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FORMAT

1. **Title of Submission.**
2. **Specify format.** Paper, poster, or workshop/session.
3. **Complete name(s) of author(s) and complete contact information for each author** (organization, street address, city, state/province, postal code, country, phone, fax, and e-mail; URL if applicable). Contact information will be published as provided by the author.
4. **Name of presenting author.** All correspondence will be directed to this person.
5. **Abstract.** 300 words maximum. Excess will be deleted.
6. **Key words.**
7. **Indicate under which conference topic you would like to submit your paper** (paper submissions only). Feel free to suggest topics not already listed.
8. **Any brief additional information** you think may be useful to the Program Committee, including the link with the major theme of the conference.

DEADLINE

1 April 2003

Early submissions are appreciated.

LANGUAGE

English or French

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PAPER PRESENTERS

A typical paper session allows approximately 5-10 minutes for your presentation and 5-10 minutes question time. However, program organizers and your session chair will determine and inform you as to the actual time limit for your particular session, depending on the number of papers to be presented and the session's format.

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Posters will be on display from 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 June, to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19. The Program Committee will inform presenters as to setup/takedown times and location.

PUBLICATIONS

The Program Committee tentatively plans to publish full conference papers and/or proceedings on CD-ROM. The Program Committee and/or your session chair will contact you regarding details of paper submissions. Participants are encouraged to submit their complete papers for publication in *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*.

Abstracts Welcome!

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GREETINGS AND INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

The role of impact assessment in capacity building is at the very heart of IAIA'03. Marrakech will provide opportunities to share experiences and learn from each other how we can best contribute to extending impact assessment around the world as a core process and key tool for sustainable development, to carry forward the discussions of IAIA'02 and Rio + 10, and to pursue IAIA's outreach, which is our core mission.

We expect IAIA to become ever more action-oriented in order to influence developments and best practice in the field of impact assessment. Attending and being part of IAIA'03 is the best show of support you can provide to IAIA, and the best professional gift you can give yourself and your colleagues.

I hope to see every one of you in Morocco.

Peter Leonard
IAIA President

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THEME & OBJECTIVES

The main theme of IAIA'03 is **Impact Assessment and Capacity Building**, with a specific emphasis on the needs of developing countries. This theme forms a constant thread in this year's gathering, encompassing the public sector—both centralized and decentralized—as well as the private sector and civil society.

In their ongoing development efforts, low income countries seek optimal paths to attract foreign investment in order to stimulate growth and reduce poverty. Is this objective synergetic with environmental conservation? Can national and local requirements for IA be developed in the abstract, away from their political, socio-economic, scientific and technological environment? Is IA a purely regulatory approach or does it represent both a way and a means of improving development impact, increasing the sustainability and quality of investments? Can a proper IA increase the visibility of environmental and social issues and, at the same time, improve process predictability and increase the local consensus for which the typical investor strives?

Once these basic parameters are explicit and in place, the questions of how to enhance sustainable national and local capacities for IA arise. What are the appropriate institutional arrangements? Who should be trained and equipped? How should the subsidiarity principle (what should be done at the international, national, provincial and local levels) be implemented? What roles should sectoral government agencies and the private sector play in the design, monitoring and reporting on the IA process' performance and review? Can local consulting and research capacities be developed and nurtured on a level playing field with international consultants?

So many questions and so few coordinated answers—questions ever more relevant to developing countries, given that assessment is presently going through fundamental changes which risk changing many of its core practices. Fortunately, others have already been there and the 1990s were a booming decade for IA capacity building. Many lessons can be learned from a simple information exchange and IAIA'03, thanks to the added value of the technical and policy meetings, will accelerate the process, to help low-income countries leapfrog—quantitatively and qualitatively—by learning from others' experience.

The objectives of IAIA'03 are clear:

- ◆ Continue the efforts and achievements of the first two decades of IAIA in moving the cutting edge further in various and expanding fields of IA.
- ◆ Use IAIA's convening powers to help the various actors of IA capacity building identify and focus on key bottlenecks and on ways and means to reduce them for faster enhancement of existing capacity and creation of capacity in many countries where there is a clear need.
- ◆ Provide our Moroccan hosts with a unique opportunity to benefit from others' experience at the very time when the country starts the implementation phase of its Environmental Impact Assessment regulations.

We welcome your active support in this great endeavor. IAIA'03 will be a strong platform for exchange: an opportunity to share with one another your experience in IA and to learn from theirs.

SATURDAY JUNE 14

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration (training courses only)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Training Courses

1. EIA Project Management
2. Health Impact Assessment
3. Integrating EIA, SEA and SIA for Policies, Plans and Projects
4. SEA: Current Practices, Future Demands and Capacity Building Needs
5. The Nature and Practice of Impact Assessment

SUNDAY JUNE 15

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration (today's events only)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Training Courses

1. EIA Project Management
2. Health Impact Assessment
3. Integrating EIA, SEA and SIA for Policies, Plans and Projects
4. SEA: Current Practices, Future Demands and Capacity Building Needs
5. The Nature and Practice of Impact Assessment
6. Systematic Review of EIA Documents

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Practitioners' Forum Plenary (see description on page 13)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Workshop on Capacity Building in Sub-Saharan Africa (see description on page 12)

MONDAY JUNE 16

7:20 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Training Course

6. Systematic Review of EIA Documents

All day

Technical visits

- A. Marrakech: Water Treatment Plant
- B. Jbilette: Arboretum
- C. Frass-Tifrouine: Dryland Development
- D. Essaouira Windmills: Renewable Energy
- E. Rural Electrification: Solar Energy

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Practitioners Forum Plenary
afternoon Setup of posters, booths and exhibits
7:00 p.m. Opening reception (tentative)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY JUNE 17

- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Topic posting and registering for Practitioners' Forum**
- 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **IAPA Editorial Board**
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Opening Plenary**
Welcome and Introduction to IAIA'03: Peter Leonard, President IAIA
Opening Address: His Excellency, Minister of the Environment, Morocco
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Plenary**
Impact Assessment and Capacity Building
Main gaps and needs in low-income countries
Examples of successful IA capacity building programs in low-income countries
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Practitioners' Forum** (continued)
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Poster Session and Exhibition**

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18

- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. **Topic posting and registering for Practitioners' Forum**
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Plenary: Link Between SEA and EIA**
 Chair: to be announced
The new understanding of the environment-poverty nexus
Strategic environment and social assessments
SEA and globalization (resource and knowledge transfers): How do IA tools and means fit in?
Can low-income countries really use SEA before they have reaped all the fruits of activity-based IA?
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **IAIA Annual General Meeting**
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Practitioners' Forum** (continued)
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **IAIA Committee Meetings**

THURSDAY JUNE 19

- 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Posting and registering for Practitioners' Forum**
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Plenary (panel). Impact Assessment: What Developers Want**
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Plenary** (continued)
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Francophone Secretariat Annual General Meeting**
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions and Workshops**
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **IAIA Section meetings**
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Closure and dismantling of posters, booths, and exhibits**
- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. **Practitioners' Forum** (final session)
- 8:30 p.m. **Gala Dinner, hosted by the Ministry of Territory Planning, Water and Environment.**

FRIDAY JUNE 20

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Closing Plenary**
Conference Highlights, Visions, and Lessons Learned
Practitioners' Forum pilot: Worth the time and effort?
Presidential Address by Richard Morgan
Introduction to IAIA'04
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Awards Ceremony**
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **IAIA Council meeting**

SATURDAY JUNE 21

- Various** **Post-Conference Tours Begin**



NOTE

This is a **tentative** schedule, subject to change. Watch the website for updates, and be sure to check the final program to confirm details of events.

theme 1

Improving Impact Assessment Practices

♦ IA Follow-Up - Learning by Doing

This workshop is intended to:

- ♦ advance and improve IA follow-up practice through the sharing of relevant experiences in follow-up. Specifically, it is hoped that the workshop will identify some of the experiences in IA follow-up pertinent to all stakeholders in the process
- ♦ explore the possibilities of “learning on the job” through IA follow-up.

This includes examples of learning from follow-up as well as learning for follow-up, and how to use expertise in follow-up efficiently. The use of IA follow-up as a means for continuous capacity building will be discussed.

The overall aim is to discuss and develop capacity building resources for conducting IA follow-up and hence contribute to improving IA practices generally. Good examples and cases highlighting expertise in IA follow-up techniques and approaches that provide feedback on IA processes and ways to enhance the relevance of IA follow-up in this regard are sought. It is hoped that the experts who participate in this workshop will be able to comment on, and thus influence the development of, follow-up practice by participants. The intention is to identify lessons learnt in IA follow-up as well as areas for improving processes and understanding.

The workshop format will include presentation sessions of some ten papers (preferably based on recent case studies or research) and plenary discussions led by the organizers. A summary paper of issues including conclusions and recommendations will be produced. These outcomes can be used for capacity building in jurisdictions with little or no experience in follow-up. An additional purpose of the workshop is to continue fostering the professional relationship among the international IA follow-up community that has been a part of the IAIA conferences for the past three years.

Leaders: Jill Baker, Jos Arts, Angus Morrison-Saunders

♦ Public Participation

Public participation in IA is growing, being required by many institutions and legislations. People and organizations want to be involved during the EIA process, but they also want to be involved at different stages of project, plan or policy life-cycle, from the planning phase, at a strategic assessment level, to the implementation or even operation phase. This requirement from both decision-takers and the public creates new spaces of governance where power is shared, where values are expressed, and where the actors (public, government, developers, decision-takers) get through a mutual-learning process. Hybrid forums, multi-actors focus groups, follow-up committees, and Internet discussion groups are amongst these new spaces, as well as more traditional participation practices. During the sessions on public participation, we would like to:

- ♦ hear about case studies from around the world having experimented in some ways, traditional or new, of public participation at one stage or another of the environmental assessment process
- ♦ share about the efficiency of these new spaces of governance for an integrated environmental management
- ♦ discuss the cultural dimension related to public participation which may limit the transferability of certain models of participation in specific cultural context, for instance from developed countries, to countries in development or in transition; or from Western to Eastern countries
- ♦ identify and debate about the needs for capacity-building in public participation

Do you have experience or a case study, at the project or strategic level, that you would like to share with IAIA professionals? Do you have opinions about the transferability of participation models, or experience involving cultural aspects of public participation? Is capacity-building in public participation a priority for you? You are invited to join the session by submitting an abstract, English or French, to IAIA.

We hope that this forum will bring to the agenda new challenges in public participation and capacity-building, and that it will improve networking for a better practice.

Leaders: Pierre Andre, Bert Enserink

♦ Environmental Management Systems

An Environmental Management System (EMS) is a structured process of integrating environmental matters with an organization's overall management system to help ensure it is on track to meet its environmental commitments. Policies, procedures, and resources committed to meeting environmental requirements are all part of an EMS.

As well as providing focus, an environmental management system can be used as a systematic framework for tracking progress towards environmental objectives. EMS can be structured to include and build upon the evaluation, assessment, monitoring, reporting, reviewing and other management activities associated with impact assessment. EMS can be utilized as a mechanism to provide feedback loops in an organization.

In addition to hearing best practice approaches to utilizing EMS at IAIA'03, it is hoped we can also discuss how EMS can effectively contribute to urban planning, resource management, trade agreements, and stakeholder involvement. Another possible area to explore is how EMS can be used as a tool for public consultation.

These and other EMS-related areas of interest will be explored during the workshops. Please share your EMS experiences with us, whether your experience is with industry, government, academia, city counsels, consulting, or general interest.

