



# IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR A JUST TRANSFORMATION

43rd Annual Conference of the  
International Association for Impact Assessment

24-27 April 2024  
Convention Centre Dublin  
Dublin, Ireland

Céad míle fáilte. Bígí linn.  
A hundred thousand welcomes. Join us.

Together, we can shape a Just Transformation.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS  
ABSTRACT DEADLINE: 31 OCTOBER 2023

# Why attend IAIA24?

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IAIA24 is an in-person conference.

Live or recorded virtual participation is not available for this event.

## Why should I attend IAIA24 in Dublin?

### What % of IAIA23 delegates would recommend future IAIA conferences to colleagues?



Our delegates tell us it is because they can

- **Learn best practices** from other countries that they can apply in their own situations.
- **Network** with people who work in similar situations around the world.
- **Share experiences** with an international audience.

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.

## How will I benefit?

### Come to Dublin to:

- Connect with people—at the conference AND afterward
- Get new information and techniques to use at work
- Help your colleagues and stakeholders



### What IAIA23 delegates told us:

- 96%** met at least one person they planned to contact after the event for work-related purposes
- 90%** acquired significant new information, knowledge, and/or techniques applicable to their work
- 97%** shared information obtained at IAIA23 with colleagues and/or stakeholders

## Will it be worth it?

**What sets IAIA conferences apart from other conferences?** You will find:

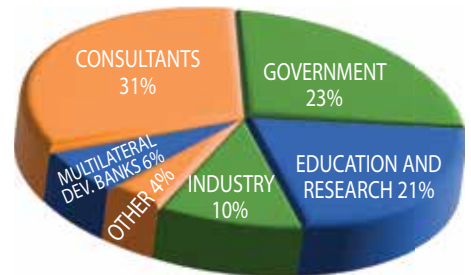
- **International diversity** of participants
- **Mix of sectors:** academics, consultants, industry, donors, and government
- **Inter-disciplinary** representation of various fields like health, social, environment, etc.
- **Access to experts** in the field of impact assessment

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

## Who will be there?

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

For more details on who attends IAIA conferences, visit <https://conferences.iaia.org/2023/who-attends-iaia-conferences.php>



## Justify your attendance

**Seeking approval to attend IAIA24?** Check out the justification toolkit at <https://2024.iaia.org/justify-your-attendance/> for help selling your participation to your employer. Resources include a sample attendance justification letter and cost worksheet.

# Invitation to attend



**Edith Birungi Kahubire**  
President, IAIA  
African Development Bank, South Africa

The world is currently facing unprecedented global challenges that have profound implications for the field of impact assessment and the sustainable development of countries amidst uncertainties. It is noteworthy that more than 70 countries have set a net-zero target, collectively covering approximately 76% of global emissions. Over 3,000 businesses and financial institutions have also committed to reducing their emissions in alignment with climate science through their partnership with the Science-Based Targets Initiative. Furthermore, over 1,000 cities, 1,000 educational institutions, and 400 financial institutions have joined the Race to Zero, pledging rigorous and immediate action to cut global emissions in half by 2030. These present numerous opportunities for the professionals in the field of impact assessment!

I am thrilled to extend a heartfelt invitation to you to for the 43rd annual IAIA conference, IAIA24, set to be held in Dublin, Ireland. At this event, we engage in discussions on how impact assessment will continue to play a pivotal role in the Just Transformation agenda. It is with great enthusiasm that we acknowledge the role we play in contributing to a more stable and resilient planet which is fundamental for human prosperity and equity for all.

Join us in Dublin and let us collectively cocreate transformative pathways towards our global commons while enjoying the warm Irish culture and people.



**Eddie Smyth**  
IAIA24 Conference Co-chair  
Intersocial Consulting Ltd., Ireland

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at IAIA24 in Ireland, the country of a thousand welcomes. Céad Mile Fáilte!

The conference will offer attendees fantastic possibilities to network and discuss current challenges and, more importantly, progress on the significant opportunities that the impact assessment community can contribute to the Just Transformation agenda. This event presents a truly excellent prospect for participants to both showcase and learn from best practice case studies. As a community, through this cross-pollination of knowledge and visions, we can stimulate innovation in order to actively integrate climate, biodiversity and justice in all policies, plans, and projects.

We are really looking forward to meeting you in Dublin, a vibrant and friendly city deeply rooted in history and culture, and a veritable melting pot of social innovation and creativity. It is the perfect location for the generation of transformative ideas in an atmosphere of intelligence and fun (known locally as the "craic"). We are sure lifelong friendships, bonds, and collaborations will be formed at IAIA24.



**Ainhoa Gonzalez Del Campo**  
IAIA24 Conference Co-chair  
University College Dublin, Ireland

*Ag tnúth libh a fheiceáil i mBaile Átha Cliath!  
We look forward to seeing you in Dublin!*

## Impact assessment for a Just Transformation



The Marsh Fritillary Butterfly, Ireland's only protected insect species under EU law.

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.

The conference will be structured in the following 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.

## ABOUT SESSIONS

A session is a 90-minute block of time during which discussion centers on a particular topic. Sessions may utilize a variety of formats, and the length of time available for presentations or speakers depends on the format that has been selected by the session chair. IAIA24 session formats include:

**Caravan (C):** Each of 6 speakers is assigned a station consisting of a pinboard (for the presenter to post 4 to 8 A3 slides) and chairs arranged around the pinboard in a semicircle. Session participants are organized into six groups and will have the opportunity to visit four out of the six stations in turn. Each presenter repeats his/her presentation four times, to four different groups of attendees, until attendees have visited four stations.

**Game-Gaming (G):** Plan and play a strategy game where players have to navigate real-life policies and goals affecting impact assessment professionals. This activity-based session format is highly interactive and encourages communication, networking, and team building.

**Panel discussion (PD):** Each speaker gives a brief (5 minutes) prepared presentation, usually presenting a different view or experience on the topic, followed by discussion between the speakers and then questions from the audience facilitated by the chair.

**Paper session (PS):** 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 audience questions. Ideally, the chair allocates time for general questions and open discussion following the presentations.

**Pecha Kucha (PK):** 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.

**Solution room (S):** Designed to provide peer-supported advice on individuals' most pressing problems, each speaker presents a challenge they are facing. Participants then divide into small groups of 8-10 individuals. Each speaker presents their problem to a small group and has it brainstormed by the group in 7-minute cycles. At the end of a cycle, the participants move on to the next table and the speaker talks to a different group. Groups share tables with paper that they can write on to gather solutions to the problems.

**Theme forum (TF):** Smaller than plenaries and larger than concurrent sessions, theme forums include "cut-above" presentations and discussions which are 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 (W):** In a workshop, the topic is very specific and usually seeks to resolve a defined problem, often through a combination of 2-3 short paper presentations and active discussion.

**World Café (WC):** The World Café format is a simple, effective, and flexible format for hosting large group dialogue. The process begins with the first of two or more rounds of discussion for groups of 8-10 seated around a table. Each round is prefaced with a question. At the end of each 15-20-minute round, each member of the group moves to a different table. They may or may not choose to leave one person as the "table host" for the next round, who welcomes the next group and briefly fills them in on what happened in the previous round. Once all rounds have been completed, key points from each table are presented to the whole group for a final collective discussion.

# Abstract submission

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**31 OCTOBER 2023**

**PRESENTING AUTHOR REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**24 JANUARY 2024**

**LANGUAGE**

**ENGLISH**

## SUBMITTING PAPER AND POSTER ABSTRACTS

### PAPERS

- Read the session descriptions (<https://2024.iaia.org/pages/iaia24-sessions.php>) and decide which session best fits your paper. Note that you may contribute only to sessions identified as "Open" unless you have been invited by a session chair to an "Invitation Only" session. If you have been invited to an "Invitation Only" session, the chair will contact you with instructions.
- Read the submissions guidelines and policies (<https://2024.iaia.org/guidelines-and-policies-for-presenting-authors/>). Check the box at the bottom of the page and proceed to complete the submission form.

### POSTERS

- Read the submissions guidelines and policies (<https://2024.iaia.org/guidelines-and-policies-for-presenting-authors/>). Check the box at the bottom of the page and proceed to the submission form. At the top of the submission form, click "I want to submit a poster abstract." and proceed to complete the poster form.

### 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, 24 April, until Saturday, 27 April.

Additional poster preparation information is available on the IAIA24 web site (<https://2024.iaia.org/say-it-with-a-poster/>).

Cuir isteach d'achóimre  
submit your abstract



# Sessions

## ABOUT THE TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The technical program is structured into two streams: (1) thematic sessions focusing on “Impact Assessment for a Just Transformation” and (2) general impact assessment sessions, including topics that address issues of interest to IAIA’s special-interest Sections. Up to 12 theme forums will be offered throughout the conference. Theme forums focus on cross-cutting issues relevant to the many specialties of impact assessment with topics that engage the conference theme.

The sessions listed below are open for abstract submissions through 31 October See page 5 for instructions.

