)
- **15 December 2017.** Authors notified of paper or poster acceptance status

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- **8 February 2018.** Registration and payment deadline for presenters, session chairs, and all individuals to be listed in the final program and proceedings

### PHASE 3

#### PROCEEDINGS

- **13 March 2018.** Deadline for draft papers
- **9 April 2018.** Paper reviews completed
- **26 June 2018.** Deadline for revised papers
- **9 July 2018.** Papers posted online