Leader: Debra Zanewich

♦ Linking Impact Assessment and Management Tools

As the concepts associated with sustainable development mature, and new and modified decision aiding tools are developed, so links between environmental (and other impact) assessment and management tools become all the more essential. Increasingly there is experience of trying to make links between tools, e.g. EIA/SEA and EMS, SEA and CBA, LCA and SEA, SEA and Sustainability Appraisal, etc. The purpose of this workshop is to exchange experience and to discuss theoretical and practical linkages between tools that can be made and further developed.

The workshop is based on submitted papers, but with ample time allocated for discussion, since one of the aims is to increase dialogue between different disciplines and practitioners. Previous workshops in this area have been run in

Glasgow (IAIA'99) and The Hague (IAIA'02) and have established a core network of interested academics and practitioners. The intention of the workshop is to exchange experience of how the vast array of different tools can be better linked together, from both empirical and theoretical perspectives. It is intended that a report from the discussions would be produced, as well as recommendations for further action, including perhaps to establish a more formal IAIA section concerned with links between tools. If appropriate, the report could be considered for publication in the *Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management*.

Leaders: William Sheate, Steven Pieters, Katinka Jesse

♦ Research Forum

Research undertaken by members of IAIA is one of the principal ways in which the organisation contributes to capacity building in impact assessment and environmental management. This workshop will provide an opportunity to present and discuss research of both a theoretical and applied nature, and to debate the role of IAIA in promoting and facilitating research.

The workshop will consist of a number of participatory sessions covering:

- ♦ research design and methods
- ♦ research in progress
- ♦ completed research
- ♦ building research capacity and capacity building through research

Considerable emphasis will be placed on discussion and debate during the workshop sessions. Postgraduate students and individuals at an early stage of their research career will be provided with an opportunity to receive feedback on their research strategy from a panel of senior academics and the audience.

The workshop will conclude with a small number of papers on building research capacity and a round-table discussion on the role of IAIA in achieving this goal.

Leader: Mat Cashmore

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♦ CBD Secretariat – Ramsar Bureau Joint Session

Article 14 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) recognizes impact assessment as an important decision-making process to minimize or mitigate the adverse effects of planned activities on biological diversity. Accordingly, Parties to the CBD are requested to introduce impact assessment procedures during the preliminary stages of projects, plans and policies, which are likely to impact biodiversity.

At its sixth meeting in June 2002, the Conference of the Parties to the CBD adopted guidelines for incorporating biodiversity-related issues into environmental impact assessment legislation and/or processes and in strategic environmental assessment in Decision VI/7-A. In November 2002, the same guidelines have also been approved by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in its Resolution 9.

It has been recognized, however, that the guidelines need further development to fully integrate biodiversity-related issues in the planning and implementation of development projects. In accordance with Article 8(j) of the CBD and Decision VI/10 of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD,

efforts are also underway to include into the guidelines social and cultural impacts on sacred sites and on lands and waters traditionally occupied or used by indigenous and local communities.

In light of these recent developments, a special joint session has been prepared by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat and the Bureau of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands to elaborate on the endorsed decision/resolution and to provide a platform for discussions and exchange of information among various interest groups of the IAIA community.

The joint session is expected to introduce the objectives and main elements of the CBD and the Ramsar Convention, and the role and evolution of impact assessment within the context of the two conventions. This will be followed by examining current practices in all streams of impact assessment, and considering ways and means for effective incorporation of biodiversity-related issues in the assessments. It is envisioned that the joint session will facilitate the implementation of relevant provisions of the CBD and the Ramsar Convention.

Leaders: Richard Hoft, Nick Davidson

theme 2

Exploring IA Themes and Scope

* Health Impact Assessment

Health concerns are of increasing importance to stakeholders at both policy and project level. Various governments have agreed to address healthy public policies, local district governments are involved, and at least one major multinational company has minimum health standards. The IFC review has highlighted the relative weakness of this area in Bank procedures. The IAIA has long recognised health as a distinct component of impact assessments. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with WHO, a board position has been created, the mission statement has been modified, and papers on HIA now form a regular part of the annual conference. But what is health impact assessment and how does it integrate with social, environmental or strategic impact assessment? How is the health of indigenous people affected? What are the differences between market and developing economies? Come and tell us at the technical discussions of the health section. There will be four sessions and the number of submitted papers is likely to exceed the time available, judging from last year. So get your abstract in quickly! English and French abstracts welcome.

Themes of particular interest follow, but other papers related to HIA are also welcome:

- ♦ Capacity building for HIA and IA (the conference theme)
- ♦ Cross-cutting issues eg: major cities in developed v developing economies
- ♦ International development and health impact
- ♦ Contrasting approaches for the public and private sectors
- ♦ Integrated impact assessment – combining for example health, social and environmental
- ♦ Health in planning
- ♦ The nature of the evidence used in HIA

Leaders: Martin Birley, Lea den Broeder, Roy Kwiatkowski, Alan Bond, Mark McCarthy, Robert Rattle, Carlos Dora, Rob Quigley, Lorraine Taylor

✳ Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements: the role of the biodiversity and ecology impact assessment community

Do you know what Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and other international agreements are doing for biodiversity and ecology impact assessment and capacity building for this? Are they doing enough? Are they doing the right things? Are they influencing EIA practice on the ground? Participate in the biodiversity and ecology impact assessment stream and bring us your perspective.

The last year has seen a flurry of outputs from MEAs, probably most notably the Plan of Action from the WSSD (Rio + 10) meeting, but also agreements from Conferences of Parties to the biodiversity-related Conventions and agreements produced under the auspices of these Conventions, such as the Cartagena Biosafety Protocol and Global Taxonomy Initiative produced under the CBD. There have also been a number of “independent” initiatives, including the Global Invasive Species Programme. This plethora of actions, targets and funding opportunities all require implementation. Many of them relate to impact assessment, for example, both the CBD and Ramsar have adopted the same set of guidelines on integrating biodiversity/wetlands issues.