<b>A regional environmental assessment approach to assist decarbonization (PD)</b>	<b>Exploring the limitations of SIA in achieving sustainable development (PS)</b>	<b>Impact assessment: Enabling or constraining sustainable energy transitions? (PS)</b>
<b>AI-supported transformation of collecting and processing biodiversity data (W)</b>	<b>Fair compensation for Just Transformation (PS)</b>	<b>Impacts and risks of lithium and rare earth elements supply chain (PS)</b>
<b>Asian S3EA: Strategic, spatial and sustainable EA (PS)</b>	<b>Financing a just transition: How impact assessment methodologies can support (PD)</b>	<b>Importance of culture and cultural heritage in SEA (PS)</b>
<b>Benefit sharing for a fair and Just Transformation (PD)</b>	<b>From adverse marine environmental impacts to marine net gain: Challenges (PD)</b>	<b>Indigenous perspectives on a Just Transformation (TF-PS)</b>
<b>Blue economy, SEA, and marine spatial planning (PS)</b>	<b>From the top down, are regional assessments the key to sustainability? (TF-PD)</b>	<b>Innovative data sharing and governance for a Just Transformation (PS)</b>
<b>Certification and accreditation in SIA: Opportunities and challenges (PS)</b>	<b>Gender in impact assessment (PS)</b>	<b>Just transition and transformation of the coast and maritime (PS)</b>
<b>Clean cooking solutions for a safe, clean, and healthy environment (TF-PK)</b>	<b>Gender transformative approaches in SIA (PS)</b>	<b>Just transition informing impact assessment processes for energy transition (PS)</b>
<b>Climate, energy, and agriculture/ forestry linkages (PS)</b>	<b>Good practice public participation in strategic environmental assessment (W)</b>	<b>Large infrastructures, just transition, and community health and safety (PS)</b>
<b>Community benefit sharing funds: Changemakers or appeasement? (PS)</b>	<b>How can IA be adapted further in the context of urgent renewable energy projects? (W)</b>	<b>Linking urban health and SDGs through impact assessment (PS)</b>
<b>Compliance/Enforcement for transformative ESIA project impact management (PD)</b>	<b>How prepared is IA for next-generation renewable energy megaprojects? (PS)</b>	<b>Making follow-up happen to transform IA practice (PS)</b>
<b>Consideration of climate change in impact assessment of different countries (PS)</b>	<b>How the just transition is forcing the US to (finally!) apply GIIP in ESHIA (PS)</b>	<b>Marine impact assessments for ecosystem-based maritime spatial planning (PS)</b>
<b>Decolonizing SIA through the attitudes and beliefs of practitioners (PS)</b>	<b>How to conserve biodiversity in climate change mitigation projects (PS)</b>	<b>Meaningful impact assessments through Indigenous leadership (PS)</b>
<b>Disasters, conflict and impact assessment: Experiences and lessons (PS)</b>	<b>IA and due diligence for sustainable transformation of large projects (PS)</b>	<b>Methods for handling complexity in Just Transformation (PS)</b>
<b>Economic impact assessment (PS)</b>	<b>IA for better policy making: current trends and new methods (PS)</b>	<b>Partnerships in impact assessment for a Just Transformation (PS)</b>
<b>Emerging practices in Indigenous-led environmental assessment (TF-PD)</b>	<b>IA for electrolyzers: Managing the impacts of the energy transition (PS)</b>	<b>Post-ESIA contractor management and value creation: What drives success? (TF-PS)</b>
<b>Energy transition: Strategies for community-focused economic transition (W)</b>	<b>IA in marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction agreement (PD)</b>	<b>Practical cases on cumulative impact assessment in the Global South (PD)</b>
<b>Ensuring Just Transformation of infrastructure projects (PS)</b>	<b>Impact assessment and adaptive management for climate change (PS)</b>	<b>Principles for social Inclusion through impact assessment: Rapid draft (PK)</b>
<b>Environmentally, socially, and economically just carbon neutrality (PS)</b>	<b>Impact assessment during conflict: The Ukraine experience (PS)</b>	<b>Proportionate consideration of health in SEA for wider health determinants (PS)</b>
<b>Equity and justice in social impact assessment (PS)</b>	<b>Impact assessment higher education research and reaching (PS)</b>	<b>Protecting climate and biodiversity through Just Transition (PK)</b>
<b>ESG and impact assessment for critical minerals in a Just Transformation (PS)</b>	<b>Impact assessment to couple urban planning with climate justice (PS)</b>	

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**Psycho-social impact assessment to help make transformation more just (PS)**  
**Reflecting Indigenous knowledge for a Just Transformation in impact assessment (PS)**  
**Regional cumulative effects assessment to support a Just Transformation (PS)**  
**Relevance of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives for Just Transformation (PS)**  
**Remember the intangibles and spiritual values for a just transition (W)**  
**Role of court for attaining climate justice: The case of Nepal (PS)**  
**Strategic environmental assessment for a Just Transformation (PS)**  
**Streamlining environmental assessments toward transformation (PD)**  
**Supporting the transition towards a holistic assessment of cultural rights (PD)**  
**Sustainable finance and impact assessment in the EU (PS)**  
**Sustainable wellbeing for transformational futures (PD)**  
**Synergies of impact assessment and circular economy (PS)**  
**The ethical basis of professional environmental practice (PS)**  
**The future of the IA profession: Transition or transformation? (TF-W)**  
**The power of communication! (S)**  
**The public sector and resettlement: Hydro-power projects in the Himalayas (PS)**  
**The role of environmental management strategies for a Just Transformation (PS)**  
**The role of impact assessment in protecting and enhancing heritage (PS)**  
**The role of impact assessment in transforming the legacy of major events (PS)**  
**The SEA Directive in EU, 20 years on, implementation and effectiveness (TF-PS)**  
**Toward a just transition for biodiversity offsets (PS)**  
**Transitioning to net gain: Effectively achieving and measuring biodiversity (PS)**  
**Understanding biodiversity credits, a new tool for conserving nature (PD)**  
**Voluntary carbon market and just transition: Social/environmental perspective (PD)**  
**What role does IA play in a responsible exit from the fossil fuel sector? (TF-PS)**

## INVITATION ONLY

*These sessions have speakers pre-identified and specifically invited by the session chairs. They do not accept unsolicited abstract submission.*

**Addressing mining impacts driven by an energy transition for climate action (PS)**  
**Anishinaabe law: Harmonization and the role of UNDRIP (PD)**  
**Brainstorming best practice IA principles for extraterrestrial developments (W)**  
**Capacity building in IA: How to improve real world outcomes (PD)**  
**Community engagement and benefit-sharing contributions to a just transition (PD)**  
**Connecting people and planet: Respecting the environment and human rights (PD)**  
**Decarbonizing energy sector in Maldives: Key challenges and role of IA (PK)**  
**Declaration on the rights of people affected by development-forced displacement and resettlement (DFDR) (TF-PS)**  
**Developing an IAIA agenda for SEA action toward a Just Transformation(TF-W)**  
**Environmental assessments in the future and the mining and energy interplay (TF-PS)**  
**Fast track IA for renewable energies: Way forward or a highway to hell? (PS)**  
**First Nation-led assessments through shared governance and decision-making (PS)**  
**Human rights impact assessment for a just transition (C)**  
**Human rights impact assessment of artificial intelligence technology (PS)**  
**Impact assessments and just energy transformation in Atlantic Canada (PS)**  
**Impact assessments for development corridors (PD)**  
**Land guardians: Stewards for a Just Transformation (PD)**  
**Live! Collective solutions-building for social risk management (TF-C)**  
**Meaningful public participation in impact assessment (PS)**  
**Multi-dimensional cumulative effects assessment with Indigenous peoples (PD)**  
**Nature-positive outcomes through a Just Transformation (PD)**

**No longer on margins: Towards social and climate justice in SWM sector (PK)**  
**Opportunities for international development cooperation to go beyond "do-no-harm" (PS)**  
**Professional certification in action (PD)**  
**Recharging community consent: Operationalizing FPIC in impact assessment (W)**  
**Social governance: Helping boards to ask the right questions (PD)**  
**Strategic environmental assessment in mining for a Just Transformation (TF-PS)**  
**Sustainable finance and impact assessment linkages at a global scale (PS)**  
**The role of EIA practitioners in a Just Transformation (PS)**  
**The role of governments in a Just Transformation (PS)**  
**Toward a Just Transformation: Insights and lessons for impact assessment (TF-PD)**  
**Transforming the future of NEPA: Recent U.S. Congressional action (PD)**  
**Underwater cultural heritage: Developing approaches and improving data (PS)**  
**Using social impact assessments as a policy tool to guide just transition (PS)**

## CLOSED

*These sessions do not accept abstracts.*

**Accountability, impact assessment, and their capacity to transform projects (WC)**  
**Artificial intelligence in impact assessment: IAIA principles (WC)**  
**How can nature-based approaches be promoted before impact assessment? (WC)**  
**IAIA in 2050: Exploring concepts and options (TF-S)**  
**It's a beautiful day for social and human rights IA: EU too play a role (W)**  
**Listen for... Just Transformation (G)**  
**Meet the editor (W)**  
**Rethinking climate change: IA for a resilient and Just Transformation (TF-WC)**  
**What have you done for me lately? Effectiveness in health impact assessment (WC)**

# Conference overview

- The conference will formally commence at 13:00 on Wednesday, 24 April.
- Training courses will be offered 22-23 April.
- Technical visits will be offered 22, 23, and 28 April.

