



# IAIA18

## DURBAN SOUTH AFRICA

38th Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment  
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# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN SOCIETIES IN TRANSITION

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



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



# Why attend IAIA18?

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## IS THIS YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, OR 38<sup>TH</sup> IAIA CONFERENCE?

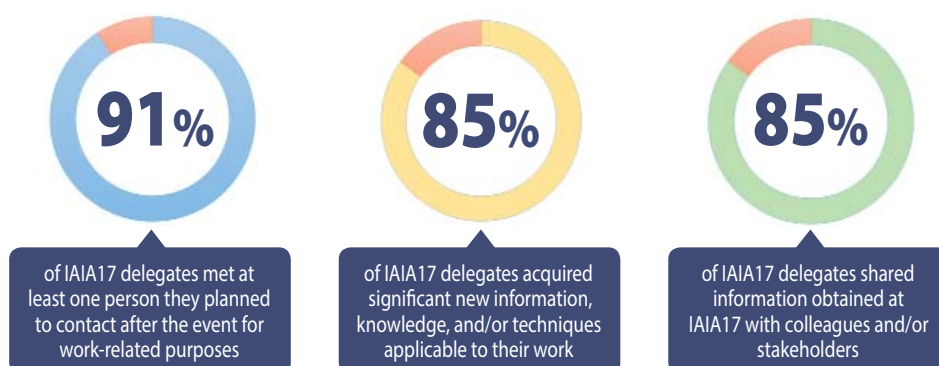
What an opportunity! Where else can you gather to hear perspectives in impact assessment from around the world—all in one place? Be prepared for some out-of-the-box thinking, applying solutions developed across the world to your little corner of it. Because impact assessment is such a dynamic field, you are sure to learn something new every year.

**73** Countries represented at IAIA17

**97%** IAIA17 delegates who would recommend future IAIA conferences to colleagues

### How will you benefit?

Be part of the only international, interdisciplinary conference dedicated to the art and science of impact assessment...*the only one.*



Plus you will also benefit from:

**Feedback:** present your work and receive feedback from international professionals and experts in the field.

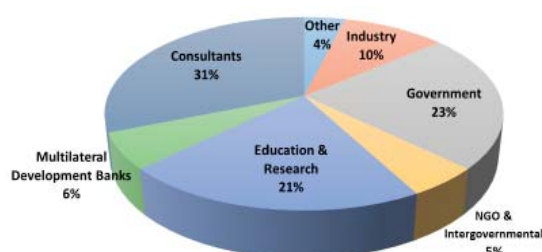
**Innovation:** learn about cutting-edge IA theory and practice from around the world.

**Inspiration:** attend and participate in stimulating and thought-provoking discussions.

**Engagement:** gain perspective from people looking at similar experiences from different angles.

**Enjoyment:** participate in one or more of many social events in a unique and beautiful city.

### Who participates in IAIA conferences?



*One of the strengths of IAIA conferences is its diversity of participants from different sectors.*

### Ongoing benefits

If you pay the non-member conference rate, you automatically receive **one year of IAIA membership!** That includes:

- Electronic subscription to IAIA's quarterly journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal (IAPA)*, plus IAIA's monthly e-news packed with the latest IAIA news.
- Networking tools, including a searchable membership directory and access to IAIAConnect, IAIA's professional networking, communications, and collaboration tool—so international expertise is only a click away.
- Valuable publications and reference materials.
- Participation in webinars.
- Free job postings at Career Central (<http://jobboard.iaia.org/jobs>).
- And more!

### Justify your attendance

Seeking approval to attend IAIA18? Check out the justification toolkit at [conferences.iaia.org/2018/justify-your-attendance.php](http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/justify-your-attendance.php) for help selling your participation to your employer. Resources include a sample attendance justification letter and cost worksheet.

# Conference theme and invitation to attend

## Environmental justice in societies in transition

**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 one of the greatest challenges the country faces. Durban represents a good example of this challenge: 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.

## ABOUT THE TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The technical program is structured into two streams: (1) thematic sessions focusing on environmental justice in societies in transition, and (2) general impact assessment sessions, including topics that address issues of interest to IAIA's special-interest Sections. Each morning, all IAIA delegates are invited to participate in a select number of theme forums, sessions which focus on cross-cutting issues relevant to the many specialties of impact assessment with topics that engage the conference theme. See <http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/sessions.php> for a list of proposed sessions.

## WELCOME



**Marla Orenstein**  
President, IAIA  
President, Habitat Health Impact Consulting  
Corp. Canada

It is with great pleasure that I invite the international impact assessment community to IAIA's annual conference in Durban, South Africa. Whether you are an impact assessment practitioner, a researcher, or an academic; someone who works for local, regional or national government; a member of an international agency or NGO; or from private industry; there is ample reason for you to get excited about this conference.

The IAIA annual conference offers opportunities for learning, networking, and collaboration, and often results in both personal and professional inspiration. This year's conference in Durban is likely to be one of our largest and best-attended, as well as taking place in a stunning location.

The theme of Environmental Justice in Societies in Transition chosen by the conference committee is compelling, bringing forward the inseparable linkages between people and the environment. I look forward to the paper sessions, panel discussions, Pecha Kucha talks, and role-playing workshops that explore this theme.

Looking forward to seeing you in Durban,  
**Marla Orenstein**



**Ntsako Baloyi**  
Conference co-chair, IAIA18  
Coca Cola Beverages, South Africa

It is with great delight that we welcome you to Durban, the bustling and multi-cultural city on the eastern seaboard of South Africa. Durban is in the province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), which is known for its beaches, berg (mountains), and bush (and associated big game). KZN is also home to the Zulu people of South Africa, whose culture and traditions are evident throughout the province. At the same time, Durban is also a good metaphor for the development challenges that the country faces in moving from the apartheid state to one of equal status, equal opportunity and equal wealth—a city, a country, and a continent in transition.

In this transition, some of the development opportunities that have come the country's way have created prosperity for some, while for others, those same developments have meant deterioration in their living environments. For many others, their living environments are little better today than they were under apartheid. The challenge is one of equity for all, and the challenge will never be realized if environmental injustices are allowed to prevail. We greatly look forward to your visiting us here, and engaging with us and others from around the world in exploring how we can realize Environmental Justice in Societies in Transition.

**Ntsako Baloyi and Sean O'Beirne**



**Sean O'Beirne**  
Conference co-chair, IAIA18  
SE Solutions, South Africa

*We look forward to seeing you in Durban!*

# Conference overview

- The conference will formally commence at 13:00 on Wednesday, 16 May.
- Training courses will be offered 14-15 May.
- Technical visits will be offered 14-15 and 20-21 May.

## Tentative Program Overview

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

	Pre-conference Sunday 13 May	Pre-Conference Monday 14 May	Pre-Conference Tuesday 15 May	Conference Day 1 Wednesday 16 May
07:00		Registration for training courses and technical visits	Registration	Registration
07:30		Technical visits	Technical visits	Students & Young Professionals Workshop
08:00				Special meetings
08:30				Exhibits & posters setup
09:00		Training courses	Training courses	
09:30				
10:00				
10:30				
11:00				
11:30				
12:00				
12:30				
13:00				Opening plenary
13:30				Exhibits & posters
14:00		Registration for training courses and technical visits	Exhibits & posters setup	Break
14:30				Concurrent sessions
15:00	Registration for training courses and technical visits			
15:30				
16:00				
16:30				
17:00				Welcome reception*
17:30				
18:00				
18:30				
19:00				
19:30 onward				

# Conference overview

- Visit <http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/sessions.php> for a full list of proposed sessions.

- The welcome reception\* will take place on Wednesday, 16 May, and the banquet\* on Friday, 18 May.

Conference Day 2 Thursday 17 May		Conference Day 3 Friday 18 May		Conference Day 4 Saturday 19 May	Post-Conference Sunday- Monday 20-21 May	
Registration	Committee meetings	Registration	Committee meetings		Technical visits	07:00
						07:30
						08:00
						08:30
	Theme forums		Theme forums	Theme forums		09:00
						09:30
	Break		Break	Break		10:00
	Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions		10:30
						11:00
	Poster session		Annual General Meeting	Council meeting		11:30
						12:00
	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch		12:30
						13:00
	Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions		13:30
						14:00
	Break		Break	Break		14:30
	Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions	Closing plenary		15:00
						15:30
						16:00
						16:30
						17:00
						17:30
	Section meetings		Section meetings			18:00
						18:30
						19:00
		Banquet*				19:30 onward

\*Tentatively planned; contingent upon sponsorship.



# Abstract submission

## SUBMITTING ABSTRACTS

1. Carefully read the session descriptions (<http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/sessions.php>) and decide where your abstract fits best.
2. Note the specific theme forum or session under which you would like to contribute.
3. Complete the online submission form (<http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/abstract/index.php>).