The workshops in this stream concentrate on the role the biodiversity and ecology impact assessment community plays in assisting Parties to these agreements in meeting their obligations, particularly in contributing to capacity building for impact assessment. Papers will be selected which address the question: “What value can MEAs add to EIA practice, and what value can EIA practice add to MEAs?”.

We welcome abstracts relating to:

- ♦ the linkages, synergies and conflicts between the impact assessment provisions of MEAs
- ♦ the extent to which biodiversity and ecology impact assessment issues are being considered within MEAs, e.g., case studies on the extent to which these issues are addressed in particular agreements; and where they are not being adequately addressed, suggestions as to how this could be improved
- ♦ the extent to which the guidelines and other recommendations on biodiversity and ecology in impact assessment arising from MEAs are appropriate, could be improved, and are being used in practice, e.g., case studies on the use/non use of guidelines in particular EIAs
- ♦ what capacity is needed to implement the MEA provisions relating to impact assessment? Does this capacity already exist, or is additional capacity needed, and if so in what areas?
- ♦ how do international legal frameworks add value to EIA practice?
- ♦ how the biodiversity and ecology impact community, including IAIA, can use its resources to improve support implementation of impact assessment provisions of MEAs, e.g., by providing information, advice and experience

As well as presentations, there will be time for workshop discussions on these issues, with the aim of pulling together a plan of possible IAIA actions to assist Parties in implementing MEA obligations relating to biodiversity and ecology impact assessment.

Leaders: Helen Byron, Nick King

✳ Disaster Response and IA

This panel discussion session focuses on the linkages between disaster response and impact assessment. This session is divided into two parts, one on how disaster impact assessment is done and the second on how impact assessment deals with the potential of disasters in normal times.

The intent is to get the audience to think about disasters and how disasters affect their work in impact assessment. Abstracts for inclusion in a disaster-oriented session will also be considered.

Leader: Charles Kelly

✳ Social Impact Assessment

Now, as much as ever, consideration of social issues is essential for sustainability and the maintenance of healthy communities. While integration of the various forms of impact assessment is desirable, care must be taken to ensure that social issues are not subordinated in the process of integration. Capacity building in social impact assessment is therefore crucial, but more vital is the building of capacity in areas where it will have greatest effect.

The three major emphases of the workshop will therefore be:

1. improving capacity in the SIA profession
2. improving in-house capacity within sector groups (e.g., forestry companies, conservation organisations, social policy departments, etc.)
3. improving capacity in developing countries (where lack of basic equipment, transport infrastructure and literacy mean SIA and public participation can present specific challenges for the practitioner/trainer)

In addition to papers on these three areas for capacity building in SIA, improving the integration of SIA with related areas will be an objective of the social impact stream. It is anticipated that specific sessions will be held in conjunction with other workshops:

1. integration of SIA with health impact assessment
2. integration of SIA with environmental impact assessment
3. integration of SIA into strategic environmental assessment
4. discussion of issues around SIA and public participation
5. consideration of cross-cultural and Indigenous issues in SIA

Given this period of unrest, it is appropriate to have a session which considers the social impacts of militarisation, terrorism, and counter terrorist measures.

Finally, with the release in late 2002 of the first version of the International Principles for SIA, provision will be made to discuss and further refine the Principles, as well as progressing the development of stakeholder specific guidelines for social impact assessment.

Leaders: Di Buchan, Gary Cox, Christiane Gagnon, Frank Vanclay, Bob Tai

✱ Strategic Environmental Assessment

Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) is rapidly becoming an established policy, plan and programme support instrument, aiming to ensure the environment is given due consideration in decision making for sustainable development. Whilst there is still some resistance in a number of planning systems towards using SEA more widely, its increasing popularity is clearly related to the growing appreciation of the benefits that can arise from its application. One important task of SEA practitioners and scholars is to promote these benefits more widely. In this context, the description of the empirical evidence derived from case examples should be emphasised, indicating why and how they helped to improve decision making. Furthermore, based on the evidence found in different systems, SEA theory should be further developed. Whilst theory development had been somewhat neglected up until a few years ago, more recently there have been signs of an intensifying debate on SEA's theoretical approaches and foundations, particularly in connection with the broader planning and decision making debate. Therefore, within this workshop, participants are encouraged to submit papers aiming to connect empirical evidence with the emerging SEA theory. In this context, the question whether a clearer distinction is needed between assessment of policies on the one hand and plans and programmes on the other hand should be addressed, as has been suggested by a number of authors.

Only a deeper understanding of what makes SEA successful in different contexts will help us to 'sell' this highly beneficial decision support instrument better and achieve a more widespread application. Depending on the number of paper submissions, in addition to the core theme, several other sessions are anticipated. Similarly to previous years, these may be based on:

- ◆ the presentation of SEA case studies
- ◆ SEA in developing countries – possibly with a focus on Africa
- ◆ SEA in development co-operation
- ◆ emerging SEA systems in Europe, following the 'SEA Directive'

The submission of any SEA related papers and other session ideas are greatly appreciated!

Leaders: Thomas Fischer, Jon Hobbs

theme 3 Impacts of Globalization on IA

✱ Environmental Assessment in Countries in Transition

Many nations have recently undergone or are undergoing a transition from isolated, centralized, authoritarian regimes with significant state control over economies to more democratic and decentralized societies with market economies open to global influences. What is the relationship between this process of transition and Environmental Assessment (EA) systems?