## Tentative Program Overview

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

	Pre-conference Sunday 21 April	Pre-Conference Monday 22 April	Pre-Conference Tuesday 23 April	Conference Day 1 Wednesday 24 April
07:00				
07:30				
08:00		Registration for training courses and technical visits	Registration	Registration
08:30		Technical visits	Technical visits	World Bank Day
09:00			Training courses	EIB workshop
09:30		Training courses		UNDP workshop
10:00				Newcomer Network meet and greet
10:30				
11:00				
11:30				
12:00				
12:30				
13:00		Registration for training courses and technical visits		Opening plenary
13:30				Exhibits & posters
14:00			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				Poster session and welcome reception
17:30				
18:00				
18:30				
19:00				
19:30 onward				



# Conference overview

- Visit <https://2024.iaia.org/pages/iaia24-sessions.php> for a full list of proposed sessions.
- The welcome reception will take place on Wednesday, 24 April, and the banquet on Saturday, 27 April.

Conference Day 2 Thursday 25 April		Conference Day 3 Friday 26 April		Conference Day 4 Saturday 27 April		Post-Conference Sunday 28 April	
							07:00
							07:30
							08:00
Registration	Theme forums	Registration	Theme forums	Theme forums	Technical visits		08:30
	Exhibits & posters		Exhibits & posters	Exhibits & posters			09:00
	Break		Break	Break			09:30
	Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions			10:00
	Lunch and Committee meetings		Lunch and Committee meetings	Lunch and Committee meetings			10:30
	Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions			11:00
	Break		Break	Break			11:30
	Concurrent sessions		Concurrent sessions	Concurrent sessions			12:00
	Speed networking		Section meetings				12:30
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				Closing plenary		16:00	
				Exhibits & posters dismantle		16:30	
						17:00	
						17:30	
						18:00	
						18:30	
				Banquet		19:00	
						19:30 onward	

# Sponsored meetings, networking activities, and social events

## WORLD BANK DAY

This session provides an update on how the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) supports its development clients. The session will cover the Just Transformation theme as well as other ESF updates. The target audience is impact assessment practitioners who interact with the World Bank in their work.

**Wednesday 24 April | 09:00-13:00**  
**Price: \$30 (includes lunch)**  
**Maximum 120 participants.**  
**Pre-registration and extra fee required.**

## ASSESSING DOUBLE-MATERIALITY: EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK'S CSR EXPERIENCE

The aim of this meeting is to engage with experts representing the impact assessment profession on EIB's proposed response to recent EU evolving legal framework, particularly the practical implementation of the double-materiality assessment concept. The experts will be invited to provide feedback on EIB's proposed tailored/balanced approach to double-materiality to fit both EIB's business needs and constraints and stakeholder's needs. EIB welcomes feedback and proposals to overcome the most challenging requirements e.g., from finding the "right" balance between the key aspects of the process (e.g., low vs high level of engagement, general vs detailed level of material topics, qualitative vs quantitative assessment, double-materiality assessment as a reporting vs strategic tool, one-off vs continuous process, etc.) to presenting and reporting on the final outcomes.

**Wednesday 24 April | 09:00-12:30**  
**Price: \$30 (includes lunch)**  
**Pre-registration and extra fee required.**  
**Maximum 40 participants.**

## UNDP WORKSHOP

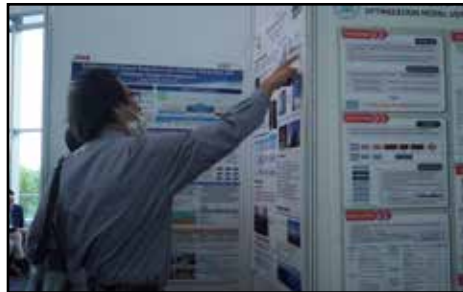
This workshop provides a discussion among IA practitioners on the revised UNDP Social and Environmental Standards (SES) that came into effect on 1 January 2021. This session includes a focus on the structure and programmatic objectives of UNDP, its SES as well as the Social and Environmental Screening Procedure (SESP).

**Wednesday 24 April | 08:30-12:00**  
**Price: \$15 (does not include lunch)**  
**Pre-registration and extra fee required.**  
**Maximum 80 participants.**

## WELCOME/POSTER RECEPTION

Join us at the conference welcome reception for a delightful evening of reconnecting with old friends and forging new connections. It's the perfect way to kickstart an exciting week ahead. Don't miss out on this opportunity to mingle, network, and create lasting memories. Posters will be on display at the reception (and throughout the week), so take advantage of this opportunity to meet the authors!

**Wednesday 24 April | 17:00-19:00**  
**Pre-registration required.**



## AWARDS

IAIA is pleased to recognize its 2024 award winners. Stay tuned for details on awards presentations!

## BANQUET

After the closing plenary, celebrate as we conclude a remarkable week of learning, networking, and growth. Join your colleagues and friends and enjoy the best of food and friendship that IAIA24 and Dublin have to offer. Experience regional food, drink, and entertainment in a relaxed atmosphere that offers one last opportunity to network, share ideas on topics of interest, and connect with colleagues who have similar interests but whom you might not have met during formal sessions.

**Saturday 27 April | 19:00 onward**  
**Price: \$60**  
**Pre-registration and extra fee required.**



Tweet about IAIA24 before, during, and after the conference using **#IAIA24**.

## SPEED NETWORKING

Hundreds of people will attend IAIA24. How many will you meet?

If you've ever tried speed dating, then you already know the concept—we've just changed the focus! How it works: You will be seated in rows so that you are facing another person, and every four minutes one row will be asked to move up one seat so they are facing someone different. You will spend the four minutes conversing with your partner about yourself, your work, your interests, why you are attending IAIA24, anything you like. Over a period of an hour, you will meet up to 15 new people, people that you may not otherwise get to meet in the normal course of a diverse international conference. The aim is to make new professional connections that you can build upon throughout the conference and beyond. So come along and join in the fun.

**Thursday 25 April | 17:45-18:45**  
**Pre-registration required.**

## NEWCOMER NETWORK

Are you a first-timer or an IAIA conference veteran? Either way, you can benefit from participating in the Newcomer Network! The Newcomer Network offers a warm welcome to those attending our conference for the first time by introducing them to experienced attendees (and other first-timers). One or two veterans at each table will be joined by a group of first-timers in an informal setting to help "break the ice." In addition to getting to know each other, first-timers can ask questions about making the most of their conference experience as well as questions about IAIA in general. After 15 minutes, first-timers move to a different table to start again with a different group. It is also a simple and informal way for veteran attendees to open a door or two for their own social and professional interactions.

Join the meet and greet to connect with a new friend or two. IAIA staff members will also be available to answer questions.

To participate, tick the veteran or first-timer box on the registration form.

**Newcomer Network meet and greet**  
**Wednesday 24 April | 10:00-11:30**  
**Pre-registration required.**



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IAIA training courses will be held 22-23 April 2024 at the Convention Centre Dublin in Dublin. Separate registration fees apply, and pre-registration is required.

Please register early! Courses will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 5 March 2024.

## IMPORTANT DATE: 5 MARCH

In consideration of the trainers and their need to prepare appropriate quantities of course materials, registrants may not change courses after 4 April 2024.

### 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\$480. 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\$85 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 5 March, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another course. Course registration after 5 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 4 April. After 4 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 IAIA24 web site (<https://2024.iaia.org/iaia24-training>).

### STUDENT TRAINING COURSE FEE WAIVERS

A limited number of free training course registrations are available to student participants of IAIA24 when courses reach their minimum paid enrollments. For application instructions, see page 20.

## 1 Resettlement and livelihood restoration in impact assessment: Achieving the intended outcomes

Many large-scale projects trigger the requirement to resettle households and/or displace people from their productive land or other natural resources. While there is plentiful experience in the planning of resettlement, there is considerably less experience in the successful delivery of a resettlement project which sustainably meets the goals of improved standards of living and restored livelihoods. This training course draws on global experience across a range of industries to identify the primary challenges faced when seeking to meet these objectives, and the commitments established in impact assessments and how to work with affected households to overcome these challenges and how to assess whether these outcomes have been achieved post resettlement. It draws heavily upon the more than 40 years of combined experience of the two trainers and provides opportunities for participants to share the challenges they are experiencing in a collaborative environment to draw lessons from the experience held within the room. While the trainers have much to share, they also see their role as facilitators of a conversation and nurturers of a network of resettlement specialists which will endure beyond the course.

