



43rd Annual Conference of the
International Association for Impact Assessment

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IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR A JUST TRANSFORMATION

Theme and objectives

Impact assessment practice is supporting moves toward more resolute action on the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. This realignment of policy and practice involves all sectors of society. We need to protect the environment while embracing justice and social inclusion. It is clear that we all need to do more and to move faster. We need multiple Just Transitions. We need a **Just Transformation**.

The impact assessment community can play a critical role in moving from a Just Transition to a Just Transformation. We urgently need to decarbonize energy markets, to advance a green and circular economy, to protect social justice and equality, to incentivize restorative measures to halt or reverse natural resource degradation, and to increase human and environmental wellbeing.

How can impact assessors help achieve the policies and initiatives of the Just Transition and move toward the more urgent Just Transformation? The global agenda is large. Regional and local challenges multiply. And the opportunities to positively influence the required transformation are many.

Impact assessment helps deliver decisions that are evidence-based, informed, and inclusive. It provides transparency on the hard choices that have to be made. The impact assessment community has knowledge and skills that are wide as well as specialized. The immediacy of the required actions and the role of impact assessment provide the right nexus to push boundaries, innovate, and place environments and societies at the center of all decisions.

In this conference, you will have the opportunity to engage in and advance on debates and actions toward sustainability and equity, placing them at the heart of governance, development, and livelihoods.

Conference topics

The conference will be structured in the following 10 thematic streams:

- The role of impact assessment in a Just Transformation
- The contribution of impact assessment to climate justice
- From Just Transition to Just Transformation
- A Just Transformation for Indigenous peoples and vulnerable communities
- The well-being economy as a model for a Just Transformation
- Protecting biodiversity: enhancing baseline and monitoring mechanisms for nature-based solutions
- Sustainable development goals and the Just Transformation
- Decarbonizing the energy sector
- Innovative methods and decision-support tools for a Just Transformation
- Protecting and promoting the right to a safe, clean, and healthy environment

Discussions will also address general IA topics and the IAIA special-interest Sections.

Join us.

Together, we can shape a Just Transformation.



First announcement and call for session proposals

Session proposal deadline: 24 July 2023

Submission information

Procedure

Conference submissions take place in three phases.

1. Session proposals. Session proposals are invited from late May to 24 July 2023. Accepted sessions are listed on the web site.

2. Paper and poster abstract submissions. From 5 September to 31 October 2023, papers and posters are invited to the accepted sessions listed online. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 24 January 2024 (**no exceptions**) are listed in the final program.

3. Papers for online proceedings. From mid-February to 30 June 2024, 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 conferences.iaia.org/2024.

Submissions as a session chair, session co-chair, or presenter/speaker 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 28 August 2023.

Session chairs will notify authors of papers or posters of acceptance status by 30 November 2023.

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 24 January 2024 (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.

Sponsored meetings

Sponsored meetings in conjunction with the conference must be listed in the preliminary program and on the registration form. Please contact IAIA HQ (jen@iaia.org) for a proposal form.

Important dates: Mark your calendar

Session proposals	24 July 2023 Deadline for session proposals (<i>no exceptions</i>)
Paper & poster abstracts	28 August 2023 Session chairs notified of acceptance status
	5 September 2023 Paper and poster abstract submission opens
	31 October 2023 Deadline for submission of paper or poster abstract (<i>no exceptions</i>)
	30 November 2023 Authors notified of paper or poster acceptance status
	Preliminary program information will be posted as it becomes available. Information will be complete by 1 October.
Sponsored meetings	8 August 2023 Proposal forms due
Registration deadline	24 January 2024 Registration and payment deadline for presenters and all individuals to be listed in the final program and proceedings (<i>no exceptions</i>)
Proceedings	19 April 2024 Deadline for draft papers
	30 June 2024 Deadline for final papers

Technical visits, training courses, and more

IAIA24 will offer conference sessions, training courses, sponsored meetings, technical visits, and networking events that will promote learning, networking, and making unforgettable memories.

- **One and two-day training courses** are offered in the two days prior to the start of the conference. Taught by experienced instructors, these courses cover a wide range of topics.
- **IAIA conferences often offer 100 technical sessions or more.** No matter your sector—academia, government, industry, donor, consultant, or other—there is something for you.
- **Technical visits** will be available before and after the conference. Hosted by IA professionals, participants will learn about projects in the region as well as experience some world-famous Irish culture.
- **Networking events** such as the welcome reception, speed networking, and gala dinner offer entertainment and opportunities to expand your network beyond your usual circle.

About Dublin

Dublin, Ireland's capital, is a lively mix of traditional and modern and serves as a vibrant hub for some of the world's leading companies and thinkers. From majestic museums to tiny galleries, modern attractions or heritage trails, Dublin has it all. Dublin has a thousand-year-old cultural heartbeat, with cobbled streets, Viking influence, and traditional Georgian architecture in the historic center. The city stretches from the Dublin Mountains out to the open sea on the coastline.