This session primarily discusses lessons from more than a decade of transition in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, as well as some other regions of the world. Particular topics examined during the session may include, but would not be limited to:

- ◆ What are the criteria of success of an EA system in a transitional society?
- ◆ To what extent can an EA system use inherited elements of centralized economic and land-use planning?
- ◆ Can a good EA system facilitate political and economic as well as environmental transition?
- ◆ Are SEAs of transition policies such as privatization and trade liberalization feasible and desirable?
- ◆ Can EA policy systems be transferred from more developed countries and what are the relevant lessons provided by policy transfer studies from other areas?
- ◆ What are specific approaches to enhancing capacity for EA policy making and implementation in countries in transition?
- ◆ Are any specific approaches needed for evaluating EA systems in transitional societies?

The session has a direct link to the major theme of the conference by examining the capacity of transition societies and emerging democracies to develop and implement effective EA policies. The work of the session may be supported by the networking activities of the Network for EA in Countries in Transition (URL: <http://www.ceu.hu/envsci/eianet-work/>). The session may also contribute to a special IAPA issue on emerging democracies currently planned (guest-edited by the leader of the proposed session).

Leader: Aleg Cherp

✱ Environmental Law

The Section on Impact Assessment, Environmental Law, Institutions and Policies is organising a session, including a roundtable, focused on the role of institutional development as a key support for sustainable development, in particular in developing countries.

The session analyses the role of impact assessment as a tool on the different aspects of institutional development, including, social, economic, health, environmental and risk assessment, among others, and in connection with the mutual strengthening between legislation on impact assessment and the shape of institutions.

The issues are relevant not only for developing countries but also for industrialised and post-industrialised countries, within the context of providing the right institutional ways for transparency of institutions (public information) and of private companies (corporate reporting).

The session also focuses on the post-Johannesburg situation and the new role alongside with the public institutions of the private sector within the context of sustainability. Emphasis will be placed on the Mediterranean context, taking into consideration that the IAIA Annual Meeting is happening for the first time in the North African and Mediterranean Region and that there are very relevant and complex prospects within the framework of the implementation of the Free Trade Area between the Mediterranean Countries and the European Union for 2010 (Euro-Partenariat within the Barcelona Process).

Leader: Jose-Luis Salazar

✿ Impact Assessment of Trade

With increasing globalisation and the desire to remove trade barriers, the impact assessment of trade-related policies has become an important emerging new form of IA. It aims to improve our understanding of the impacts of increased trade, to improve coherence between trade and environmental, social and economic development policies, and to provide a framework for informed debate on globalisation issues.

As part of their policy formulation, governments in North America and Europe have embraced open and transparent processes of IA which can assist policy makers and negotiators to develop policy packages conducive to sustainable development and increase transparency and stakeholder involvement in decision-making. NGOs have encouraged these government initiatives and have undertaken their own IAs of trade policy. UNEP has played a leading role in building capacity in developing countries to undertake similar assessments through country-led case studies which have themselves contributed to the understanding of trade impacts.

IA of trade-related policies can provide important insights into the relationships between trade and poverty reduction, conservation of natural resources, and the social and cultural aspects of development. It can provide developed, developing and transitional countries with tools and mechanisms to realise the potential economic gains of trade liberalisation in a manner that is consistent with their sustainable development goals. Assessments can highlight aspects of countries' policy and regulatory frameworks which may need to be strengthened and identify technical assistance which may be offered in support. They may cast light on the relationships between trade rules and other multilateral agreements, and highlight areas where further international cooperation is needed.

Significant experience has been accumulated in conducting trade IAs, but many challenges remain. The technical session will aim to address these challenges, with particular emphasis on:

- ◆ capacity building and technical assistance in developing and transitional countries
- ◆ international consultation and stakeholder involvement
- ◆ qualitative and quantitative assessment techniques
- ◆ trade-related agricultural and industrial development policies
- ◆ relationships between trade rules and multilateral environmental agreements
- ◆ corporate responsibility in technology transfer, multinational operations and free trade zones

Papers are invited which address these and other challenges, from practical or theoretical perspectives. Case studies and examples describing difficulties encountered and lessons learned are particularly welcome. Time will be devoted during the session to draw together shared experiences and a wide range of views as the first step towards establishing principles for the IA of trade-related policies. Anyone with views or ideas on this challenging and influential new form of impact assessment is invited to participate.

Leaders: Clive George, Bernice Goldsmith, Shirley Conover

✿ Environmental Impact Assessment in Conflictual and Post-Conflict Contexts

Environmental aspects of conflicts and post-conflicts involve various and numerous questions, namely those related to refugee camps, resettlement, and assessment of the state of post-conflict resource bases for reinstating or restructuring such land-based activities as forestry, agriculture or shepherding. Can there be adverse environmental, global, or extra-regional effects? Should there be some assessment of the possible large-scale environmental effects of some weaponry? In addition, can there be post-conflict reflections on how to properly manage or share resources, such as surface or ground water, in order to avoid possible future conflicts or to preserve reservoirs from possible contamination? Should there be EIA of post-conflict reconstruction and resettlement programs?

This session invites papers on studies of environmental effects related to conflicts or environmental assessments related to post-conflict reconstruction or development efforts, as well as reflection papers on the above issues.

Leader: Michel A. Bouchard

✿ IA and International Finance

Financial institutions are increasingly exposed to and involved with impact assessment everywhere on the planet. From the multilateral investment banks, both global and regional in focus, to the bilateral arrangements between governments, to the private sector financial institutions and their project sponsor clients, impact assessment is integral to project review, decision-making and financing.