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

20 November 2017

### PRESENTING AUTHOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE

8 February 2018

### LANGUAGE

English

## TIPS FOR CONCURRENT SESSION PAPER PRESENTERS

Many papers will be presented during the concurrent sessions. In order for all presenters to have an opportunity to speak, and to allow quality time for the speakers and audience to discuss the topics, please note the following presentation guidelines:

- Your key messages or discussion points should be clear and well formulated. Limit the number of messages/discussion points (4 points or less).
- Keeping in mind that many of your audience are not native English speakers, time your presentation by speaking slowly and clearly. Avoid acronyms and jargon.
- Your speaking time is limited and agreed upon up front and will depend on the format of your session. The chair is instructed to give you a sign near the end of your time. When your time is up, you will be requested to stop speaking out of respect for your fellow speakers, your audience, the chair and the organizers.
- Remember, you do not have to use a PowerPoint presentation—a well-prepared oral presentation can be just as effective. If you choose PowerPoint, please limit the presentation to six easily readable slides. Each slide should contain no more than six bullets, each preferably not containing more than six words. Remember and please stick to the 6 - 6 - 6 rule.
- Some helpful sites for more tips on how to make a good presentation:
  - [www.to-done.com/2005/07/how-to-give-a-great-presentation/](http://www.to-done.com/2005/07/how-to-give-a-great-presentation/)
  - <http://www.washington.edu/doit/presentation-tips-0>
  - <https://www.skillsyouneed.com/present/presentation-tips.html>

## ABOUT POSTERS

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, data, pictures/photos, and a small amount of text are presented. The poster should be self-explanatory, but the author should be available at certain times, such as refreshment breaks and during the dedicated poster session, to interact with viewers and answer questions.

### Guidelines for poster presenters

Each poster presenter is assigned one space on a flat, upright panel. Presenters are required to use the panels provided by IAIA and to provide the materials to put their posters in place and to hold handouts.

Advertising is not permitted.

Posters will be on display from Wednesday, 16 May, until Saturday, 19 May.

Additional poster preparation information is available on the IAIA Web site (<http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/say-it-with-a-poster.php>).



## ABOUT CONFERENCE SESSIONS

A session is a block of time, typically 90 minutes, during which discussion centers on a particular topic. A thematic session refers to a session that is specifically oriented toward the conference theme.

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. IAIA18 session formats may include:

**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.

**Fishbowl:** Many variations exist; one example is 4-5 chairs are arranged in an inner circle. This is the fishbowl. The remaining chairs are arranged in concentric circles outside the fishbowl. A few participants are selected to fill the fishbowl, while the rest of the group sit on the chairs outside the fishbowl. One chair is left empty. The moderator introduces the topic and the participants start discussion. The audience outside the fishbowl listen. Any member of the audience can, at any time, occupy the empty chair. When this happens, an existing member of the fishbowl must voluntarily leave the fishbowl and free a chair.

**Game-Gaming:** The session involves an interactive competition or game.

**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.

**Paper session:** In a paper session, authors orally present the findings of a prepared paper or project. A 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.

**Pecha Kucha:** Pecha Kucha is a presentation methodology in which 20 slides are shown for 20 seconds each (six minutes and 40 seconds in total). This format allows for concise and fast presentations with more than typical discussion time following the presentation.

**Theme forum:** Smaller than plenaries and larger than concurrent sessions, theme forums include "cut-above" presentations and discussions which are intended to: be integrative in nature, i.e., deal with cross-cutting issues relevant to the many specialties of impact assessment; bring together on a particular topic the various aspects of impact assessment and examine how those aspects apply to different sectors and issues; engage with the conference theme; be relevant to our international audience; and be innovative in format. The number of theme forums is limited, and because selection is competitive, additional criteria applies to final selection and identification of theme forums listed in the final program.

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

# Special meetings and networking events

## 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**  
**Pre-registration is required.**  
**\$10**

## 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 | 08:00-11:30**  
**Pre-registration is required.**  
**\$10**

## WORLD BANK DAY: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL FRAMEWORK

The World Bank has developed guidance materials to accompany its new Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). These guidance notes will support the governments of countries borrowing from the World Bank in implementing the requirements for, among other issues, environmental and social impact assessment. World Bank officials will introduce specific guidance at this event.

**Wednesday, 16 May | 09:00-12:00**  
**Pre-registration is required.**  
**\$25**

## 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**  
**Pre-registration is 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.

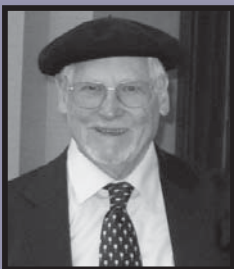
**Wednesday, 16 May | 08:30-12:00**

## 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 ESAs. 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

**Wednesday, 16 May | 09:00-12:00**  
**Pre-registration is required.**  
**\$25**



### CHARLIE WOLF MEMORIAL LECTURE

Join us at the opening plenary, where this lecture series honors one of the founding members of IAIA. The Charlie Wolf Memorial Lecture, held annually during the opening plenary, will introduce the unique environmental, social, and cultural features of the conference location.

# Special meetings and networking events

## WELCOME RECEPTION

For the welcome reception, we are planning a truly Durban experience and will take you to a venue that is symbolic of the extraordinary cultural diversity in the city. This will be an opportunity to get to know the city but also to meet up both with people that you know and to make new friends. You will leave the meet-and-greet inspired for the conference and with a newfound knowledge of the city and the remarkable country in which it resides and its rich history and heritage.

**Pending sponsorship.**

**Wednesday, 16 May | Time to be confirmed**

**Pre-registration is required.**

## AWARDS

IAIA's awards are presented throughout the conference. Stay tuned for details on this year's award winners.

## TWITTER!

Tweet about IAIA18 before, during, and after the conference using **#iaia18**.

## BANQUET

For the banquet we intend to provide conference goers a truly African experience with the theme of *Ubuntu*. *Ubuntu* is a powerful African philosophy that is best defined as "you are who you are because of the people around you," and we plan to articulate the philosophy through an evening that celebrates you and your community through music, food, and dancing.

We hope to use the Moses Mabhida Stadium as our venue, which is the iconic stadium built in Durban for the 2010 Soccer World Cup. Not only is the stadium well-equipped for a banquet, but it also has a sky car that provides an amazing 360-degree view of the city. We will lay on traditional African food, drink, and entertainment in the form of drumming and dancing and of course we expect you to join in. There is nothing quite as hypnotic as the beat of an African cowhide drum, and we are planning an evening that will get Africa into your blood.

**Pending sponsorship.**

**Friday, 18 May | Time to be confirmed**

**Price: \$50**

**Pre-registration is required.**

## TOURIST INFORMATION

### Practical information

[https://wikitravel.org/en/South\\_Africa](https://wikitravel.org/en/South_Africa)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tourism\\_in\\_South\\_Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tourism_in_South_Africa)

[www.lonelyplanet.com/south-africa/essential-information](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/south-africa/essential-information)

### Traveller tips

[www.zulu.org.za/files/images/files/Travellers%20Tips.pdf](http://www.zulu.org.za/files/images/files/Travellers%20Tips.pdf)

### Useful brochure

[www.zulu.org.za/files/useruploads/user\\_1/files/12061113\\_Travel%20Guide%20brochure\\_R1.pdf](http://www.zulu.org.za/files/useruploads/user_1/files/12061113_Travel%20Guide%20brochure_R1.pdf)

## TRAVEL GREEN

IAIA encourages conference delegates to travel green. See Green Your Travel at <http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/green-your-travel.php> for some suggestions to help you get started and for ways IAIA mitigates the impacts of our conferences.





14-15 MAY 2018 | 09:00-17:00

Please register early! Courses will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 15 March 2018.

## IMPORTANT DATE: 15 MARCH

In consideration of the trainers and their need to prepare appropriate quantities of course materials, registrants may not change courses after 20 April 2018.

### 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. All courses are held at the conference venue.

IAIA's two-day courses cost US\$475. One-day courses are US\$275. 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 charged an additional US\$75 fee. Course fees must be paid in full before you will be enrolled in the training course.

Minimum/maximum class sizes are noted in each course description. If the training course for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 15 March, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another course. Course registration after 15 March is possible but is subject to availability, instructor consent, and receipt of payment.

If you must cancel, your course registration fee will be refunded minus a US\$125 administrative fee and contingent upon a written notice of cancellation received at HQ by 20 April 2018. After 20 April, no refunds will be issued.

Check-in for the training courses will be available at the IAIA registration desk in the conference venue. 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 detailed descriptions of the courses, including background information on instructors, see the IAIA Web site ([www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > IAIA18 > Training).

### STUDENT TRAINING COURSE FEE WAIVERS

A limited number of free training course registrations are available to student participants of IAIA18 when courses reach their minimum paid enrollments. For application instructions, see the Students and Young Professionals section on page 19.