This course has been built from the success of similar previous courses on resettlement and livelihood restoration delivered with IAIA as online training courses in June and October 2022 and March 2023, and in-person courses at IAIA23 in Kuching, IAIA19 Brisbane, and the IAIA & ADB Resettlement Symposium in 2017. The purpose of the course is to assist resettlement practitioners to address key challenges experienced when implementing resettlement and livelihood restoration activities across the globe, with a specific focus on how these activities tie into impact assessment and feasibility study processes.

The course will be presented by Liz Wall (Shared Resources) and Angela Reeman (Reeman Consulting), collectively referred to as the "consultants", who combined have over 40 years of resettlement experience. The consultants have extensive practical experience of applying the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard 5 on Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement, and similar standards from other International Finance Institutions (IFIs) including the ADB, WB, EBRD, EIB, and IDB, and can speak to many specific case studies globally. They have provided resettlement and livelihood restoration training to numerous organizations across the world and will utilize this experience to create an effective knowledge-sharing platform.

<b>Level:</b>	Advanced
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	At least 2 years of direct experience designing, implementing or auditing resettlement and/or livelihood restoration activities; university degree; and familiarity with the IFC Performance Standards or similar.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (22-23 April)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	25-40
<b>Price:</b>	\$480
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Liz Wall</b> , Shared Resources Pty Ltd (Australia) <b>Angela Reeman</b> , Reeman Consulting Pty Ltd (Australia)

## 2 Cumulative effects assessment

This course summarizes the state of professional practice regarding CEA within IA processes, demonstrates fundamental requirements for cumulative effects assessment for a selected project in Ireland, 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 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 IA 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/Advanced
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Foundation training on IA (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 IA or CEA for environmental impact studies. (Note: these prerequisites do not apply to student participants.)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (22-23 April)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-50
<b>Price:</b>	\$480
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>Bill Ross</b> , Emeritus Professor of Environmental Design, University of Calgary (Canada) <b>Miles Scott-Brown</b> , Consultant (Canada) <b>Michael D. Smith</b> , Director, Environmental Process and Policy, WSP USA (USA)

## 3 More effective impact assessment: Tools for stronger argument and clearer writing

This course will help you reason more clearly and write more effective impact assessments. Better arguments make key decisions more transparent and help reduce risks to projects. Environmental impact assessment—like all technical writing—constantly uses reasoning to reach conclusions. That process is called “argument,” which means to assemble a series of reasons, leading to conclusions, for a specific audience.

This course shares two sets of tools collectively called Organized Reasoning. The first provides principles for creating clearer arguments that apply to phases of the IA process. The second shows how to better present arguments in written documents.

The course shows how IA documents contain common errors in their arguments and weaknesses in their writing. Participants will assemble evidence and reasoning for several different kinds of argument found in IAs. We practice steps, and demonstrate computer-based tools, that show how to bring improved arguments to technical reports. Participants learn a revised approach to planning, preparing, and writing documents that they can use immediately on the job. More details at [www.glennbrown.ca](http://www.glennbrown.ca).

The course takes two days. There will be a half-day online follow-up session three months later and participants will receive handouts documenting the main ideas.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Some previous participation in preparing and writing IA documents.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (22-23 April)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-25
<b>Price:</b>	\$480
<b>Instructor:</b>	<b>Glenn Brown</b> , Adjunct Professor, Royal Roads University, School of Environment and Sustainability (Canada)

## 4 Health in environmental assessments

Human health is an important aspect to be considered in environmental assessments (EAs, including, e.g., strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and environmental impact assessment (EIA)) throughout the world. The purpose of the course is to elaborate on what a comprehensive consideration of “human health” in EA means, in particular in the context of the European SEA and EIA directives and the UNECE Espoo Convention on EIA and the associated Protocol on SEA. While bio-physical (including chemical) aspects of relevance for human health have traditionally been included in EAs, other important determinants of health, including socio-economic factors, mental health, and well-being and behavioral aspects, have frequently remained unaddressed. The portrayal of current practices and necessary changes to reflect new EIA requirements is the main purpose of the course.

We will address the following questions:

- What does the consideration of human health in EA mean?
- What is current practice?
- How can a robust and proportionate approach be applied to appropriately consider health in EA?

Participants will critically examine existing EA practices with regard to the consideration of health. Furthermore, they will develop skills needed to comprehensively assess health in EA.

**Level:** Intermediate/Advanced

**Prerequisites:** None

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 10-30

**Price:** \$480

**Instructors:** **Thomas Fischer**, Professor and Director, University of Liverpool, Environmental Assessment and Management Research Centre, WHO Collaborating Centre for Health in Impact Assessments, School of Environmental Sciences (UK)  
**Ben Cave**, Director, Ben Cave Associates, Ltd., and University of Liverpool (UK)  
**Francesca Viliani**, Director Public Health, International SOS (Denmark)

## 5 Strategic thinking for sustainability (ST4S): New paths toward Just Transformation, combining strategic sustainability, and systems thinking in impact assessment

Practice in impact assessment (IA) is driven by and focuses on project development, even in planning and program making, limiting the capacity of IA to address its purpose and objectives within time, space, and contextual governance issues. 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) was meant to help ensure the intertwined consideration of social, economic, and environmental issues, each of which presents a complex system. That is why we need a more efficient, effective, and meaningful strategic approach with an understanding of systems and how they work, putting environment and people in the center. SEA and SA in combination with systems thinking have a great potential to enable transitional processes towards sustainability.

This course will introduce participants to creative ways in performing IA and how to apply strategic thinking in combination with systems thinking.

Expected learning outcomes include in-depth knowledge of the added value of applying strategic thinking and systems thinking in IA, and the differences between a strategic-based approach and an effects-based approach.

Learning techniques include dialogues, sharing of experience, short presentations, and case-studies as well as participatory systems modeling.

**Level:** Advanced

**Prerequisites:** Basic knowledge of policy making, planning, and some level of experience with strategic environmental assessment, sustainability assessment, or environmental impact assessment. Previous knowledge of systems thinking and analysis is not required.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 10-35

**Price:** \$480

**Instructors:** **Maria R. Partidario**, Full Professor, Instituto Superior Tecnico (IST), Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal, and Adjunct Professor University of Aalborg, Denmark (Portugal)

**Johanna S. Gordon**, Lecturer and Researcher at the Department of Natural Science, Design and Sustainable Development, Mid Sweden University, Östersund (Sweden)

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## 6 Theory and practice of biodiversity-friendly infrastructure

Infrastructure development has direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts with impacts extending beyond the immediate surroundings where construction and use occur. Many impacts on biodiversity are long term, eventually leading to a reduction in available natural habitat, restriction in the movement of fauna, and decline in population sizes of species. The impacts tend to be complex, affecting not only wildlife population dynamics but also ecosystems on which both humans and wildlife depend. With development continuing at a rapid pace throughout the world, a different approach, i.e., multilevel approach, is required as traditional mitigation approaches based on environmental impact assessments do not capture the impacts of infrastructure on a landscape level.

The focus of the course is to strengthen the application of the mitigation hierarchy at all levels of the project cycle and strengthen linkages between biodiversity protection and good engineering in design, construction, and operation across different sectors (roads, hydroelectric projects, wind, and ports). The course will discuss the multilevel approach to infrastructure development, upstream tools; ecological assessment tools; good engineering practices at the project level; construction management in sensitive areas; and good practices in offsets planning.

This 2-day course relying on good practice case studies and exercises will demonstrate practical solutions to protect biodiversity. It will also highlight the opportunities for enhancing biodiversity values in infrastructure projects and the use of Indigenous and local knowledge for the identification of mitigation measures. Participants will also receive a comprehensive set of manuals and guidelines on biodiversity assessment methodologies, habitat assessments, protection of biodiversity in infrastructure projects, and design of offsets.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	General knowledge of the EIA process and an interest in protecting biodiversity from infrastructure development.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (22-23 April)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	20-25
<b>Price:</b>	\$480
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Juan D. Quintero</b> , Director, Environmental Engineering Consultants, LLC. (USA) <b>Aradhna Mathur</b> , Environmental Specialist, The World Bank (USA)

## 7 Leadership in ESIA

The IAIA24 theme, "Impact Assessment for a Just Transformation," highlights the critical role that impact assessment professionals play in driving sustainable and equitable change. Leadership training is of paramount importance for impact assessment professionals, as it equips them with the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively navigate the complexities of the field and maximize their influence on IA projects.

The training course on leadership aligns closely with the conference theme, as it recognizes the need for enhanced leadership skills within the IA community. The course acknowledges that impact assessment professionals are not only responsible for managing the technical aspects of an IA process but also for engaging with a diverse range of stakeholders and collaborating with project teams to deliver sustainability outcomes.

As environmental, social, and compliance issues increasingly pose risks to project costs and schedules, IA leaders have a unique opportunity to integrate environmental considerations into project planning and design decisions. To do so effectively, IA team leaders require skills and knowledge beyond what is traditionally taught in professional and academic institutes.

The leadership training course fills this gap by examining the specific leadership roles that IA professionals perform and providing practical tools for effective communication, negotiation, and influencing. It delves into the dynamics of project teams and explores opportunities to apply learned skills in real-world scenarios. Moreover, the course emphasizes personal reflection and self-development, aiming to uncover and enhance the existing leadership skills of IA professionals while fostering the mindset of an IA leader.

