



The International Association for
Impact Assessment

Professional Development Program (PDP)
in Impact Assessment:
The Foundation Course

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The PDP Vision

- A web-based, IA training program: for anyone, anywhere, any time
- Each participant receives personal support from an experienced IAIA trainer
- A suite of courses:
 - Foundation Course
 - Core Courses
 - Focus Courses

The PDP: A Suite of Courses

Foundation Course	Basic concepts, principles, objectives, and methods of project assessment
Core Courses	Biophysical, Land and Natural Resource Use IA Social IA (under development) Strategic IA
Focus Courses, e.g.:	Cumulative Effects Assessment Health IA Stakeholder and Public Engagement Resettlement of Project-Affect People (under development)

The Foundation Course: Overview

- To train IA professionals to:
 - The “IA Practitioner” or “IA Administrator” level of the *IAIA Guideline Standards for IA Professionals*; and
 - Participate effectively in IA as a team member
- 16 topics
- 6 participant/trainer online video conferences
- Each participant selects a defined case study to work on
- Each topic has a reading, a quiz, sometimes video(s), and a short assignment
- 20-40 hours for participants to complete
- Trainers spend 4-6 hours per participant, on average

The Foundation Course: Modules

Welcome

Getting Started

-- Participant/Trainer Conference --

Topic 1: Introduction and Overview of EIA

-- Participant/Trainer Conference --

Topic 2: Alternatives in EIA

Topic 3: Project Description

Topic 4: Screening

Topic 5: Scoping

-- Participant/Trainer Conference --

Topic 6: Establishing Environmental Conditions

Topic 7: Impact Analysis

Topic 8: Impact Evaluation

Topic 9: Impact Mitigation and Management

-- Participant/Trainer Conference --

Topic 10: Reporting

Topic 11: Review

Topic 12: EA Decision-making

Topic 13: Environmental Management, Follow-Up and
Monitoring

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Topic 14: Public and Stakeholder Involvement

Topic 15: EIA Project Management

Topic 16: Related Topics

-- Participant/Trainer Conference --

Course Wrap Up

The Foundation Course: History

- Launched at IAIA '14 in Vina del Mar, Chile
- Developed October 2016 – August 2017
 - Funding from Government of Norway, Government of Northwest Territories (Canada), and IAIA
- Piloted October-November 2017
- Since then, 3 courses delivered in 2018, and 1 in 2019
- Another course is planned for September – December 2019
- As of May 2019, there are:
 - 70 Alumni from 24 countries
 - A team of 8 trainers from 7 countries

The Foundation Course: Features

- Participants proceed at their own pace within a 12-week “course open” period
- Activities are flexibly scheduled to suit participant and trainer availabilities
- Regular participant/trainer online video conferences to review progress
- Logically organized course topics
- Videos of experienced practitioners discussing “real world” applications of various aspects of EIA
- Simple quizzes and short-answer assignments per topic to confirm participant grasp of the material
- Assignments are all based on one of 3 case studies
- Many links to excellent resource materials by IAIA and others
- Continued Alumni access to the course post-completion

Questions / Discussion?

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