## 1 Public participation in impact assessment: Effective communications and engagement approaches and techniques

The course is tailored for the conference theme, though it will utilize IAP2's Public Participation for Decision Makers materials, which look at effective foundations in participation and how to best integrate engagement into proposal development and impact assessment. The course examines costs and benefits, discusses when, why, and how to involve the public, and emphasizes the importance of both the decision being made and the promise to the public about their involvement in that process.

Uniquely, participants will be asked to submit ideas for case studies—examples regarded as “successful” and also “ineffective” or poor/bad practice. The course will draw out lessons learned from all case studies.

At the conclusion of this course, participants will have learned:

- Methods for ensuring effective and well planned and resourced engagement.
- Principles of good practice engagement, as applied to impact assessment.
- When and why to have the public participate in their decisions—how to build in early stakeholder involvement.
- The decision maker's unique role and commitment.
- Techniques for sharing information, collecting and compiling information, and bringing people together—when and why to use different technique formats, and insights into a few select techniques.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate to advanced
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	An understanding of what makes for good practice public participation and a willingness to apply this to a range of techniques.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	1 day (14 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-25
<b>Price:</b>	\$275
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Tanya Burdett</b> , Director, Essential Planning Ltd (Australia) <b>Tisha Greyling</b> , Environmental Specialist (South Africa)

## 2 Undertaking inclusive environmental and social impact assessments for persons with disabilities and older persons: Non-discrimination, participation, accessibility, and risk mitigation

This training course introduces participants to the framework and methods of inclusive development for environmental and social impact assessment, with a focus on persons with disabilities and older persons, whose specific needs and their exposure to risks in development projects is increasingly understood and is now acknowledged in the World Bank's new Environmental and Social Framework, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the policies and operational practices of numerous intergovernmental and governmental bodies. International legal standards and other development frameworks have emerged to account for the specific needs of persons with disabilities and, though less developed, those of older persons.

Adult learning methods of mini-lectures, large and small group discussion, case studies, participatory exercises, and reporting back presentations will be used.

Anticipated learning outcomes include:

- Understand the framing of disability and older persons in development policy and how their rights are reflected in international standards to inform inclusive development.
- Identify the challenges and barriers persons with disabilities and older persons commonly face in claiming their human rights and the benefits of development in particular.
- Apply key concepts to development projects in order to inform environmental and social impact assessments.
- Identify key documents and resources relevant to conducting environmental and social assessments for development projects in the context of disability and aging.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Participants should have some familiarity with environmental and social assessment in the context of international development projects.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	1 day (15 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-25
<b>Price:</b>	\$275
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo</b> , Global Disability Advisor, World Bank Group (USA) <b>Janet E. Lord</b> , Human Rights and Inclusive Development Consultant, Harvard Law School Project on Disability (USA)

## 3 Using organized reasoning to improve environmental impact

This course will give you ideas and tools to help you write impact assessments so they are more effective and more transparent for your audiences, and are (to some extent) faster and cheaper for you.

Environmental impact assessment—like all technical writing—constantly uses reasoning to reach conclusions. That process is called “argument”—meaning assembling a series of reasons, leading to conclusions, targeted for a specific audience. We address two sets of tools. The first provides principles and practices for creating clearer arguments relevant to the different phases of the IA process. The second shows tools for bringing the steps of argument into the written text of your documents.

The workshop shows how written IA documents contain common errors in their arguments and weaknesses in their writing. Participants practice assembling evidence and reasons for several different kinds of argument found in IAs. We practice several steps, and introduce some computer-based tools, that show how to bring those improved arguments into technical report writing. We discuss how several organizations implemented these steps in their IA practice. At the end, participants will have a revised approach to planning, preparing, and writing technical reports and IAs that they can use on the job.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Previous participation in preparing and writing IA documents.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (14-15 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-24
<b>Price:</b>	\$475
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Glenn Brown</b> , Independent Consultant and Associate Faculty, Royal Road (Canada)
<b>Special note:</b>	Individual laptops are not required but are useful.

## 4 Multilevel approach for biodiversity-friendly infrastructure

Because traditional mitigation approaches based on environmental impact assessments are project-specific, not capturing the impacts of infrastructure on a landscape level, they are not sufficient to halt biodiversity loss. With development continuing at a rapid pace throughout the world, a different approach, i.e., multilevel approach, is required to ensure that infrastructure development is not detrimental to the surrounding environment.

It is essential to avoid impacts on biodiversity and where avoidance is not possible, to minimize and mitigate impacts and then compensate for any remaining impacts. The key is to apply this from the onset, i.e., the planning stage, throughout the project cycle.

Recognizing that the potential effects of infrastructure development on biodiversity are significant, and that increased attention towards taking into account natural habitat issues is warranted, the course teaches participants how to promote natural habitat and biodiversity protection in infrastructure development utilizing the Mitigation Hierarchy. The course will discuss the multilevel approach to infrastructure development, upstream tools such as SEAs and cumulative impact assessment including fragmentation analysis tools, good engineering practices at the project level across different sectors such as design of fauna crossings and fish passages, and construction management in sensitive areas.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	General knowledge of the EIA process and an interest in the long-term biodiversity impact of infrastructure development.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (14-15 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-25
<b>Price:</b>	\$475
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Juan Quintero</b> , Consultant, Environmental Engineering Consultants, LLC (USA) <b>Aradhna Mathur</b> , Environmental Specialist (USA)

## 5 Strategic thinking in SEA/IA for sustainability (ST4S): Thinking outside the box

Practice in impact assessment has been largely based on technically-driven detailed analysis, showing difficulties in dealing with contextual issues, long-term impacts and integrated assessments. Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) was meant to fill this gap by starting earlier, assessing non-site specific development intentions, and using broader, long-term approaches. Sustainability assessment (SA) helps ensure the intertwined consideration of social, economic, and environmental issues. Taken together, SEA and SA have a great potential to enable transitional processes towards sustainability. However, often project decisions get on the agenda before forward-looking analysis delivers pointers for a desired development.

This course will teach creative ways in impact assessment to enable sustainability using strategic thinking. The course builds upon the experience with the strategic thinking model and the critical decision factors concept developed by Maria Partidario (2007, 2012), and published in *SEA Guidance*. Learning techniques will be based on dialogues, sharing of experiences brought by participants, short presentations, case examples from different regions in the world, and group exercises with case application.

Expected learning outcomes include:

1. The added value of using strategic thinking in impact assessment.
2. How to conciliate SEA and SA as joint processes.
3. Why a strategic-based approach is different from an effects-based approach.
4. How to apply strategic thinking and the critical decision factors approach.

<b>Level:</b>	Advanced
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Basic knowledge of policy-making, planning and some level of experience with strategic environmental assessment, sustainability assessment or environmental impact assessment.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (14-15 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-30
<b>Price:</b>	\$475
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Maria R. Partidario</b> , Associate Professor, Instituto Superior Tecnico (Portugal)
<b>Special note:</b>	Laptops not required but welcome.

# Training courses

## 6 How to maximize the value and effect of social impact assessment (SIA) within societies in transition

This SIA training course is tailored for participants who seek to apply SIAs within a developing country context, and in such a way that its value and impact on decision-making and social performance is maximized, and challenges are better anticipated and addressed. It also includes a focus on understanding the ways in which the SIA process can inadvertently trigger conflict around proposed developments, and how this can be avoided and/or addressed through specifically designed approaches and associated tools.

The training will focus on the practical skills, critical thinking, and alternative approaches needed to deliver relevant and high quality SIAs. The training is targeted at individuals who have some experience in SIA and are wanting to improve the effectiveness of their current SIA practices.

Learning outcomes include:

- Deeper awareness of the opportunities and limitations of SIA.
- Improved ability to build a fit for purpose SIA process that delivers the best outcomes, especially in complex contexts.
- Improved competency in a number of core skills that directly influence the value of SIA.
- Understanding of the process, methodologies, and importance of stakeholder engagement during SIA.
- Understanding of how to design and implement an SIA process that is conflict-sensitive and improves development outcomes.

**Level:** Intermediate to advanced

**Prerequisites:** This course will appeal to individuals who have some experience in SIA and are wanting to improve the effectiveness of their current SIA practice. This training is also relevant for those practitioners who carry out IA processes within developing country contexts with the associated complexities, and who have experienced or are aware of the potential of SIAs (and IAs in general) to both trigger conflict and be affected by conflict in a variety of ways.