By investing in leadership training, impact assessment professionals can elevate their ability to lead IA processes, collaborate with diverse stakeholders, and drive positive change in pursuit of a Just Transformation.

<b>Level:</b>	Intermediate/Advanced
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	General experience in managing or coordinating IA professional teams through to Impact Statement submission/review. An interest in self-development, particularly leadership & management level skills to enhance personal and project team performance. Increase ability to influence IA professional outcomes within projects and improve the effectiveness of IA practice in general.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Duration:</b>	2 days (22-23 April)
<b>Min/Max:</b>	10-30
<b>Price:</b>	\$480
<b>Instructors:</b>	<b>Ross Marshall</b> , Founder and Director, Leading Green (UK) <b>Palash Sanyal</b> , Advisor, Coach and Trainer (Canada)

## 8 Social risk management for major projects: Tools and frameworks to support Just Transformations

This IAIA training course will equip you with current frameworks and tools for identification, assessment, and management of social risks, growing your capacity to consistently and systematically mitigate social risks and deliver social value.

This training will improve the participant's capacity to identify social risks consistently and systematically by introducing current, international frameworks. Participants will gain practical tools and skills in applying leading social risk management frameworks. They will learn strategies to engage with communities and stakeholders to address those risks to maximize social value from major infrastructure, including that related to climate adaptation and mitigation.

This interactive course will draw on the work of the Australian National University Institute for Infrastructure in Society (I2S) to discuss key theories and international frameworks for social risk management; the 3Ps (Place, Project, Proponent) Social Risk Scanner Tool; the Infrastructure Engagement Excellence (IEE) Standards and related Project Assessment Tools; and case studies to demonstrate application of the tools. Participants will have the opportunity to bring a current project of their own to work on during the training. Group reflections will be used to share learnings.

After this training course, attendees will:

- Understand and identify the foundational principles for social risk identification and assessment.
- Understand and identify the elements of engagement excellence to mitigate social risks.
- Be able to apply the 3Ps Social Risk Scanner Tool and IEE Standards Tools to assess major infrastructure projects and improve social performance for better social outcomes.

**Level:** Intermediate

**Prerequisites:** At least three years of in-field experience in impact assessment, risk management, community/stakeholder engagement or sustainability in major projects; a university degree; and familiarity with social impact and/or risk management requirements for major projects.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 15-45

**Price:** \$480

**Instructors:** **Sara Bice**, Professor and Director, Institute for Infrastructure in Society (I2S) at the Crawford School of Public Policy, the Australian National University, where she also serves as Head, Policy and Governance Program (Australia)

**Dr. Ruth O'Connor**, Research Fellow, Australian National University, Institute for Infrastructure in Society (Australia)

**Dr. Emerson Sanchez**, Research Fellow, Australian National University, Institute for Infrastructure in Society (Australia)

## 9 More effective EIA follow-up: How to seamlessly connect EIA and EMS

EIA implementation and follow up has been recognized as one of the most crucial processes of impact assessment in achieving its outcomes. In general terms, "follow-up" refers to "post-decision processes," a crucial part of which is ensuring that recommendations and commitments made through the EIA process are actually implemented. There are many tools that can support this implementation process, including environmental management systems (EMS) and many other related sustainability management tools such as HSE-MS, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and sustainability reporting in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), to name just a few. Dozens of national, sectoral, and international standards, guidelines, etc. have been developed to inform such processes and these are widely used. While considerable efforts and investments are made in both EIA and EMS, a lack of integration of these activities contributes to suboptimal environmental outcomes and a failure to realize the potential of these well-established environmental management tools.

This course focuses on strengthening the linkage between EIA and EMS throughout the life cycle of projects by improving communication, interaction, and partnership between its multiple role players. In the first module, a quick review of the pre-decision tools (conventional EIA) and post-decision tools (such as EMS/HSE-MS, the relevant international standards such as ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018, etc.) will be provided. The second module will focus on how pre-decision EIA should be linked to such post-decision management tools. Improving communication, interaction, and partnership is the focus of the third module, in which the participants will practice identifying the role of other parties and when, how and on what key issues they should communicate with them. In the fourth and final module, the well-known "HSE cultural maturity theory" and its relationship with the EIA implementation will be discussed. Participants themselves will try to develop ways of making the entire EIA/EMS a seamless, flexible process in a way that challenges the very notions of "pre-decision" and "post-decision."

**Level:** Intermediate

**Prerequisites:** Participants are expected to have an understanding of EIA/SIA processes and terminology, and some awareness about environmental management systems (EMS). Hence it would be beneficial if they had previously attended an introductory IAIA training course (e.g. "Understanding Impact Assessment"); or otherwise have had at least a year of work experience as a consultant, proponent, or regulator within an EIA system, or be in the position of implementing an EMS or health, safety and environmental (HSE) management system (e.g., as an HSE officer, auditor, etc.) in an active industry or ongoing project, or be a student with at least 6 months taught or research experience of some aspect of EIA/HSE-MS. A particular interest in EIA implementation and follow up as well as implementing EMS/HSE-MS is obviously desirable.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 10-30

**Price:** \$480

**Instructor:** **Behzad Raissiyan**, Environmental Planning and Governance Advisor (Iran)

## 10 Transforming ESIA into action: More effective follow-up for sustainable development

Many steps toward a Just Transformation are required to embed the concepts of justice and social inclusion within ESIA and particularly to ensure follow-up of its recommendations. Project-level baseline data gathering and transferring these data into meaningful performance indicators requires attention *early*, i.e., during ESIA preparation, to be able to set-up post-ESIA monitoring and auditing for sustainable projects.

The aims of this course, therefore, are to: improve understanding of the roles and responsibilities for environmental and social monitoring and auditing processes; explain how to set up systematic, robust systems of monitoring and compliance auditing; facilitate adoption of adaptive management using the data obtained during monitoring and auditing; and show how managers, companies, governments, finance institutions, etc., will use such information. Three facilitators will offer lectures and case studies, stimulate discussions, and activate group work. Participants' learning outcomes of the course will be to:

- Establish effective monitoring processes based on assessments in the ESIA to ensure adaptive management and sustainable performance outcomes.
- Ensure effective implementation of ESMPs through robust auditing systems.
- Understand the results obtained during monitoring and auditing in order to guide current and future projects.
- Enhance individual participants' project monitoring and auditing skills.

**Level:** Intermediate/Advanced

**Prerequisites:** Participants must have knowledge of the ESIA process including the formulation of Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and some experience with project monitoring or auditing.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 10-35

**Price:** \$480

**Instructor:** **Bryony Walmsley**, Director, SAIEA (South Africa)

**Defne Arisoy**, Consultant, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (Turkey)

**Charlotte Bingham**, EIA practitioner (USA)

## 11 Public participation for impact assessment professionals: Aiming for transformational approaches using international frameworks and standards

This course provides an insight into public participation in impact assessment, underpinning models of public participation practice drawing on IAP2, IAIA, and other international frameworks. It looks specifically at what engagement is, who is involved, practice standards, why it is important to be practiced ethically and effectively and the unique and critical role that IA practitioners play.

By course end, participants will be able to:

- Define public participation, related terms and what makes it unique.
- Identify what makes public participation meaningful – reflect on its benefits, risks and myths.
- Identify the role values play in challenging public participation and leadership attributes for practice.
- Reflect on and apply ethical leadership actions and abilities to challenging engagement situations.
- Apply the Profiles of Engagement Model to public participation, and explore organization-led and community-led engagement and how each impacts the public participation process.
- Apply the IAP2 spectrum to challenging public participation situations and practice.
- Explore a framework for practice for effective planning and process—utilizing IAP2 frameworks and reviewing others by way of comparison.
- Reflect on and apply the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion, and intercultural engagement.
- Explore the role of power and influence in challenging engagement contexts and its impacts on our work.

**Level:** Intermediate/Advanced

**Prerequisites:** Whether working in developed or developing countries, prerequisites include an understanding and awareness of public participation and a willingness to adapt your approach and techniques to take them to the next level.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 10-24

**Price:** \$480

**Instructors:** **Tanya Burdett**, Director, Essential Planning Ltd (UK)



## 12 Human rights impact assessment and due diligence in the energy transition

This course is designed to strengthen the *just* element of the energy transformation and provide professionals that work in the field with information and tools to understand and address human rights impacts, challenges and opportunities related to the energy transition. Through cases and exercises, the participants will discuss human rights impacts on the value chain of renewable energy projects (including sourcing of critical minerals) and learn practical ways to operationalize the corporate responsibility to respect human rights as established in the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The course includes an overview of the regulatory landscape related to business and human rights, with focus on the energy transition, as well as reflections on gender dimensions of the energy transition and the impacts on Indigenous rights and environmental defenders. Finally, participants will learn principles and methodologies to ensure the identification and assessment of human rights risks and impacts and how to apply a human rights-based approach for a meaningful engagement with workers and vulnerable community groups during impact assessment phases and due diligence.

