

# WATER AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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1-2 September 2016

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This document shows the tentative schedule for the IAIA Special Symposium on Water and Impact Assessment, to be held 1-2 September 2016 in Lincoln, United Kingdom.

This schedule is subject to change. The final schedule will be listed in the final program, which will be posted online approximately two weeks before the start of the event.

### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Symposium registration is available through 12 August. On-site registrations will not be accepted for this event.

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### DAY ONE

THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

**08:30-10:00 Registration and welcome coffee**

**10:00-12:15 Opening plenary**

- Opening address and welcome by symposium chair Ross Marshall
- Keynote addresses
- Q&A with keynote presenters

**12:15-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-15:00 Parallel sessions**

- **Impact Assessment Flood Risk and Coastal Management**  
*Discuss developments in EIA/SEA and flood risk management: How has development of River Basin Management Plans and other national legislation relating to flood risk management changed or challenged practice in water IA? What lessons can be learned from the serious flood events experienced throughout Europe and the application of EIA?*
- **Impact Assessment Applications in the Water Sector**  
*This session provides a platform for a wide range of papers focusing on various topics connected with water planning and management and IA. This includes consideration of IAs applied to policies, plans, programs, and projects of, e.g., water management, quality, drought, storage, transport, flood protection, abstraction, and catchment/river/aquifer management.*
- **The Consideration of Water in Impact Assessments in Other Sectors**  
*This theme focuses on how IA applied in different sectors considers effects on water in various ways. This may include water quality, flooding, drainage, and others. Presentations on IA applications in all possible sectors are possible, including mining, energy, transport, industry, agriculture, local, and other plans.*

**15:00-15:30 Coffee break**

**15:30-17:00 Parallel sessions**

- **Catchment and Landscape Plans and Strategies: Ecosystem Services and Other Issues**  
*Considering water infrastructure/catchments, this session will look at IA and ecosystem service models/practices, seeking to answer questions such as: Where to invest and how much? What strategic options to pursue? How to engage communities? How to calculate/measure environmental benefits? How to ensure equitable processes?*
- **National Models and Regulatory Frameworks for Water Management and Impact Assessment**  
*With this session, we wish to explore the degree to which IA covers and can make an impact on the regulatory frameworks for the management of water, focusing on policies, plans, programs, and projects. Have we covered all projects and have we set proper screening thresholds?*
- **Nationally Significant Infrastructure, Water, and Impact Assessment?**  
*Infrastructure projects are key to national growth and IA is key to gaining consent, but how well is water considered in this process?*

**17:15-19:00 Welcome reception**

**08:30-9:00 Registration****09:00-10:30 Parallel sessions**

- **Climate Change Adaptation and Impact Assessment**  
*Climate change is identified as an important new challenge by EIA Directive 2014/52/EU. Higher governance and planning levels are also important for climate change adaptation. The water sector is particularly influenced by climate change. Let's share and discuss experiences with incorporating climate change impacts and adaptation into water EIA/SEA.*
- **EIA Directive**  
*This session focuses on applications of IA in the water sector that follow the EIA Directive.*
- **Water and Impact Assessment**  
*This is an open session for papers that do not fit any of the set themes.*

**10:30-11:00 Coffee break****11:00-12:30 Parallel sessions**

- **Water Quality and Impact Assessment**  
*Ensuring quality of water is vital for any society. In this session, we look at the role of IA for supporting safe public water supply, waste water treatment, and other issues that revolve around water quality. A key theme will be the adequate consideration of health issues through IA.*
- **Transposing the Amended EIA Directive**  
*In 2014 the European Union EIA Directive was amended to improve quality of practice, streamline the process, and enhance coherence of EIA across the 28 Member States. The invited panel members will discuss their views on how transposing these new requirements into national laws is progressing.*
- **Poster Session**  
*Visit the posters on display and chat with the presenters about their topics.*

**12:30-13:30 Lunch****13:30-15:00 Panel Discussion: BREXIT, Impact Assessment, and the Water Sector**

*During this discussion, key speakers will elaborate on what BREXIT may mean for the water sector, the management of water resources, and water-related impact assessment.*

**15:00-15:30 Closing discussions and wrap-up**

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