IA and International Finance aims to cover the spectrum of issues and concerns, lessons learned and best practice for IA in the financial community. It could include such aspects as:

- ◆ policies, guidelines and directives for IA
- ◆ integrating multiple regulatory requirements into IAs
- ◆ institutional processes and implementation
- ◆ consultation and disclosure requirements
- ◆ case studies illustrating best practice, lessons learned, or things to avoid
- ◆ comparisons between and across financial institutions; learning from each other
- ◆ relationships with stakeholders, including NGOs
- ◆ the onus on the financier: the buck stops here (!)
- ◆ institutional risk assessment, avoidance and management
- ◆ the significance of follow-up and monitoring for financing
- ◆ integrating IA into financial/project decision-making
- ◆ cross-cutting IA issues in financing
- ◆ IA and corporate reputation/risk: financing implications
- ◆ socially responsible investment: IA implications for financiers
- ◆ 'outside the box' thinking: IA issues and implications for the financial community
- ◆ beyond the project: financial institutions and big picture issues
- ◆ cumulative, regional, strategic and sectoral IA: is the financier culpable?
- ◆ capacity building and IA: the financial community's role
- ◆ IA as financial risk management tool

This new topic is a pilot case; if sufficient interest is shown, it would be expanded to a full workshop for IAIA'04. We look forward to members' creative and original papers on this challenging new topic.

Leaders: William Kennedy, Greg Radford, Lee Doran

theme 4

Enhancing Grassroots Development through IA

* Capacity Building in IA for Small-Scale Development Activities

Small-scale or community-based activities and projects are an essential basis of rural development. Experience has shown that IA processes are critical to the environmentally and socially sound design of these projects and activities, helping designers avoid costly errors or project failures, and addressing potential cumulative impacts from the large number of such activities occurring in developing countries. Implementing IA in this context is challenging, due to the large numbers of activities involved and the decentralized nature of the activities and their staffing.

This workshop allows participants to benefit from the experiences of practitioners and organizations involved in impact assessment and environmentally and socially sound design for small-scale activities (SSA). It provides a forum for the presentation of on-the-ground findings and lessons learned and addresses how to improve capacity building in SSA and community-driven development impact assessment and/or reviews. An important focus is on strategies for 'Training of Trainers' in environmentally and socially sound design and best management practices, using impact assessment processes.

The workshop is structured around a series of presentations by donor, non-profit, government and impact assessment private entities with experience in developing and/or implementing impact assessments for small-scale activities. We anticipate contributions from The World Bank, USAID, CIDA, GTZ, UNDP and others. Presentations are followed by open discussion periods moderated by Wes Fisher and others. Topics the workshop presenters will be asked to focus on include:

- ♦ Examination of approaches to environmental screening/reporting at the community/local level
- ♦ Effective approaches to the review of SSA impact assessments at the community, local, district and national levels, and to ensuring that mitigation, monitoring and follow-up actually take place
- ♦ The latest material on mitigation, monitoring and Best Management Practices for SSA by sector
- ♦ Analysis of capacity building approaches in IA for small-scale activities
- ♦ The design of training and capacity building for diverse audiences, e.g., NGOs, local consultants, community members, local and district level government professional, extension services, university staff
- ♦ Who should carry out training programs at different levels and the type of training material needed

Leaders: Weston A. Fisher, Charlotte Bingham

* EIA and NEPAD

The "New Partnership for Development of Africa" (NEPAD) will presumably create numerous opportunities for regional infrastructure development, as this is its foremost priority and these, in turn, will create substantial needs for environmental impact assessments and possibly additional or accelerated needs for capacity building. Although NEPAD has integrated the environment in a transversal manner, it does not specifically call upon IA as a development tool. Obviously there will be project-type IA, but NEPAD presents the additional challenge of upstreaming the environmental assessment process to the strategic planning phases. On the other hand, there may be a need to reflect on or to build up from previous experiences of IA of regional infrastructure projects in Africa, such as those which will likely be prioritized by NEPAD.

The session invites papers which are reviews of lessons learned from large-scale regional-type infrastructure projects in Africa, or reflections on applications of strategic environmental assessment in such large-scale programs such as NEPAD.

Leader: Isaac Moussinga

* Capacities for Urban Development

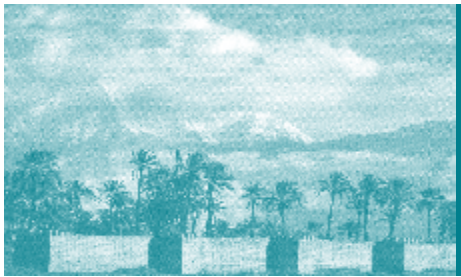
Urban areas provide advantages to citizens in terms of increased economic opportunities, access to education, and delivery of social services. On the other hand, they are also the source of growing poverty and human hardship. Local authorities are challenged, not only because they have to implement national and international policies, but also because poor urban management eventually degrades both the physical and the social environment and renders cities inefficient. Private business and investment decisions have an increasing impact on urban development. With half the world's population already dwelling in urban settlements and the expected increase over the next decades, urbanisation is certainly one of the strongest factors influencing sustainable development.

Urban problems are concerns common to both developed and developing countries, although urbanisation is occurring most rapidly in developing countries. Key issues on the urban agenda (Habitat II) refer to shelter, social development and eradication of poverty, environmental management, economic development, (good) governance, and international cooperation. Only strong, decentralised local governments, which are in touch with and accountable to their citizens and which work in partnership with national governments are in the position to provide guidance to cities and towns (ICLEI, 2002). Sustainable urban management and development has become a collaborative initiative, at the same time necessitating and fostering decentralisation, participation, and (public-private) partnership.

Government, civil society (including NGOs) and private business have to develop the necessary capacities to understand and deal with their development needs, to improve their ability to solve problems, define and achieve objectives and perform necessary functions within the urban system. The workshop shall provide a platform for the exchange of experiences in developing the necessary capacities for sustainable urban management and development.

Leader: Markus Eggenberger

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS & SESSIONS



Definition of Terms

Annual Meeting: An extended collection of IAIA and IAIA-related events within a week to two-week time frame, including special meetings, technical visits, short courses, and social events.

Conference: The core of the annual meeting; typically 3-4 days devoted to plenaries, concurrent sessions, and IAIA business.