**Level:** Intermediate

**Prerequisites:** Some knowledge or experience in developing, commissioning, or reviewing impact assessment or due diligence of renewable energy projects value chain. Basic knowledge of human rights would be an advantage but is not required. Professionals and students with knowledge of human rights but no previous experience in energy projects can also participate.

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 10-25

**Price:** \$480

**Instructors:** **Gabriela Factor**, Chief Adviser, Human Rights, Tech and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights (Denmark)  
**Tulika Bansal**, Senior Adviser, Human Rights, Tech and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights (Denmark)  
**Cathrine Bloch Veiberg**, Chief Adviser, Human Rights, Tech and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights (Denmark)  
**Nora Götzman**, Chief Adviser, Human Rights, Tech and Business, Danish Institute for Human Rights (Denmark)

## 13 Linking sustainable finance and environmental and social impact assessment systems

The debate about ESG or environmental, social and governance indicators or standards is heating up and often dominates the news headlines. What started as a nice topic in ethical and impact finance is now entering and becoming mainstream—and affecting projects, business, and finance as we know it.

With the EU Sustainable Agenda regulatory framework starting to generate disclosures, the appetite for sustainability performance data is greater than ever. The EU is finalizing its taxonomy framework, while improving its usability. At the same time, the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) is advocating for the global adoption of their consolidated reporting standards.

The course is designed to provide a comprehensive and accessible introduction to sustainable finance, its main concepts, and key regulatory elements, as well as the latest and future developments in sustainable finance systems that will affect projects and businesses. The course participants will be able to hear from the subject matter experts, including the current members of the EU Platform on Sustainable Finance. The course will combine theory and practice, and will be a highly interactive learning experience.

**Level:** Foundational, with some intermediate-level elements

**Prerequisites:** None

**Language:** English

**Duration:** 2 days (22-23 April)

**Min/Max:** 10-50

**Price:** \$480

**Instructors:** **Jiří Dusík**, Social and Environmental Standards Technical Specialist for Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), (Czechia)

**Dr. Alan Bond**, Associate Professor in Environmental Management in the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of East Anglia (UK) and Extraordinary Professor in the School of Geo and Spatial Sciences, North West University (South Africa)

**Linda Zeilina-Cross**, CEO, International Sustainable Finance Centre (ISFC), (Czechia)

**Julian Toth**, COO, International Sustainable Finance Centre (ISFC) & Director, Czech Sustainable Investment Forum (Czechia)

# Technical visits

## ABOUT TECHNICAL VISITS

Please register early! Technical visits will be cancelled if they do not reach the minimum number of paid participants by 5 March 2024.

### IMPORTANT DATE: 5 MARCH

Minimum and maximum numbers of participants are noted. If the visit for which you have registered does not meet the minimum number by 5 March, IAIA HQ will notify you and provide refund information or offer to transfer you to another visit. After 5 March, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 4 April or the visits reach the maximum number. Registrations will be processed in the order that payment is received.

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 4 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. Plan to check in for the visit a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the noted departure time. Busses will leave on time. Late arrivals will not be admitted.**

**Liability statement:** 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.

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



## A | MOUNT LUCAS WIND FARM AND CLONMACNOISE MONASTIC SITE

See one way Ireland is managing a Just Transformation: Bord na Móna, the semi-state company with responsibility for managing peatlands, is transforming from brown peat (peat extraction) to green (renewable energy and peatland restoration). This visit to the midlands of Ireland will include a presentation on Bord na Móna's plans for the 80,000 hectares of peatlands they manage, followed by a visit to explore the heritage of Ireland at Clonmacnoise on the banks of the Shannon river, one of Ireland's most ancient monastic sites and a significant heritage tourism attraction in County Offaly.

**Monday 22 April**

**Depart** 08:00 | **Return** 17:00

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 10-53

**Price** \$95

Price includes transportation, admission fees, and guide fees.

Lunch is on your own (additional cost approximately €20).

**Special notes** Sunscreen and warm, waterproof clothes and footwear recommended.



## B | ABBEYLEIX BOG PROJECT AND LULLYMORE HERITAGE PARK

This visit will take you on a journey from Dublin to the midlands of Ireland where the dominant industry was the extraction of peat from Ireland's raised bogs. Meet with a local community which manages the Abbeyleix Bog Project. The community blockaded a peatland site to prevent industrial peat harvesting and subsequently negotiated an agreement to manage the site for peatland restoration and as an amenity for the local community. You will see the peatland restoration work at the site, then visit Lullymore Heritage Park, a major tourist attraction located on a mineral island in the Bog of Allen between the villages of Rathangan and Allenwood in North West Kildare.

**Monday 22 April**

**Depart** 08:30 | **Return** 17:30

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 10-48

**Price** \$135

Price includes transportation, lunch, and guide fees.

**Special notes** Sunscreen and warm, waterproof clothes and footwear recommended.



## E | BOYNE VALLEY HERITAGE AND TOURISM IMPACT MANAGEMENT

This visit is to the World Heritage site of Brú na Bóinne (Boyne Valley), which is a major tourist attraction and Ireland's richest archaeological landscape, situated within a bend in the River Boyne. Brú na Bóinne is famous for the spectacular prehistoric passage tombs of Knowth, Newgrange, and Dowth, which were built circa 3200BC. These ceremonial structures are among the most important Neolithic sites in the world and contain the largest collection of megalithic art in Western Europe. Participants will get an insider view into the management of the sites for tourism and also the development of Ireland's newest national park at Dowth.

**Sunday 28 April**

**Depart** 08:00 | **Return** 13:30

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 10-28

**Price** \$105

Price includes transportation, admission fees, and guide fees.

Lunch is on your own (additional cost approximately €20).

**Special notes** Sunscreen and warm, waterproof clothes and footwear recommended.



## F | DUBLIN BAY BY BOAT: INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSERVATION

Cruise along Dublin Bay, a designated UNESCO biosphere where nature and culture connect. The cruise will first head south of Dublin Bay to the beautiful Dun Laoghaire Harbour and from there on to the north of the Bay to the traditional fishing village of Howth. During the voyage you will see and discuss aspects of the city that are not possible on any other mode of transport, including the socially sustainable regeneration of Dublin Port and Docklands, cultural heritage along the coast, Baily and Kish lighthouses, Howth head, Ireland Eye, Howth Harbour with its many seals, and the world wildlife reserve Bull Island, which has the most ecological designations of any site in the country. Return to Dublin by Dart commuter train.

**Sunday 28 April**

**Depart** 10:30 | **Return** 15:00

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 10-98

**Price** \$100

Price includes boat and guide fees.

Additional €5 to purchase Dart ticket at the platform.

**Special notes** Sunscreen and warm, waterproof clothing and footwear recommended.

## C | BULL ISLAND: BIODIVERSITY, HERITAGE, AND CONSERVATION

Visit the North Bull Island Nature Reserve at the heart of the Dublin Bay UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. The island, created through both natural processes and human intervention, is the most designated ecological area in the country. See the North Bull Island Interpretive Centre's exhibits and walk among sand dunes to explore the ecological diversity and importance of this island, its ecological sensitivities, ongoing nature-human interactions, and conservation efforts, as well as the enduring adaptation of wildlife to continued sand and silt depositions. The visit will end with a trip to have lunch and do some shopping at Howth Harbour, a lively small fishing village with its vibrant market, seafood restaurants, and resident seals.

**Tuesday 23 April**

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

**Level of physical activity** Moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 10-53

**Price** \$85

Price includes transportation and guide fees.

Lunch is on your own (additional cost approximately €20).

**Special notes** Sunscreen and warm, waterproof clothes and footwear recommended.

## D | FROM A LANDFILL TO A COMMUNITY PARK AND KILDARE HERITAGE

Explore the remediation of an illegal landfill site near Dublin into an amenity park for the local community. A critical aspect of the site is to ensure compliance with an industrial emission license, as the site was previously a major source of emissions and the manager received a 3-year jail sentence. Meet the remediation project manager to hear about community engagement and the challenge of managing underground fires at the site. Lunch and shopping at the Kildare Village Outlet beside Kildare Town and a visit to the tourist attractions of Kildare Cathedral and the National Stud and Japanese Gardens.

**Tuesday 23 April**

**Depart** 09:00 | **Return** 16:00

**Level of physical activity** Low

**Minimum-Maximum** 10-53

**Price** \$110

Price includes transportation, admission fee, and guide fees.

Lunch is on your own (additional cost approximately €20).

**Special notes** Sunscreen and warm, waterproof clothes and footwear recommended.

An té a bhíonn,  
siúlach, bíonn  
scéalach.

He who travels has stories to tell.