The course will not be of value to individuals who have extensive or strong practical experience of SIA and who have found ways of overcoming the obstacles related to the assessment process.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (14-15 May)

**Min/Max:** 10-30

**Price:** \$475

**Instructor:** **Alison McCallum**, Technical Director, Training, Synergy Global Consulting Ltd (South Africa)

**Katharine Gotto Walton**, Director, Synergy Global Consulting Ltd (United Kingdom)

**Special note:** For the group case study exercise, one laptop will be needed per working group.

## 7 Human rights and impact assessment

This 2-day, intermediate-level master class outlines the human rights issues associated with large projects (with an emphasis on the extractive industries), and provides participants with practical ways to operationalize the corporate responsibility to respect human rights as established in the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, which were developed by Prof John Ruggie (recipient of the IAIA 2014 Global Environment Award). Communities living in conflict and post-conflict countries and areas affected or recovering from natural and industrial disasters, as well as climate change impacts, are often exposed to violations of their human rights, which affects the magnitude of the impacts received, the possibility of recovering from the crisis, and compromises a socially sustainable future.

The course seeks to bring human rights issues into the impact assessment field of practice and, by using integrated impact assessment methods, will provide an effective way to identify the human rights issues of projects and the scenarios where projects are developed.

**Level:** Intermediate

**Prerequisites:** Participants should have a general understanding of impact assessment.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (14-15 May)

**Min/Max:** 10-30

**Price:** \$475

**Instructor:** **Nora Gotzmann**, Senior Advisor, Danish Institute for Human Rights (Denmark)

**Ana Gabriela Factor**, Senior Consultant, Community Insights Group (Denmark)

**Tulika Bansal**, Senior Advisor, Danish Institute for Human Rights (Denmark)





## 8 Mainstreaming biodiversity in the transportation sector for connecting people and nature

Roads and railways to connect people are the most pervasive features on the land. Experience suggests, however, that “although [the] central goal of transportation planning is the delivery of safe and efficient services with minimal environmental impact, in practice, human mobility has flourished while nature has suffered” (Richard Forman). Ill-planned networks of roads and railways can have profound influence on biodiversity and can impair movements, disrupt gene flows, and induce mortality. “Biodiversity-blind” developments can also derail economic objectives, counter conservation goals, and dissuade planning of nature-sensitive models of infrastructure.

This 2-day course is intended to introduce the transportation ecology concepts for integrating biodiversity in proactive and smart planning for careful routing of roads and railways and to avoid, reduce, and compensate ecological impacts of already-authorized projects.

For transportation planners/engineers, the course will highlight the need to switch from traditional to eco-friendly infrastructure development; for IA professionals, it will demonstrate the success of mitigation plan. Business groups will appreciate why they must pay for biodiversity conservation as a debt for destruction from past actions and as dues for degrading nature in future; and for policy advisers, the course argues for framing policies that can drive development by design for green economy.

<b>Level:</b>	Foundation to intermediate
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Participants offering to take the course are required to have basic understanding of impact assessment and ecological concepts related to biodiversity and ecosystem services.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (14-15 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-30
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Asha Rajvanshi</b> , Senior Professor, Wildlife Institute of India (India) <b>Vinod B. Mathur</b> , Director, Wildlife Institute of India (India)

## 9 Resettlement as part of impact assessment

The purpose of this 2-day course is to build the capacity of participants to integrate resettlement with impact assessment to improve the assessment, planning, and management of social and resettlement impacts and risks on projects. The course will contain modules on scoping and risk assessment, resettlement planning, baseline data, stakeholder engagement, valuation/compensation, resettlement house design and resettlement site selection, livelihood restoration, and monitoring and evaluation. The course will feature case studies from Intersocial’s practical experience on a range of complex resettlement projects including road and rail transport, urban resettlement, renewable energy, mining, and oil and gas across Africa and internationally.

Participants will be introduced to the latest tools for integrating ESIA and resettlement including Intersocial’s Social Framework for Projects and Intersocial’s benchmarking of 41 projects in 19 countries (ICMM, 2016). The course content is aligned with the new World Bank Environmental and Social Standards, IFC Performance Standards, and African Development Bank Integrated Safeguard System. Through interactive discussions and the sharing of experiences with the group, the participants will develop a deeper understanding of how to integrate resettlement in the impact assessment, management, and monitoring process to improved outcomes and social and environmental justice for impacted communities.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Participants should be middle-level social or resettlement practitioners from government, corporate or civil society organizations with a basic grounding in social assessment and management.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (14-15 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-35
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>Eddie Smyth</b> , Intersocial Consulting Ltd. (Mauritius) <b>Ellen De Keyser</b> , Intersocial Consulting Ltd. (Mauritius)



# Training courses

## 10 Quality assurance in EIA: Guide and review

This 2-day course will combine lectures delivered by the trainers, general discussions, and individual and group work. It will have two main parts: the first will provide participants with insights into how the EIA process should be guided. This will include aspects such as writing terms of reference, adjudicating proposals from consultants, and how to provide oversight to the whole EIA process. Examples from recent projects will be used to highlight the learning points.

The second part will deal with review. This will include methods and frameworks that can be used to review scoping, EIA, and EMP reports and key questions to be asked and how to make decisions on the information provided in the documentation. Again, we will use examples from some of the many projects we have been involved with over the past few years.

The learning outcomes will include:

- Participants will have a better appreciation and confidence about how to guide and review large and small EIAs.
- Participants will be provided with some tools (templates, criteria, frameworks, decision-trees) to write ToRs, run a tendering process, adjudicate proposals, manage the entire EIA process, and review the documentation.
- Participants will be made aware of common pitfalls and how to deal with them.

**Level:** Intermediate to advanced

**Prerequisites:** This course is primarily aimed at decision-makers and corporate EIA managers who are responsible for setting Terms of Reference, adjudicating EIA proposals, and reviewing the final documents. Therefore, the participants must be in positions where they carry out these tasks. They need to understand the EIA process and legal requirements.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (14-15 May)

**Min/Max:** 15-35

**Price:** \$475

**Instructors:** **Peter Tarr**, Executive Director, Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (Namibia)

**Special note:** Each participant must bring a laptop.

## 11 State of the art sustainability assessment

The purpose of this intermediate-level course is to provide participants with practical skills in the development and implementation of sustainability assessment processes, as well as insights into recent research that is shaping sustainability assessment practice now and into the future.

Sustainability assessment, broadly defined, is a process for directing decision-making towards sustainability. While sustainability assessment can be applied in many different contexts by different types of decision-makers, this course will focus on forms of sustainability assessment that are aligned with *ex ante* impact assessment principles and practices. It is therefore of relevance to regulators, proponents, government agencies, consultants, and anyone interested in aligning planning and decision-making with sustainability.

This course features short lectures (conceptual and case study-based) interspersed with open discussions and individual and small-group activities.

Participants will develop an understanding of:

- Different understandings of sustainability and how they are reflected in sustainability assessment practice internationally.
- How sustainability assessment relates to other forms of impact assessment.
- How to develop and implement context-specific sustainability assessment processes.
- Challenges in sustainability assessment and how to address them in practice.
- Emerging methods and tools for sustainability assessment.
- The state of the art and future directions for sustainability assessment.

**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 an introductory IAIA training course (e.g., "Understanding Impact Assessment") or otherwise have at least a year of work experience as a consultant, proponent or regulator within an IA system, or be a student with at least 6 months taught or research experience of some aspect of IA. A particular interest in sustainability assessment is desirable.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (14-15 May)

**Min/Max:** 10-60

**Price:** \$475

**Instructors:** **Angus Morrison-Saunders**, Associate Professor in Environmental Assessment, Murdoch University (Australia)

**Jenny Pope**, Director, Integral Sustainability (Australia)

**Alan Bond**, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Management, University of East Anglia (UK)

**Special note:** Participants should bring their own laptop computer if they wish to access the materials provided during the course. Otherwise the materials can be emailed to participants after the course.

## 12 Cumulative effects assessment

This course summarizes the state of professional practice regarding CEA within EIA processes, demonstrates fundamental requirements for cumulative effects assessment for a proposed industrial project in South Africa, illustrates determination of significance of cumulative effects, discusses adaptive management (and monitoring) as follow-up activities for large-scale proposals (specifically for cumulative effects), and summarizes policy choices and collaboration approaches for the development of local and regional cumulative effects mitigation and management initiatives.

The basic premise 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 with international best practice principles. These procedures and related principles identify key valued components (VCs), focusing on those for which CEA is appropriate; delineating spatial and temporal boundaries for each of the VCs; describing historical baseline and future conditions and trends; establishing cause-effect linkages between past, present, and future actions and VCs; determining the significance of cumulative effects; and development of adaptive management and project mitigation and regional management programs, as appropriate to deal with cumulative effects.

Practical processes for both preparing and reviewing CEA-related documents will be emphasized, along with presentations on selected international case studies and workshop sessions involving interactive groups. Practical discussions will be incorporated by the professional participants and presented to the entire class.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate to advanced
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Foundation training on EIA (environmental impact assessment) or CEA (cumulative effects assessment) (professional-level short course or university-level specific course or program) and/or minimum of 2 years in professional experience in planning and conducting EIA or CEA for environmental impact studies. (Note: these prerequisites do not apply to student participants.)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (14-15 May)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-50
<b>Price:</b>	\$475
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Bill Ross</b> , Retired Professor of Environmental Science, University of Calgary (Canada)
<b>Special Note:</b>	Laptops not required but useful.