Session: A block of time during which presentations are made on a single topic.

Stream: A number of sessions on the same topic.

Theme: A unifying idea under which streams of similar topics are grouped.

Paper Presentation: The oral summary of a paper within a session. Typically paper presenters have 20 minutes presentation time, including time for Q&A.

Poster: Visual presentation of a paper or project by means of graphics, photos, data, and a small amount of text on a display area. Posters are self-explanatory, but poster authors are available to answer questions during the session dedicated to poster viewing.

Workshop: The topic is specific and active discussion seeks to resolve a defined problem. May be a combination of paper presentations and discussion.

Panel: Invited speakers present different views or experiences on a topic, typically followed by an informal discussion between the speakers and questions from the audience.

Roundtable: A group of individuals, usually invited, hold an informal discussion on a specific topic or problem.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON EA CAPACITY BUILDING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (15 JUNE)

This workshop is being organised and run by a consortium of African EA institutions whose individual and collective objective is to improve the use of EA as a key tool in the promotion of sustainable development in sub-Saharan Africa.

Well-known African and international EA/sustainable development experts will combine to provide a "big picture" analysis of EA in the region, highlighting the opportunities presented by the New Partnership for African Development (Nepad), the emergence of new institutions and the growth of collaborating networks.

To compliment the "big picture," individual initiatives will be presented in an attempt to generate interest amongst donors who might support a new, programmatic, locally-led approach towards building EA capacity in the region.

A morning of presentations will be followed by thematic roundtable discussions in an afternoon session that promises to be highly informative and interactive.

Who should attend:

- ◆ EA practitioners
- ◆ Policy-makers and high-level decision makers
- ◆ Donors and development agencies

Leader: Peter Tarr

PANEL SESSION WITH THE EDITORS OF KEY IA JOURNALS

Ever wonder how decisions get made on what is published in scholarly journals? Would you like to know how reviewers are selected? What do editors and reviewers look for in an acceptable and publishable paper? What can I do to get my paper ready for publication? Why are some papers returned without review? What are the benefits of scholarly publications for a practitioner-dominated organization such as IAIA? Why are library subscriptions to scholarly journals so expensive? The panel of editors and a publisher of scholarly journals will discuss these and other issues. Most of the research on impact assessment is published in the five journals represented below. Following five-minute individual presentations, both the panel and the audience will have time to raise questions and quiz the panel. All editors will be available throughout the conference to discuss how you can get your paper published.

Moderator & Organizer: Rabel J. Burdge, founding Co-editor, *Society and Natural Resources*

Panel Members: Christopher Wood and Carys Jones, Co-editors, *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*; Eric Johnson, Editor, *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*; William R. Sheate, Editor, *Journal of Environmental Assessment, Policy and Management*; John F. Benson, Editor, *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*; William Page, Publisher, Beech Tree Publishing

Workshops & Sessions: Theme 1 (continued from pages 6-7)

◆ Sustainable Assessment of Small-Scale Wildlife and Agricultural Management Activities

- ◆ Can small-scale wildlife management projects such as caribou or reindeer management programs respectively, in northern Canada or northern Europe be considered a part of sustainable development?
- ◆ Similarly, can small-scale biological agriculture projects in southern countries be considered a part of sustainable development?
- ◆ Can sustainable small-scale activities be an adequate adaptive measure to climactic changes?

We invite papers which deal with the sustainability assessment of such small-scale activities or deal directly with impact assessment and adaptivity of such projects to changing climates.

Leader: Robert Lanari

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS & SESSIONS

PRACTITIONERS' FORUM

By popular demand, the "Indaba" approach of IAIA '95 is back in the form of a real-scale pilot Practitioners' Forum.

In the mornings, delegates who have a burning issue to discuss post their topics, names, and ideas on a flip chart. Delegates who just want to participate register for the respective topics. Based on this democratic consultation, the topics are addressed in the afternoon, in a very informal setting, with the typical 10-20 interested participants sitting around the topic organizer and discussing/exchanging/sharing for typically an hour and a half.

Examples of topics that lend themselves quite well to the Indaba (meaning "open space" in Zulu) atmosphere range from "making difficult trade-offs in the field" to "experience with EIA Help Desks/Advisory Services" and "experience with EIA implementation in [the country/region of your choice]." This year, we may also want to add IAIA "process" topics like the role of IAIA in building capacity. Final selection of the topics will be the privilege of those of you who will propose them.

The high energy expected from the Practitioners' Forum (PF) will undoubtedly be felt by IAIA '03 participants, and will be feeding into and from the specialized workshops and the plenaries. The invaluable field experience of the practitioners will be combined with the quieter, longer-term knowledge and methodological approach of researchers and professors in IAIA. This pilot PF is in response to the feedback collected in previous IAIA meetings where practitioners were suggesting more and more intense "horizontal" and "vertical" exchanges for their maximum benefit. At the Friday plenary, lessons from the PF will be presented and there will be a democratic discussion on the pros and cons of mainstreaming the Forum in future IAIA annual meetings.

During the conference, short PFs will take place daily in the later part of the afternoon to allow maximum participation. The PF will be a great additional opportunity for networking among IAIA members, in a cozy, non-threatening atmosphere. It will be a genuine meeting of the minds. We look forward to experiencing it with you.

EXHIBITS Bigger and Better in '03

You won't want to miss the expanded and enhanced exhibit area this year at IAIA '03. A variety of organizations from Morocco and around the world will be represented:

- ◆ **MORE** national environmental agencies
- ◆ **MORE** corporations committed to sustainable development
- ◆ **MORE** NGOs and other international agencies and associations

The exhibit hall will be a great place to network and learn about the environmental activities of organizations throughout the world, and highlighting Morocco.