## G | RINGSEND TO POOLBEG: REGENERATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY CONFLICTS

This technical visit will walk through significant infrastructure developments in the neighborhood of Ringsend, on the south bank of the River Liffey, discussing and reflecting on the conflicts that have arisen in recent times as a result of growth and development, and the ways in which the community has been engaged for more participative, just, and sustainable planning. The visit includes a tour of the waste-to-energy plant where you will learn about the sustainable treatment of waste and its conversion into renewable energy, as well as about their Community Gain Fund. Poolbeg Lighthouse on the Great South Wall is a gentle and scenic loop walk into Dublin Bay where you can soak up some views of the surrounding coastline. *45-minute walk from the CCD to the Poolbeg Incinerator; 40-minute walk from the incinerator to Poolbeg Lighthouse; 90-minute walk from the lighthouse back to the CCD.*

**Sunday 28 April**

**Depart** 13:00 | **Return** 18:00

**Level of physical activity** Moderate

**Minimum-Maximum** 20-no cap

**Price** \$30

Price includes guide fee.

Option to stop for coffee in Ringsend neighborhood on your own (additional cost approximately €10).

**Special notes** Photo identification required. Sunscreen, warm waterproof clothes, and walking shoes recommended.



# Financial aid opportunities



With over 800 delegates from 80+ nations around the world, IAIA24 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 financial aid opportunities for students, young professionals, and other populations. Read more about these opportunities and apply online at:

<https://2024.iaia.org/financial-aid-opportunities/>

## ENERGY CAPACITY BUILDING STIPEND (CBS) PROGRAM

IAIA, in partnership with the Norwegian Environmental Agency and Norad's Energy for Development Programme, offers this CBS program to aid individuals in attending IAIA24. The primary objective of this stipend is to help reduce poverty in Norad partner countries by providing training and knowledge to impact assessment professionals who are working to sustainably manage their country's energy resources. A select number of applicants who meet all qualifications will receive a stipend to attend the conference.

The application deadline is **8 January 2024**.

## CONFERENCE INCLUSIVENESS BURSARY (CIB) PROGRAM

IAIA deeply values equitable and sustainable development and the right of citizens to have a voice in the decisions that affect them. A limited number of Conference Inclusiveness Bursaries will therefore be awarded to individuals who identify as Indigenous persons, members of affected communities, or persons from underrepresented populations or least developed countries (LDCs) to attend IAIA24. The intention of a bursary is to fully fund a participant's registration and travel expenses to attend the conference.

Thanks to funding from the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office, a certain number of bursaries will be given to Indigenous persons from British Columbia, Canada.

The application deadline is **8 January 2024**.

## 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. This scholarship allows young practitioners in the region of the host country to attend the IAIA annual conference. Potential candidates are those who have never attended an IAIA annual conference in the past and submit an abstract to present a paper at IAIA24 by the 31 October abstract deadline.

The application deadline is **8 January 2024**.

## STUDENT TRAINING COURSE FEE WAIVERS

**A limited number of free training course registrations are available to student participants of IAIA24** once courses reach their minimum paid enrollments. If you are interested, please send the following to [kiesha@iaia.org](mailto:kiesha@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 (see courses listed on pages 11-17).

Applications for free course registrations will be accepted from **4-18 March 2024**. Allocations of the free training course slots will be made in late March based on the order in which the requests were received and subject to instructor approval.

## 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 IAIA24?

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. Recent conferences have included between 800 and 1,000 delegates from 80+ 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 IAIA24 sponsorship brochure at <https://2024.iaia.org/iaia24-sponsors/> 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 14,000+)
- Online recognition on the IAIA24 sponsors page
- Recognition in final program and mobile app
- Discount on exhibit booth
- Discount on training courses
- Mobile app push notification to delegates
- Mention in IAIA24 news releases

### 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 Ireland, please contact Eddie Smyth ([eddiemyth@intersocialconsulting.com](mailto:eddiemyth@intersocialconsulting.com) | +353.857036042).

To ensure that you receive all promised benefits, please confirm your sponsorship by **1 March 2024**. After that date, benefits cannot be guaranteed.

## Urraitheoirí agus taispeántóirí

sponsors and exhibitors

Check out the benefits available to your company by downloading the full IAIA24 sponsorship opportunities brochure at <https://2024.iaia.org/iaia24-sponsors/>



## EXHIBITORS

Advertise your company or demonstrate your project: prominent display space is available! Contact IAIA HQ ([caitlyn@iaia.org](mailto:caitlyn@iaia.org)) before 1 March 2024 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.

# Section activities

## MEET THE IAIA SECTIONS!

IAIA has special-interest 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. Some Sections have a rolling program of work throughout the year and all have opportunities to meet virtually during the year.

The members of the Sections and their activities are the lifeblood 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.

### WHY GET INVOLVED IN SECTIONS?

- 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.
- Section chairs will be identified by ribbons on their name tags so that you can find them during the conference.
- Each Section will hold a Section meeting during the conference, which everyone is welcome to attend.

### ANY QUESTIONS?

Please contact **Charles Kelly**, co-chair of the Sections Coordinating Committee ([havedisastercallkelly@gmail.com](mailto:havedisastercallkelly@gmail.com)), or the chair of a specific Section as listed here, or visit [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > Membership > Sections for more information.



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# Conference information

## LOCATION AND DATES

IAIA24 will take place from 24-27 April 2024 at the Convention Centre Dublin (CCD) with adjunct events planned before, during, and after the conference. Activities will take place at the convention centre unless otherwise noted.

The address is Spencer Dock, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1 D01 T1W6 Ireland | [www.theccd.ie](http://www.theccd.ie).

Did you know? The CCD was the world's first carbon-neutral constructed convention centre.

## LANGUAGE USED (CONFERENCE)

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in English.

## FINAL PROGRAM AND MOBILE APP

This 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.

To conserve paper, IAIA plans to have a minimal final program. It will be posted in PDF on the website approximately one month prior to the conference, and it will be available in hard copy at conference check-in at the convention centre.

The final program will also be available in the IAIA24 mobile app, which delegates can use to search for sessions and speakers, select favorite sessions to create a personal agenda, take notes, and more. The mobile app will be available approximately two weeks prior to the conference.

## PUBLICATIONS

IAIA plans to publish optional conference papers and PowerPoint slides 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/iapa](http://www.tandfonline.com/r/iapa) for submission information.

## CONFERENCE ATTIRE

IAIA conferences are generally business casual.

## 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 ([caitlyn@iaia.org](mailto:caitlyn@iaia.org)) for price information and to order equipment before 24 March 2024. For on-site inquiries, payment will be required at time of request, and IAIA cannot guarantee that equipment will be available.

## 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.

## MEALS

IAIA will provide lunches 25-27 April and coffee breaks 24-27 April at the convention centre.

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 ([caitlyn@iaia.org](mailto:caitlyn@iaia.org) | +1.701.297.7908) by 24 March 2024 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 in-person or exhibitor rate.

IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and/or travel expenses for program participants.

In-person 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. All delegates will receive access instructions for the mobile app in advance of the conference.

**IAIA members:** If it is more convenient for you to pay your membership dues at the same time as conference registration, please feel free to do so. Your membership will then be extended one year from your anniversary date.

**Non-members:** The non-member rate does not include IAIA membership. Join IAIA or renew your membership at [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) before or during the registration process to enjoy discounted member rates.

**Students:** The student rate includes a one-year membership. If you are a current member, your membership will be extended one year from your anniversary date.

**Affiliate members:** Members of IAIA Affiliates having an active MoU with IAIA may register at the IAIA member rate. This rate does not include IAIA membership. You must provide your Affiliate's name 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 24 January 2024. Fees are accepted by MasterCard, Visa, or American Express and are charged in US Dollars (USD). Checks made payable to IAIA in USD drawn on a US bank are also accepted.

Registration closes 4 April 2024. Pre-registration and pre-payment by 4 April are required. Cash payments on-site will not be accepted.

IAIA will refund registration fees upon written request received before 4 April 2024. A US\$125 processing fee will be retained. After 4 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. The refunded amount may differ depending on exchange rates.

# General information

## HOST CITY

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.

## CONFERENCE HOTELS

IAIA has negotiated room blocks and conference rates at three hotels near the convention center. See more information at [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > IAIA24 > More Info > Plan Your Stay.

## CLIMATE

Dublin has a temperate oceanic climate with mild temperatures and rainfall all year round. The temperature in April averages 13°C/55°F during the day and 4°C/39°F at night. Humidity is consistently high in April, averaging 83%.

## LANGUAGE USED

English and Irish (Gaeilge) are the official languages in the Republic of Ireland.

## PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All attendees from outside Ireland are responsible for making sure they have the correct documentation to enter the country. Delegates are strongly advised to check with their local embassies and explore visa requirements as early as possible, and should a visa be required, to apply as soon as possible as the process can be time consuming. Ireland is not a part of the Schengen Agreement.

Helpful sites:

Department of Foreign Affairs: <https://www.dfa.ie/travel/visas/visas-for-ireland/>

Citizens Information: <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving-country/visas-for-ireland/permission-to-land-in-ireland/>

## TRANSPORTATION TO DUBLIN

Carbon-neutral Dublin Airport is one of Europe's busiest airports, with more than 55 airlines flying to over 170 destinations.

## TRANSPORTATION WITHIN DUBLIN

Dublin Airport is 12 km north of the city center (20 minutes journey). Aircoach, Airlink and Dublin Bus provide bus services from both terminals, and metered taxis (approximately €40) are also readily available.