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# Technical visits

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## IMPORTANT DATE: 15 MARCH

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Please note that a place on any of the two-day overnight technical visits is subject to the availability of accommodation, and for some of these tours, hotels will start releasing rooms not confirmed after 15 March 2018.

Prices for technical visits are shown in US dollars. **Participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid 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 by 20 April. After that time, no refunds will be issued.

Guests of registered delegates are welcome to register for technical visits at the same rate.

**Tours depart from the conference venue unless otherwise noted. Plan to check in for the visit a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the noted departure time.**

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



ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK



MALOTI-  
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WORLD HERITAGE  
TOUR

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## A | SPRING GROVE DAM: BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS AND RESETTLEMENT TOUR

Spring Grove Dam forms part of the Mooi-Mgeni Water Transfer Scheme, a priority government water infrastructure project. The dam basin inundated a complex of agricultural land and river, wetlands, and grasslands of considerable conservation significance. Mitigation measures entrenched in the conditions of authorization included, among others, the resettlement of farm labor and the need to offset the biodiversity through the restoration and protection of an area as determined through the application of draft offset policy.

This tour examines the challenges of implementing the relevant conditions associated with these two impacts with respect to the equity and justice of the outcomes. This is achieved through a visit to the basin, the offset receiving areas, and the resettlement site. It highlights the challenges of dealing with complex social tension between technical policy and on-the-ground realities. We will stop at the Nelson Mandela Capture Site on the way home.

**Monday, 14 May**

**Depart** 07:00 | **Return** 18:00

**Level of physical activity:** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 14-28

**Price** \$85

Price includes transportation, packed lunch, morning snack, tea/coffee at Nelson Mandela Capture Site, admission fee.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to provide their own comfortable shoes, sun hat, binoculars (optional), sunscreen, rain jacket, water bottle.

## B | KWA-XIMBA CONSERVANCY EXPERIENCE

This tour is hosted by the Kwa-Ximba Conservancy—the only registered conservancy in a previously-disadvantaged community. On arrival, the Conservancy team will give an introduction to the work of the conservancy in the area, including the efforts to create a Stewardship area. They will cover the successes and some of the difficulties.

The presentation will be followed by guided walks along the Umgeni and Mngcweni River Valley where the impact of illegal sand mining can be observed first hand.

The guided walks will be followed by a traditional ShisaNyama—African *braai* (barbeque) with music and performing artists who will be mostly from Kwa-Ximba, and will include Maskandi, Indlamu, and iSicathamiya genres to offer a tourism experience for participants. Some traditional brew and crafts will be available and shared with the delegates.

**Monday, 14 May**

**Depart** 08:30 | **Return** 16:00

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 14-56

**Price** \$120

Price includes transportation and lunch.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to wear comfortable walking shoes and take sunscreen.

## C | DURBAN COMMUNITY-BASED STREAM REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

This will be a tour to the Palmiet and Sihlanzimvelo projects with the community-based stream-rehabilitation programme in Durban. The tour will provide participants with practical insight into the challenges and opportunities associated with this Durban program.

**Monday, 14 May**

**Depart** 12:00 | **Return** 16:00

**Level of physical activity** Moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 14-19

**Price** \$50

Price includes transportation and packed lunch.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to wear comfortable walking shoes and take sunscreen, a rain coat, and bug spray.

## E | MALOTI-DRAKENSBERG WORLD HERITAGE TOUR

Your time will be spent in the majestic mountains of the Maloti-Drakensberg World Heritage Site. Book early to be one of a small fortunate group to be driven up Mike's Pass for a panoramic view of the catchments below, an explanation of SAEON's climate change monitoring program, and mountain spring water to fill up your water bottle. Hike one of the short trails from Didima Resort and visit the resort's San Rock Art Centre. Weather and time permitting, we will stop in at the Nelson Mandela Capture Site on the way back to Durban.

**Monday-Tuesday, 14-15 May**

**Depart** 07:00 14 May | **Return** 18:00 15 May

**Level of physical activity** Moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 11-22

**Price** \$340

Price includes transportation, lunch 14-15, morning and afternoon snack 14-15, dinner 14, breakfast 15, admission fees, accommodation.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to provide their own sunscreen, hat, rain gear, swimming costume, walking shoes, water bottle, warm jacket and long trousers in case of cold weather, bug spray, small overnight bag with clothes and toiletries, and binoculars (optional). The return time may be subject to change depending on weather and traffic conditions.

On the field trip up to the research sites, you will be required to fill in an indemnity form. The trip requires we make use of a very bumpy 4x4 jeep track up a mountain pass. It is not open to the public. It is only used for research and management purposes. If you suffer from any back or neck injuries or issues with internal conditions that would be aggravated by an extended bumpy ride, this is not for you. Weather may influence what we can do and where we can go.

## D | ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK

Visit iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa's first World Heritage Site, listed in 1999 in recognition of its superlative natural beauty and unique global values. Lake St. Lucia is Africa's largest estuarine system and a declared Ramsar site, habitat for numerous water birds and large numbers of hippo and crocodile. The lake's eastern and western shores with their many natural features and scenic lookout points are excellent for bird watching and game viewing, and home to elephant, rhino, buffalo, hyena, leopard, and many species of smaller game. Saved from mining in the 1990s, largely as a result of one of South Africa's first environmental impact assessments and public outcry, the Park is under constant pressure to demonstrate that eco-tourism is a more sustainable land use.

We will be visiting various projects in the southern part of the Park (Lake St. Lucia, eastern and western shores) that are aimed at restoring ecosystems and services that were degraded from past land use practices as well as various local economic development initiatives that make a significant difference to local people living in and around the Park where poverty levels are extremely high.

**Monday-Tuesday, 14-15 May**

**Depart** 07:00 14 May | **Return** 18:00 15 May

**Level of physical activity** Low to moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 14-37

**Price** \$440

Price includes transportation, packed lunch 14-15, morning and afternoon snacks 14-15, *braai* (barbeque) dinner 14, breakfast 15, admission fees, boat trip, night game drive, accommodation.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to provide their own sunscreen, hat, rain gear, swimming costume, towel, walking shoes, water bottle, small overnight bag with clothes and toiletries, mosquito repellent, and binoculars (optional). The return time may be subject to change depending on traffic conditions. iSimangaliso is classified as a low-risk malaria area, but visitors should seek medical advice before visiting.

## F | INGULA PUMPED STORAGE SCHEME

Ingula is Africa's largest pumped storage scheme, with an output of 1,332 MW, and constructed 350m underground, the equivalent of a 116-story building. A significant mitigation measure arising out of the environmental impact assessment was the establishment of an 8,000 ha conservation area comprising wetlands, grasslands, and escarpment forest to compensate for the scheme's environmental impacts. Partnerships with conservation non-governmental organizations have been formed for the management of this important biome, ensuring the protection of the critically endangered white-winged flufftail, wattled crane, southern bald ibis, and other endangered species.

On this tour, you will learn of the EIA process undertaken for this scheme, and observe first hand how the mitigation measures have been implemented, hopefully also seeing many of the 310 bird species recorded on site. You will also be taken on a tour of the underground scheme, and weather and time permitting, stop at the Nelson Mandela Capture site on the way home.

**Tuesday, 15 May**

**Depart** 07:00 | **Return** 18:00

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 14-54

**Price** \$95

Price includes transportation, packed lunch, morning snack, possible afternoon snack at Nelson Mandela Capture Site, admission fee.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to provide their own sunscreen and hat, warm jacket in case weather changes, water bottle, and binoculars (optional). Closed or safety shoes and long trousers are required. No heels or sandals are allowed. Taking of photographs is allowed only at specified viewing points. Protective vests and hard hats will be provided and must be worn where necessary. The return time may be subject to change depending on traffic conditions.

## I | BUFFELSDRAAI LANDFILL SITE COMMUNITY REFORESTATION PROGRAMME TOUR

The tour will be to the Community Reforestation Programme at the Buffelsdraai Landfill Site northwest of Durban. This community-based restoration program is based within the buffer zone surrounding the landfill footprint. The tour will provide participants with practical insight into the challenges and mitigations towards establishing a functioning and diverse woodland that will sequester atmospheric carbon and improve local air quality, as well as enhance ecosystem goods and services, all in conjunction with the upliftment of surrounding communities.

**Tuesday, 15 May**

**Depart** 08:30 | **Return** 14:00

**Level of physical activity:** Low to moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 14-37

**Price** \$50

Price includes transportation and packed lunch.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to wear comfortable walking shoes and take sunscreen, a rain coat, and bug spray.

