

NEXT GENERATION APPROACHES FOR MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY IN IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

Course Introduction

Environmental professionals, decision makers and developers around the globe have perceived impact assessment as a means to evolve synergy between biodiversity conservation and economic well being. Experience, however, shows that most development models continue to project “sustain only” or “develop mostly” options. These growth models have questioned the genius and merits of impact assessment practice in aiding simultaneous achievement of gains in biodiversity and economic sector.

In last four decades, impact assessment has evolved from a “permitting tool” to a “planning instrument” and subsequently as a “mainstreaming tool” to internalize the goals of biodiversity conservation into economic policies and programmes. Despite this, biodiversity has often remained largely “side-streamed” in development decisions. Narrowly-focused EIAs of individual site-specific projects in the past often failed to integrate biodiversity values in development decisions.

Impact assessment techniques cannot stand still but must undergo progressive advancement to identify promising mechanisms and initiatives for mainstreaming interventions and outcomes for biodiversity. Significant advances toward fine tuning of the existing assessment practice and development of new pathways that encourage lifecycle thinking, gender dimensions of impacts and integrated approaches for assessing cumulative impacts of multisectoral development plans and policies are becoming increasingly effective in addressing landscape level impacts on biodiversity. This course attempts to share with participants of the course the successful application of many of these emerging EA tools.

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Target group

This course aims to renew “professionalism” of impact assessment professionals, planners, developers, decision makers and academia for optimizing the benefits for biodiversity. Such a course is relevant to the conference theme and is appropriate filler for a long-standing need of building capacity of EA community to adopt new generation mainstreaming tools for linking biodiversity resource security and development.



Dates, times, location

IAIA13 pre-conference training courses will be held from 09:00 - 17:00 on Saturday, 11 May, and Sunday, 12 May. The courses will be held at the Congress Center, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Check-in for the training courses will be at the IAIA registration desk in the lobby of the convention center at the following times.

Friday, 10 May	–	15:00-17:00
Saturday, 11 May	–	07:30-10:00, 14:00-17:00
Sunday, 12 May	–	07:30

Registration, deadlines, and fee

The fee for a two day courses of IAIA is US\$395 for participants who are registered for the IAIA conference. Participants in the training courses who are not registered for the IAIA conference will be assessed an additional US\$75 fee. This fee includes course materials, light lunches, and coffee breaks. The course does not cover cost towards travel, board and lodging.

If you are interested in this course, please register early! The course fee must be paid in full before 15th March, 2013 to ensure your enrolment in the training courses. Course registration after 15th March, 2013 is possible but is subject to availability, instructor consent and receipt of payment.

If the training course for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 15th March, 2013, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another course.

If you must cancel, your course, registration fee will be refunded minus a US\$75 administration fee and contingent upon a written notice of cancellation received in HQ by 15th April, 2013. After 15th April, 2013 no refunds will be issued.

The registration form for IAIA 2013 and the pre meeting courses can be downloaded from the IAIA website (<http://www.iaia.org>). Interested participants should send their registration form along with payment towards course fee latest by 15th March, 2013 to:-

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