If you need a lift quick, taxi apps like Lynk and Free Now are a handy option. You can also arrange a pick-up with a local taxi company over the phone. You'll find taxi ranks dotted around the city too. But if you see one in the street, you can always hail it down. In Ireland, taxis can be any color. But they all have an eye-catching yellow sign on their roof. If the light is on, it means they're available to take a fare. In Ireland, taxi services are highly regulated. Drivers need a special licence and insurance to operate and, for this reason, Uber does not offer private car rides in the city.

The Luas is the light rail system that connects Dublin's suburbs to its core. Trams run every five minutes at peak times and every 10-15 minutes at other times. The service runs from around 5:30am to 12:30am Monday to Friday, 06:30am to 12:30am Saturdays and 07:00am to 23:00pm on Sundays and public holidays.

See <https://dublin.ie/live/life-in-dublin/getting-around/> for information on getting around in Dublin by bus, tram, taxi, and more.

## BUSINESS HOURS

Hours vary from shop to shop; the following are guidelines only. Larger department stores are usually open 09:30-19:00 Monday-Saturday, 12:00-18:00 on Sunday, with extended hours on Thursday. Smaller shops are typically open 09:30-18:00 Monday-Saturday, 12:00-18:00 on Sunday, with extended hours on Thursday. Many grocery and convenience stores are open 24 hours. Banks are open 10:00-16:00 Monday-Friday, and 10:00-17:00 on Thursdays. Some bureaux de change keep longer hours, including those at the airport. Museums in Dublin generally open from 10:00-17:00 Tuesday-Saturday. Most have extended hours on Thursday. Lunch is usually between midday and 13:00 and dinner is between 18:00-19:00, with most restaurants open later.

## SMOKING

Smoking is banned in enclosed public spaces, which includes restaurants, bars, the conference center, museums, shops, and public transport.

## CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The monetary unit in Ireland is the Euro (€). The conversion rate as of October 2023 is €1.00 to US\$1.04. ATMs can be found in the airport and all main shopping streets. Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted throughout Ireland.

## TIPPING

Tipping is not mandatory, but it is common practice. The most common places for tipping are in a restaurant for a sit-down meal (10%; 20% for a large group) or for tour guides (10% of the tour price). For taxis, tips aren't necessary, or you may round up the fare (e.g., €9 to €10). In hotels: porters €2, room service €2, housekeeping €1-€2 per night.

## ELECTRICITY

In Ireland the power sockets are of type G. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

## TAXES

Shopping in Ireland is subject to VAT (sales tax) of 23%. Visitors may be able to claim some VAT back on purchases made in Ireland and a duty-free allowance on goods bought outside the EU. Look for the "Tax-Free Shopping" sign in the windows of participating stores. To obtain your tax refund, you must complete a valid tax refund document, which you can get from participating stores. Present this document and goods to customs on departure at the airport, and you can receive your refund on the spot at some airports; otherwise, you can mail your tax refund document to the store and a refund will be issued.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

Visit [www.visitdublin.com/about-us](http://www.visitdublin.com/about-us) for information on local attractions and guides.

OTHER HELPFUL SITES

[www.meetireland.com](http://www.meetireland.com)

[www.ireland.com/en-us](http://www.ireland.com/en-us)

[www.discoverireland.ie/info/about-discover-ireland](http://www.discoverireland.ie/info/about-discover-ireland)

[www.tourismireland.com/](http://www.tourismireland.com/)

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## 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 18 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.

**IAIA's Values:** IAIA promotes the application of integrated and participatory approaches to impact assessment, conducted to the highest professional standards. IAIA believes the assessment of the environmental, social, economic, cultural, and health implications for proposals to be a critical contribution to sound decision-making processes, and to equitable and sustainable development. IAIA is committed to the promotion of sustainability, the freedom of access to information, and the right of citizens to have a voice in decisions that affect them. When we assess the impact of policies, plans, programs, or projects, we promote the free flow of complete, unbiased and accurate information to decision makers and affected parties. We believe that impact assessments should be inclusive and comprehensive, addressing the broader social and health impacts as well as any impacts on the biophysical environment. Respect for human rights and human dignity should underpin all assessments. We acknowledge that we have a duty of care to both present and future generations.

## REDUCING THE CARBON FOOTPRINT

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

To this end, US\$7 from every conference registration will be donated to a local organization for further environmental causes.

IAIA encourages conference delegates to travel green! See Green Your Travel (<https://2024.iaia.org/green-your-travel/>) for some suggestions to help you get started.

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## 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 and/or online profile. Pre-registration and pre-payment by 4 April 2024 is required. Registrations will not be accepted on-site.

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_ (month)/ \_\_\_\_\_ (day)/20 \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Last (family) name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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

	Early Bird (by 24 January)	Regular
IAIA Member (or Affiliate Member).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$680	<input type="checkbox"/> \$800
Non-member.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$840	<input type="checkbox"/> \$960
Student (proof of current enrollment required).....		<input type="checkbox"/> \$290

## 3 | MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (optional)

Tier 1 (Low Income Economies).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 *
Tier 2 (Lower Middle/Upper Middle Income Economies).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 *
Tier 3 (High Income Economies).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150 *

\* Price includes electronic access to IAPA. Contact IAIAHQ for pricing with paper copies of IAPA.

## 4 | PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING COURSES

Pre-registration and pre-payment by 5 March is required. After 5 March, acceptance is subject to availability and receipt of payment. Courses may not be switched after 4 April.

1. Resettlement & livelihood restoration in IA	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
2. Cumulative effects assessment	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
3. More effective IA: Tools for argument & writing	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
4. Health in environmental assessments	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
5. Strategic thinking for sustainability	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
6. Theory & practice of infrastructure	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
7. Leadership in ESIA	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
8. Social risk management for major projects	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
9. More effective EIA follow-up	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
10. Transforming ESIA into action	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
11. Public participation for IA professionals	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
12. Human rights IA & due diligence	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
13. Linking sustainable finance & ESIA systems	22-23 April	<input type="checkbox"/> \$480
<b>Non-IAIA24 delegates</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> add \$85

## 5 | TECHNICAL VISITS

Pre-registration and pre-payment by 5 March is required. After 5 March, registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until 4 April or the maximum number of paid participants is reached.

A. Mount Lucas Wind Farm	22 April	# Persons _____	@\$95 = \$ _____
B. Abbeyleix Bog Project	22 April	# Persons _____	@\$135 = \$ _____
C. Bull Island	23 April	# Persons _____	@\$85 = \$ _____
D. Landfill to Community Park	23 April	# Persons _____	@\$110 = \$ _____
E. Boyne Valley	28 April	# Persons _____	@\$105 = \$ _____
F. Dublin Bay	28 April	# Persons _____	@\$100 = \$ _____
G. Ringsend to Poolbeg	28 April	# Persons _____	@\$30 = \$ _____

## 6 | EVENTS / PROGRAMS

Welcome reception	24 April	# Persons: Delegates _____ Guests _____
World Bank meeting	24 April	# Persons _____ @ \$30 = \$ _____
EIB workshop	24 April	# Persons _____ @ \$30 = \$ _____
UNDP workshop	24 April	# Persons _____ @ \$15 = \$ _____
Banquet	27 April	# Persons _____ @ \$60 = \$ _____
Speed Networking	25 April	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want to participate.
Newcomer Network	24 April	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am a FIRST-TIMER. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am a VETERAN.
I prefer vegetarian meals		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

## 7 | PAYMENT INFORMATION

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

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

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE US\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Pre-payment by 4 April 2024 is required. Cash payments on-site will not be accepted.

Charge to  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

Expiration date (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV/CVV security code \_\_\_\_\_

Print name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money order in US\$ drawn on a US bank enclosed.

Wire transfer in US\$. (Contact info@iaia.org for wire transfer instructions. Registrations will not be processed until full payment has been received.)

## 8 | SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
2024.iaia.org

**BY E-MAIL**  
info@iaia.org

**BY FAX**  
+1.701.297.7917

**BY POST**  
3212 14th Avenue S, Suite 1  
Fargo, ND 58103 USA

**QUESTIONS?**  
info@iaia.org



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“

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## Important dates and deadlines

*Please note dates are firm.*

### 31 October 2023

- Paper and poster abstract submission deadline

### 8 January 2024

- Energy Capacity Building Stipend application deadline
- Rita R. Hamm IA Excellence Scholarship application deadline
- Conference Inclusiveness Bursary application deadline

### 24 January 2024

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

### 1 March 2024

- Sponsorship confirmation needed to be recognized in final program
- Deadline for technical visit and training course registration
- Deadline for exhibitors and requests for inserts in delegate bags

### 5 March 2024

- Deadline for technical visit and training course registration

### 24 March 2024

- Requests for special audio-visual equipment due

### 4 April 2023

- Registration closes

### 22-23 April 2024

- Pre-conference training courses and technical visits

### 24-27 April 2024

- IAIA24

### 28 April 2024

- Post-conference technical visits