## G | GIBA GORGE ENVIRONMENTAL PRECINCT (GGEP)

A visit to a public/private partnership conservation area. The visit will include a short briefing on how the site was secured through a number of different reactive and proactive planning mechanisms and the subsequent setup of a special rating area (SRA) funding mechanism, followed by a 3.5km walk through managed Vulnerable Eastern Scarp Forest and Endangered KZN Sandstone Sourveld Grassland. During the walk, some of the protection and management actions and challenges will be discussed.

**Tuesday, 15 May**

**Depart** 08:00 | **Return** 13:00

**Level of physical activity** Moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 14-20

**Price** \$50

Price includes transportation and light lunch.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to wear comfortable walking shoes and take sunscreen, a hat, and water.

## J | WILD COAST AND COMMUNITY WALKING TOUR

Gain first hand experience of traditional livelihoods and what the land and its natural resources mean to local people—the hardships and challenges, but also the sheer beauty and richness of the natural landscape and its resources. Understand the dilemmas that local people face when various development options are proposed for the region and the impacts that these will have on them.

This hiking tour is not for those who can't do without electricity and running water: stay at a homestead, sleep on the floor on a mattress, eat traditional meals, and bathe from a basin. Understand first hand what local people need and desire in terms of local and regional development. This walking tour could change your thinking forever.

**Sunday-Monday, 20-21 May**

**Depart** 08:00 20 May | **Return** 16:00 21 May

**Level of physical activity** Moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 11-55

**Price** \$220

Price includes transportation, all meals (traditional fare), and accommodation.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to provide their own sunscreen, hat, rain gear, swimming costume, towel, walking shoes, water bottle, torch, *small* overnight backpack with clothes and toiletries. All bedding will be provided. Participants may take their own sleeping bags and/or pillows and additional snacks but should be aware that they have to carry these items themselves. The return time may be subject to change depending on weather and traffic conditions.

## H | KZN MIDLANDS SUSTAINABLE SUGARCANE

The technical visit will be held in the Eston area of the KwaZulu Natal midlands area and will focus on sugarcane production and sustainability aspects. The visit will commence with PowerPoint presentations on some of the work being done in the area. The focus of the visit will be centered on SUSFARMS®, which is the South African sugarcane industry's farm management and sustainability tool for sugarcane growers. It addresses the three pillars of sustainability through three distinct chapters, namely Prosperity, People, and Planet. We will then visit a large-scale sugarcane farm as well as a small-scale farm to demonstrate in-field aspects of SUSFARMS®.

**Tuesday, 15 May**

**Depart** 08:00 | **Return** 18:00

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Maximum** 15-35

**Price** \$85

Price includes transportation, morning tea, and lunch.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to wear closed toe shoes/comfortable walking shoes and take sunscreen, a jacket, and a hat.

## K | HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK

Visit the oldest proclaimed protected area on the African continent (over 120 years old): the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, home to the big five (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and Cape buffalo) and birth place of the Wilderness movement in Africa. Visit local development projects being driven by the conservation authority in partnership with local people and consider the optimal development options for the area, given the high level of poverty in surrounding communities. Consider the existing and proposed mining options on the borders of the Park and their impacts on conservation and local communities, and learn about civil society's attempts to stop these activities.

**Sunday-Monday, 20-21 May**

**Depart** 07:00 20 May | **Return** 18:00 21 May

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 18-36

**Price** \$430

Price includes transportation, packed lunch 20-21, morning and afternoon snack 20-21, dinner 20, breakfast 21, game drive, guided walk, conservation fees, accommodation.

**Special notes:** Participants should plan to provide their own sunscreen, hat, rain gear, swimming costume, towel, walking shoes, water bottle, small overnight bag with clothes and toiletries, bug spray, binoculars (optional). The return time may be subject to change depending on weather and traffic conditions. The Park is classified as a low-risk malaria area, but visitors should seek medical advice before visiting.

# Students and young professionals

IAIA18 is expected to welcome over 700 delegates from 70+ nations around the world. This is the largest conference in the diverse impact assessment field and is a unique chance to present your work and receive international feedback. IAIA18 is your opportunity to network with professionals and learn about current best practice principles, recent tools, and techniques for impact assessment.

A **discounted student registration fee** is available, as are several student and young professional programs. Read more about these opportunities below and online at <http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/students-and-young-professionals.php>.

## STUDENTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS 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 | 08:00-11:30 | Price: \$10 | Pre-registration is required.**

## STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE WAIVERS

The IAIA18 student fee waiver program allows up to 10 students a waived conference registration fee in exchange for providing in-kind services to IAIA. Eligible students must:

- Have submitted an accepted abstract to participate as an IAIA18 presenter (poster presentations are not eligible) by **20 November 2017**.
- Be a current student member of IAIA, or apply for student membership.
- Submit the student fee waiver application form by **8 December 2017**. No exceptions!

For full program guidelines and the application form, visit <http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/students-and-young-professionals.php>. Applicants will be notified by 18 December 2017 whether they have been accepted. Each student selected will be asked to pay a US\$40 non-refundable processing fee at that time. Fee waivers are allocated in part based on geographic dispersion and on a first-come, first-served basis.

## STUDENT TRAINING COURSE FEE WAIVERS

A **limited number of free training course registrations are available to student participants of IAIA18** once courses reach their minimum paid enrollments. If you are interested, please send the following to [impact@iaia.org](mailto:impact@iaia.org):

1. Your name
2. A 300-word statement of interest explaining how the chosen training course could contribute to your research or student career
3. Proof of full time student status (proof can be provided in the following forms: a copy of a recent transcript or a letter from an administrative professional indicating your full time student status)
4. First and second course choices

Applications for free course registrations will be accepted from 15 March to 30 March 2018. Allocations of the free training course slots will be made by 15 April 2018, based on the order in which the requests were received and subject to instructor approval.

## RITA R. HAMM IA EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Rita R. Hamm IA Excellence Scholarship honors the legacy that IAIA's former CEO has left on the organization and the field of impact assessment. One scholarship will be offered in conjunction with IAIA18, allowing a young practitioner in the region of the host country to attend. Potential candidates are those who have never attended an IAIA annual conference in the past and submit an abstract to present a paper at IAIA18 by the 20 November abstract deadline. Full application instructions are posted at [conferences.iaia.org/2018/rita-r-hamm-ia-excellence-scholarship.php](http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/rita-r-hamm-ia-excellence-scholarship.php). The application deadline is **18 December 2017**.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BURSARY PROGRAM

For the Durban conference, IAIA will provide up to 40 bursaries to young professionals in the form of waived registration fees. The recipients are expected to cover all other costs associated with attending the conference. Potential candidates are those who have never before attended an IAIA annual conference, are 30 years of age or younger, are currently employed in the field of IA, and are living and working in a country listed under the World Bank's GNI (gross national income) categories of low-income economies, lower-middle-income economies, and upper-middle-income economies. Full application instructions are posted at [conferences.iaia.org/2018/young-professionals-bursary.php](http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/young-professionals-bursary.php). The application deadline is **15 March 2018**.

*Important parts of IAIA18 are at your fingertips with the IAIA18 mobile app!*

Use the **Desktop Portal**, the **Mobile App**, or both to:

- » Help others find you—complete your profile and upload a photo.
- » Search for sessions and speakers.
- » Select your favorite sessions and create your personal agenda.
- » Submit nominations for outstanding presentations and 2018 awards.
- » Take notes and send them to yourself.
- » Use the map function to find rooms.
- » Engage with other delegates—send messages and set up meetings.

Take your changes with you—data syncs between your desktop and mobile versions.

Get access to your information anywhere. Log in, make changes, and they will sync to both the desktop AND the mobile version.

**DON'T HAVE A SMARTPHONE?** No problem. Use the app on your laptop or iPad.

*The mobile app will be available from 1 May 2018.*

# Section activities

## MEET THE IAIA SECTIONS!

IAIA is a member-based organization which currently has twelve 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 some 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.

When you pay the non-member conference rate, you automatically become an IAIA member and are eligible to join one or more Sections.

### WHY JOIN AN IAIA SECTION?

- Sections are a networking forum for IAIA members, where you can meet your colleagues with similar professional interests.
- Sections promote your personal professional development.
- Sections develop interesting activities that you may want to join.
- See [www.iaia.org/section-discussion-forums.php](http://www.iaia.org/section-discussion-forums.php) for more information.

