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Xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) are collaborative partners, supporting the 41st Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment (2022) in Vancouver, BC; this conference will be located on the unceded traditional territory of these host Nations.



Confidence in impact assessment: Policies, partnerships and public involvement

First announcement and call for session proposals



How can impact assessment create confidence for all participants? Clear and transparent policies, strong partnerships, and effective participation and consultation ensure credibility and predictability. When all parties have confidence in the process, impact assessment can support collaboration, improve outcomes and support sustainable economic development. When process confidence is low, it can create conflict and an overall erosion of trust, leading to uncertain outcomes.

IAIA22 in Vancouver aims to examine the area of confidence in impact assessment through three lenses:

Policies: Strong, consistent and clear legislation, policies, and Indigenous governance provide certainty and support sustainable development. At its best, impact assessment creates a robust standard that can be supported by all parties, but, without transparent processes, uncertainty and conflict can impede sustainable development. For example, impact assessment, when combined with other initiatives such as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, can provide a strong basis for Indigenous Consultation, decreasing these issues.

Partnerships: Impact assessment is most successful when all parties work together. Meaningful collaboration between government agencies, Indigenous peoples, proponents, practitioners, and communities supports an equitable, engaged and comprehensive process. Such a process can create relationships and build trust, even when interests are not aligned; this supports identifying solutions to complex issues.

Participation: Accessible impact assessment ensures Indigenous governments and communities, stakeholders, and the public are able to meaningfully participate. This provides a robust understanding of values, interests, issues and solutions. Without these collaborative opportunities, participation and consultation processes can experience delays, mistrust, and a misunderstanding of potential impacts.

Conference streams

Policy

- The role of legislation and policy in building confidence in impact assessment
- Regional and strategic impact assessments: moving from theory to practice, and filling the data gap

Partnerships

- Partnerships in unlikely places: how new relationships are transforming projects
- Indigenous knowledge, local knowledge and Western science/emerging technologies: incorporating all ways of knowing

Participation

- Meaningful Consultation: Advancing Indigenous governance and participation
- Supporting human and community well-being through effective participation: assessing and managing cultural, health, and social impacts, including current stressors such as climate change

Discussions will also address general IA topics and the world of IAIA special-interest Sections. See the IAIA22 web site for a full list.

Submission information

Procedure

Conference submissions take place in three phases.

- 1. Session proposals.** Session proposals are invited from June to 29 July 2021. Accepted sessions are listed on the web site.
- 2. Paper and poster abstract submissions.** From 6 September - 8 November 2021, papers and posters are invited to the accepted sessions listed online. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 2 February 2022 (**no exceptions**) are listed in the final program.
- 3. Papers for online proceedings.** From 2 February - 4 May 2022, paper and poster presenters are invited to prepare 5-page papers to be included in online proceedings. Preliminary instructions for paper preparation and submission are provided to authors upon both submission and acceptance of a paper or poster abstract.

How to send a session proposal or a paper/poster abstract

Follow the instructions at IAIA.org > Events > Annual Conferences > IAIA22.

Submissions as a session chair, session co-chair, or presenter are limited to one per person.

Language

Submissions should be in English. English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences.

Acceptance and registration

Session chairs and paper or poster authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted; please try again or contact jen@iaia.org for assistance.

The Program Committee will notify session chairs of acceptance status for sessions by 30 August 2021.

Session chairs will notify authors of papers or posters of acceptance status by 6 December 2021.

All session chairs and presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 2 February 2022 (no exceptions). Please submit a session proposal or abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel and registration and can register and pay by this date. Individuals not able to comply with this registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

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

Special meetings

Special meetings in conjunction with the conference must be listed in the preliminary program and on the registration form. Please contact IAIA HQ (kayla@iaia.org) for a proposal form. Forms must be received by 19 August 2021.



About Vancouver

Vancouver is located on the unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh, boasting mountains, ocean and an urban city all in one location: hike/bike with views of the Salish Sea; visit culturally diverse communities, truly local-global restaurants, or local shops; experience Coast Salish culture via galleries, museums, and tours.

Important dates: mark your calendar

Session proposals	■ 29 July 2021 Deadline for session proposals
Paper & poster abstracts	■ 30 August 2021 Session chairs notified of acceptance status
	■ 6 September 2021 Paper and poster abstract submission opens
	■ 8 November 2021 Deadline for submission of paper or poster abstract
	■ 6 December 2021 Authors notified of paper or poster acceptance status
Registration deadline	■ 2 February 2022 Registration and payment deadline for presenters and all individuals to be listed in the final program and proceedings <i>No exceptions.</i>
Proceedings	■ 4 May 2022 Deadline for draft papers
	■ 30 June 2022 Deadline for final papers

Technical visits, training courses, and more

In addition to conference sessions, training courses, and special meetings, we are planning a range of technical visits that will involve learning, networking, and laughter as you are introduced to this beautiful part of Canada. Some examples of potential technical visits:

- **Cultural tours:** The three local host Indigenous Nations X^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and səliwətəl (Tsleil-Waututh) will work together to provide cultural learning opportunities.
- **Ashlu Creek Hydro Project:** Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.'s Ashlu Creek run-of-river hydroelectric power generating plant is located approximately 35 kilometres northwest of Squamish, BC. This tour will highlight how potential impacts of the project are mitigated and managed.
- **University of British Columbia:** This 1-day tour explores the University of British Columbia's physical operations (energy and water use, waste management, land use, and transportation) to provide a real-world illustration of how sustainability is interpreted and implemented
- **Burrard Inlet Port:** This would be a boat-based port tour of Burrard Inlet and an overview of Port of Vancouver operations and terminals. The tour would provide a discussion on the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's environmental practices and include a review of construction projects underway.
- **Managing impacts to marine mammals:** The nearby Juan de Fuca and Haro Straits are home to three resident Orca (killer whale) pods and are important marine transportation corridors. A boat tour of the area will provide an educational experience to guests to see whales in their natural habitat and learn about measures being taken to support marine mammal health in a busy port city.
- **Bird watching:** Eagles, herons, snow geese, owls, gulls, jays and sandpipers – you'll find them all in Vancouver. Whether you're a casual watcher or a serious ornithologist, you'll enjoy the region's abundant bird life and various environmental conservation areas.

About the host

The Environmental Assessment Office is a neutral regulatory agency of the Government of British Columbia, Canada, responsible for assessing the effects of major projects, which includes sustainability and Indigenous reconciliation (www.eao.gov.bc.ca).

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