### WHERE CAN I FIND THE SECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE?

- All sessions that have been organized by the Sections are clearly identified in the final program.
- Each Section will hold at least one Section meeting during the conference, which everyone is welcome to attend.
- Section chairs will be identified by ribbons on their name tags so that you can find them during the conference.
- Sections will be hosting short introductory sessions on Wednesday, 16 May, before the conference starts. See Impact Assessment Primers, page 7.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

Please contact **Ana Maria Quintero Caicedo**, co-chair of the Sections Coordinating Committee ([amquintero3@gmail.com](mailto:amquintero3@gmail.com)), or the coordinator of a specific Section as listed here, or visit [www.iaia.org/section-discussion-forums.php](http://www.iaia.org/section-discussion-forums.php) for more information.

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## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

IAIA welcomes conference sponsorship in any amount. Sponsorship can be applied either toward specific components of the conference program (e.g., coffee breaks, plenary sessions) or as a general contribution.

### WHY SPONSOR IAIA18?

IAIA is the only interdisciplinary international association dedicated to impact assessment. Our annual conferences bring together a unique mix of experts and professionals and a unique opportunity for you to promote your organization. Our conference in 2017 included over 1,000 delegates from 72 countries.

- Increase your visibility before an international audience of environmental and social professionals.
- Be recognized as a global thought leader.
- Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability and corporate social responsibility.
- Be associated with other industry leaders.
- Ensure that your company or institution information is forefront during the conference.
- Enhance your presence internationally.
- Give your staff the opportunity to network with leading practitioners and experts.
- Ensure that your company will be remembered by the delegates long after the event is over.



### WHAT BENEFITS DO SPONSORS RECEIVE?

IAIA offers five sponsorship category levels: Reef, Island, Continent, Earth, and Premier. Check out the IAIA18 Sponsorship brochure at <http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/sponsors.php> for a detailed breakdown of benefits by category.

Depending on sponsorship level, benefits include:

- Complimentary and half-price registrations
- Recognition in IAIA e-newsletter (circulation 10,000+)
- Recognition in IAIA e-briefs and website
- Ad space in the final program and IAIA webpages
- Online recognition on the IAIA18 sponsors page
- Complimentary corporate IAIA membership
- Recognition in final program
- Discount on exhibit booth
- Discount on training courses
- Mention in IAIA18 news releases

**EARLY BIRD  
SPECIAL**

*Book your sponsorship  
by 15 December 2017  
and receive an extra free  
IAIA18 registration!*

### INTERESTED? CONTACT US!

For more details or to become a sponsor, please contact Bridget John at IAIA HQ ([bridget@iaia.org](mailto:bridget@iaia.org) | +1.701.297.7908). If you are in South Africa, please contact Ntsako Baloyi ([ntsakobaloyi@gmail.com](mailto:ntsakobaloyi@gmail.com) | +27.83.795.8462).

**Check out the benefits available to your company  
by downloading the full IAIA18 Sponsorship  
Opportunities Brochure at <http://conferences.iaia.org/2018/sponsors.php>.**

To ensure that you receive all promised benefits, please confirm your sponsorship by 15 March 2018. After that date, benefits cannot be guaranteed.

### EXHIBITS, BOOTHS, AND DISPLAY MATERIALS

Advertise your company or demonstrate your project: prominent display space is available! Contact IAIA HQ ([info@iaia.org](mailto:info@iaia.org)) before 31 March 2018 for information and rates on exhibit booths, table space, and poster panels.

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

### DELEGATE PACK INSERTS

If you would like to distribute materials (brochures, flyers, or other suitable materials) in delegate packets, contact IAIA HQ ([info@iaia.org](mailto:info@iaia.org)) for rates and shipping information before 31 March 2018.

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

# Conference information

## LOCATION AND DATES

IAIA18 will take place from 16-19 May 2018 at Durban International Convention Center, with adjunct events planned before, during, and after the conference. Activities will take place at the conference center unless otherwise noted.

The address is Durban ICC, 45 Bram Fischer Road, Durban 4001 South Africa | <https://icc.co.za/>

## LANGUAGE USED (CONFERENCE)

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 website approximately one month prior to the conference, and it will be available in hard copy at conference check-in at the congress center.

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

The final program will also be available in the IAIA18 mobile app, which delegates can use to search for sessions and speakers, select favorite sessions to create a personal agenda, take notes, and more.

## PUBLICATIONS

IAIA plans to publish optional conference papers and PowerPoint presentations online following the conference. A Program Committee representative will contact you with details upon acceptance of your paper or poster abstract.

Participants are encouraged to submit their papers for possible publication in IAIA's journal, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*. See [www.tandfonline.com/r/iaia](http://www.tandfonline.com/r/iaia) for submission information.

## PRESENTATION EQUIPMENT

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 ([info@iaia.org](mailto:info@iaia.org)) for price information and to order equipment before 15 March 2018. Payment will be required upon on-site inquiry, and IAIA cannot guarantee that equipment will be available. If equipment is unavailable, payment will be refunded.

## BUSINESS SERVICES

To avoid equipment rental costs which would necessarily be passed on to delegates in the form of higher registration fees, IAIA does not provide copying, printing, computers or other business services or equipment on-site.

Please plan to arrive prepared, or contact your hotel in advance to ensure that it offers any facilities you may need.

## CONFERENCE ATTIRE

IAIA conferences are generally business casual.

## MEALS

IAIA will provide lunches 17-19 May and coffee breaks 16-19 May.

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

## ACCESSIBILITY

If you have a disability and/or have special accessibility needs and require assistance, please contact IAIA HQ ([info@iaia.org](mailto:info@iaia.org) | +1.701.297.7908) by 20 April 2018 to discuss your specific needs.

## 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. 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 and the speaker/presenter.

## 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.

## 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.

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 16-19 May, lunches 17-19 May, list of participants, delegate satchel, conference proceedings (as available), conference mobile app, 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 feel free to do so during the registration process. Your membership will then be extended one year from your anniversary date. Otherwise, you will receive a renewal notice on your regular membership anniversary date.

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

**Students:** 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 PDF 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 8 February 2018.

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. Registration closes 20 April 2018.

Pre-registration and pre-payment by 20 April are required. Cash payments on-site will not be accepted.

IAIA will refund registration fees upon written request received before 20 April 2018. A US\$125 processing fee will be retained. After 20 April, 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.

# General information

## HOST CITY

Durban is a remarkably cosmopolitan city and a popular holiday venue due to its beaches and warm ocean. It boasts the largest population of people of Indian descent outside of India and is situated in KwaZulu-Natal, the home of the Zulu. The municipality is called *eThekweni*, from the Zulu word for bay/lagoon. It has the busiest container terminal in Africa, a superb botanical garden, and diverse cuisine. Apartheid planning saw massive residential development to the south of the city in an area of heavy industry. The South Durban Community Environmental Alliance (SDCEA) ([www.sdcea.co.za/](http://www.sdcea.co.za/)) and groundWork ([www.groundwork.org.za/](http://www.groundwork.org.za/)) are two well-known activist groups that have their origins in this area.

## CONFERENCE HOTELS

IAIA is negotiating for lower conference rates at a number of hotels near the convention center. Information will be posted online as soon as it is available at [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > IAIA18 > Plan Your Stay.

## CLIMATE

Durban is a subtropical city with warm, humid summers (Jan-March) and mild, sunny winters (June-August) with an average max temperature of 28°C/82°F and 18°C/64°F, respectively. Sea temperatures will remain high and there are great beaches within easy access of the hotels. The KZN coastline is well known for its surfing, which means that some tourists experience the sea as rough. Simply ensure that you swim where there are lifeguards, and stay in demarcated areas. Shark nets also protect the beaches and prevent tourists from scaring the sharks.

## LANGUAGE USED (DURBAN)

English and isiZulu are the main languages spoken in Durban. It is highly unlikely that you will encounter a South African who does not speak English. Most black South Africans speak at least three and often more languages.

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All foreign visitors to South Africa must have a valid passport. To find out if you will need a visitor visa and for more information on the visa application process, please visit the Department of Home Affairs—Republic of South Africa website (<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/applying-for-sa-visa>) to search for the requirements for your country.

Be sure to make your visa applications early, as the process can take weeks to months in some cases.

If you need a visa invitation letter, please contact [info@iaia.org](mailto:info@iaia.org) no later than 20 April 2018. Requests

received after this date will not be accommodated. Registration and payment must be received by IAIAHQ before an invitation letter will be provided.

Please note that IAIA has no influence in visa application procedures or the approval/denial of individual applications by embassies. All countries have different requirements; it is the sole responsibility of each delegate to inquire on the proper procedure from their country's embassy in an effort to procure his/her visitor visa.

## TRANSPORTATION TO DURBAN FROM THE AIRPORT

**Taxi:** Taxis are safe and relatively inexpensive. Metered taxis operate in all key zones. Registered metered taxis are clearly marked with a colored sticker. The cost is approximately R350 to Durban.

**Airport bus:** Buses depart approximately every 45 minutes from outside King Shaka International Airport—International Arrivals at Public Transport Parking. The cost is R80 per person to Durban. Tickets are available on the bus. Hours of operation: 07:30 to 22:30. It is also highly likely that your hotel will have a shuttle service between the airport and the hotel.

**Uber:** Uber is also available, but there have been some disputes between metered taxi operators and Uber. If you hail an Uber, the driver will advise you whether or not it is safe to fetch you from the airport. Uber can be used to travel in the city with little risk of incident.

## TRANSPORTATION WITHIN DURBAN

The recommended hotels are within walking distance of the ICC or shuttle services will be arranged. Renting a car and driving yourself is an easy way to get around. You drive on the left-hand side of the road. There are a number of car hire companies operating in Durban, with pick-up and drop-off zones at the airport and in most suburbs.

## BUSINESS HOURS

Most shops are open between 09:00 and 17:00, but in many malls these hours may extend to 18:00 and even 19:00. The business hours include Saturdays with shops closing at around lunchtime on Sundays. Banks are closed on Sundays and have more restrictive business hours but ATMs are 24 hours.

## CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

South Africa's currency is the Rand, and it's worth peanuts, so bring your Euros and your dollars and have a blast. ATMs are ubiquitous and will accept most international bank and credit cards. Credit cards may be used at most hotels, restaurants, car hire companies etc. American Express and Diners Club are sometimes not accepted by shops, but this is seldom an issue at hotels.

## SIM CARDS

Major mobile service providers in South Africa are Vodacom, MTN, Cell C, and 8ta. Local SIM cards can be purchased at the airport on arrival, but there are also many stores in close proximity to the hotels and the ICC where you will be able to source a local SIM card.

## TIPPING

Generally, tipping is done in restaurants, with the fee at between 10 and 15% depending on the quality of the service received. Wait staff are generally not paid especially well by the restaurants and rely on tips to make their income worthwhile. Check your bill before tipping because some restaurants do include a "service fee" of 10% on the bill.

Tipping taxi drivers is not common practice; for other services, such as porters and bellhops, it is at the discretion of the customer, but please remember that a little tip can go a long way for these employees.

## ELECTRICITY

The South African electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 HZ. Power sockets: type C/D/M/N. The simplest is to ensure that you have a European two-pin plug and purchase an inexpensive adapter while in South Africa. Adaptors are also available for US and Canadian plugs.

## SMOKING

**Smoke Free Places:** All public places including bars, pubs, taverns, night clubs, casinos, restaurants, hotels, guesthouses, bed and breakfasts, game lodges, and airports.

## TAXES

Currently set at 14%, Value Added Tax (VAT) is included in the price of most goods and services. Foreign visitors are not exempt from paying VAT on purchased goods. They may, however, claim back VAT paid on items taken out of the country when the total valued exceeds R250. The refund may be lodged with the VAT Refund Administrator's offices, which are situated at Johannesburg and Cape Town International Airports, various land border posts, and designated commercial harbors. Please note that the refund claim should only be lodged with the South African Customs Authorities at points of departure where the VAT Refund Administrator is not present.

**Who Can Claim?** Foreign passport holders who travel to the South Africa on a non-resident travel document and export moveable goods from the Republic of South Africa.



# IAIA18 registration form

• Register online today! • Fast, easy and secure • [conferences.iaia.org/2018](http://conferences.iaia.org/2018)

## 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. Pre-registration and pre-payment by 20 April 2018 is required. Registrations will not be accepted on-site.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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

IAIA Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird (by 8 February)

Regular

IAIA member/Affiliate member ..... ☐ \$645 ..... ☐ \$755

### Renew my membership, too!

1 Year ..... ☐ \$110\* \* Price includes electronic access to IAIA.  
2 Years ..... ☐ \$209\* Contact IAIA HQ for pricing with  
3 Years ..... ☐ \$308\* paper copies of IAIA.

Non-member ..... ☐ \$780 ..... ☐ \$890

Student (proof of current enrollment required) ..... ☐ \$250

## 3 | PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING COURSES

Pre-registration and pre-payment by 15 March is required. After 15 March, registration acceptance is subject to availability, instructor consent, and receipt of payment. Courses may not be switched after 20 April.

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|---|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Public Participation in IA                   | 14 May    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 |
| 2. Undertaking Inclusive ESIA's                 | 15 May    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 |
| 3. Using Organized Reasoning                    | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 4. Multilevel Approach for Biodiversity         | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 5. Strategic Thinking in SEA/IA                 | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 6. Maximize Value & Effect of SIA               | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 7. Human Rights and IA                          | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 8. Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Transportation | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 9. Resettlement as Part of IA                   | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 10. Quality Assurance in EIA                    | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 11. State of the Art Sustainability Assessment  | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |
| 12. Cumulative Effects Assessment               | 14-15 May | <input type="checkbox"/> \$475 |

Non-IAIA18 delegates ..... ☐ add \$75

## 4 | TECHNICAL VISITS

Pre-payment is required for technical visits. After 15 March, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 20 April or the maximum number of paid participants is reached.

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| A. Spring Grove Dam             | 14 May    | # persons _____ @ \$85 = \$ _____  |
| B. Kwa-Ximba Conservancy        | 14 May    | # persons _____ @ \$120 = \$ _____ |
| C. Durban Stream Rehabilitation | 14 May    | # persons _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____  |
| D. iSimangaliso Wetland Park    | 14-15 May | # persons _____ @ \$440 = \$ _____ |
| E. Maloti-Drakensberg           | 14-15 May | # persons _____ @ \$340 = \$ _____ |
| F. Ingula Pumped Storage        | 15 May    | # persons _____ @ \$95 = \$ _____  |
| G. Giba Gorge Precinct          | 15 May    | # persons _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____  |
| H. KZN Midlands Sugarcane       | 15 May    | # persons _____ @ \$85 = \$ _____  |
| I. Buffelsdraai Landfill        | 15 May    | # persons _____ @ \$50 = \$ _____  |
| J. Wild Coast Walking Tour      | 20-21 May | # persons _____ @ \$220 = \$ _____ |
| K. Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park       | 20-21 May | # persons _____ @ \$430 = \$ _____ |

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## 5 | SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Welcome reception*	16 May	# Persons: Delegates _____	Guests _____
Banquet*	18 May	# Persons _____ @	\$50 = \$ _____
Investing in Natural Capital	14 May	# Persons _____ @	\$10 = \$ _____
SYP Workshop	16 May	# Persons _____ @	\$10 = \$ _____
World Bank Event	16 May	# Persons _____ @	\$25 = \$ _____
Meet the Instructors	16 May	# Persons _____ @	Free = \$ _____
EHSS Risk Management	16 May	# Persons _____ @	\$25 = \$ _____

## 6 | MEAL PREFERENCE

I prefer vegetarian meals ☐ Yes

## 7 | PAYMENT INFORMATION

\* Starred activities are tentative pending sponsorship.

Registration fee US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership renewal US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total of activities fees US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-payment by 20 April 2018 is required. Cash payments on-site will not be accepted.

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## 8 | SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

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It is with great pride that **IAIASa** is the host for the 2018 IAIA conference in Durban. IAIAsa 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



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 number over 5,000 from over 125 countries, including those from its 17 national affiliates. 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:** To provide the international forum for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in all forms of impact assessment so as to further the development of local, regional, and global capacity in impact assessment.

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## REDUCING THE CARBON FOOTPRINT

IAIA continues to strongly support the need to reduce the carbon footprint around our conferences.

The Local Organizing Committee includes a stewardship program that will seek to minimize the footprint of the conference, maximize the local economic benefit, and establish legacy projects to offset the impact of the conference.

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■  
Are interdisciplinary—various aspects of impact assessment (health, social, environment, strategic, etc.) are represented

■  
**Provide diversified topics and presentations of excellent quality**

■  
Have great ambiance: people at IAIA tend to be open, willing to help, advise, and support each other

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

See page 21 for information.

## Important dates and deadlines

*Please note dates are firm.*

### 20 November 2017

- Paper and poster abstract submission deadline

### 8 December 2017

- Student fee waiver application deadline

### 18 December 2018

- Rita R. Hamm IA Excellence Scholarship application deadline

### 8 February 2018

- Early Bird registration rate ends
- Last date presenters may register and pay in full to be included in the final program

### 13 March 2018

- Five-page draft papers due (optional)

### 15 March 2018

- Deadline for technical visit and training course registration
- Requests for special audio-visual equipment due
- Deadline for exhibitors and requests for inserts in delegate bags
- Young Professionals Bursary application deadline
- Sponsorship confirmation needed to be recognized in final program

### 17 April 2018

- Paper reviews completed; draft papers posted online

### 20 April 2018

- Registration closes

### 14-15 May 2018

- Pre-conference training courses and technical visits

### 16-19 May 2018

- IAIA18 in Durban

### 26 June 2018

- Revised papers due for posting online

### 20-21 May 2018

- Post-conference technical visits



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