A not-to-be-missed event!

special event Book Share

Bring one or two of your favorite environmental reference books, new or recycled, as a contribution to the book share table. The books are then available cost-free on a first-come, first-served basis to delegates who might not readily find such books in their own localities.

special event 'Round the World Raffle

You've seen it twice ... this time, why not participate in the fun?

It works like this: items donated by IAIA '03 participants will be on display along with a short description of the item and its cultural significance. People can buy tickets for items they like. At the end of the poster session, one ticket per item is drawn and the winning ticket holder claims the prize.

Want to participate but not sure what to donate? Ask yourself this question: if someone were visiting your country, what would be considered a good souvenir? We've had a wide range of interesting items the last two years, including the African game of Eko, a handwoven bag from Ecuador, a carved Huon Pine plate from Australia, and bronze jewelry from Finland. All we ask is that each item have a minimum value of US\$10 and that you let us know by 1 May if you plan to donate.

Be creative! Think of it as a way to share a little piece of your culture every day with an IAIA colleague across the world. And remember, proceeds are contributed toward a good cause, such as a local charity or student memberships. So the more who participate, the more fun it will be and the more money we can donate!

Please send the information below by 1 May for each item you will donate. Electronic submission to Bridget John (bridget@iaia.org) is preferred. Otherwise, fax or mail the information to the HQ. Donors will be contacted at a later date with more information.

Starred (*) information will be displayed next to the item for the ticket purchasers to see.

Note: DO NOT SEND YOUR DONATION TO IAIA HQ. TAKE IT WITH YOU TO MARRAKECH.

IAIA '03 Raffle Donation

Your name:

*** Donated item:**

*** From what country?**

Approximate US\$ value:

*** Brief description or background on the cultural significance of the item (50 words or less)**

PROPOSED TECHNICAL VISITS

ABOUT TECHNICAL VISITS

These are preliminary descriptions; check the IAIA website or contact HQ for updated information about the technical visits, costs, times, and registration deadlines.

Technical visits will take place on **Monday, June 16.**

Accompanying persons and guests are welcome on technical visits.

A. Marrakech Water Treatment Plant

Marrakech's drinking water is supplied by surface as well as underground resources. Participants will visit the surface water treatment plant located 10km south of Marrakesh. The plant, which has been in operation since 1983, is the main structure which provides the city with drinking water. It has been designed for a production capacity of 120,000 m³ per day, and meets about 60% of the demands of the city's population in terms of drinking water. The plant treats water from the Moulay Hassan I Dam (situated in the region of Demnate), and taken from the Rocade Canal. This 118km-long canal transports water from the Sidi Driss Dam downstream. The untreated water intake from this canal is about 2km from the plant.

In case of emergency, a secondary water supply is ensured through the Lalla Takerkoust Dam, located in the region of Amezmit. The treatment process of this plant is of the following type: coagulation, flocculation, settling and filtration, and the plant's works include a main untreated water intake structure on the Rocade Canal, an emergency water intake structure, a 1400l/s-capacity pumping station and a 5000 m³-capacity loading reservoir, a feed structure, settling tanks, sand filters, sterilization tanks, and a group of technical buildings.

In order to provide a greater protection of this plant's supply against the disturbances generated by the degradation of the quality of the untreated water carried by the Rocade Canal, the ONEP (Office National de l'Eau Potable) has just carried out a sludge-removal unit upstream from the plant, which will improve the treatment capacity of the plant.

Follow-up of the quality of untreated and treated water along the treatment chain is ensured by the plant's laboratory, which is equipped with the appropriate devices in order to perform the required physio-chemical and bacteriological analyses.

B. Jbilette Arboretum

This event will start in a conference room for one hour and will continue outside at Jbilette, a town 36km from Marrakech. The purpose of this trip is to explain the importance of the cactus and other specific trees in the reconstruction of the natural environment in arid zones and their beneficial uses against the greenhouse effect and climatic changes.

Jbilette is a Biological Interest Site, where the gazelle "Docras" has a perfect habitat for finding food and enabling its development. During the visit, you will have the opportunity to appreciate the panoramic view and to see some gazelles.

An exposition tent will display the pharmaceutical and other products derived from cactus and other tree species. Moreover, a parcel will be planted in commemoration of IAIA'03 and each tree will have the name and the flag of the delegation's country.

C. Frass-Tifrouine Dryland Development Project

The Frass-Tifrouine Dryland Development Area Project supports the integration of food security within the framework of the dryland development strategy. At the national level, one of the project's goals is to set up a methodology integrating food security into the development programs of rural areas. At the local level, goals are improvement of the area's agricultural production, natural resources protection and conservation, and farmers' incomes; the promotion of women's activities; support of professional organizations, partnership, and the upward participatory approach, and institutional rehabilitation; and the integration of development actions.

The project (about 50km from Marrakech) spans the rural communes of Lalla Takerkoust and Ouzguita and has an area of 561 ha; irrigated areas extend over 106.7 ha and drylands cover 445.6 ha. The project cost 4,128,595 DH and was realized in partnership with FAO and UNDP.

This project includes the development and rehabilitation of séguis (inlet channels) and the building of waterpoints (3 watering places, 2 washeries, 3 hydrants). Three drystone thresholds were made and anti-erosion cactus, carob and acacia trees were planted, and planting of olive trees, introduction of new fruit trees and rehabilitation of fruit plantations were intensified. For the promotion of gender activities, a women's weaving unit was created.

D. Renewable Energy and Environmental Protection: The Essaouira Windmills

The first century is already characterized by a strong interaction between energy and environment. The energy sector can contribute to reduce the greenhouse effects and help to create proper energies. Morocco, conscious of its strong energy dependence, places significant importance on the mobilization of local energy sources and energy efficiency.

The Center of Development of Renewable Energy is helping realize programs and projects concerning rural electricity decentralized and control of the consumption of wood energy.

After a welcome at the Center of Development of Renewable Energy and a presentation of "The Moroccan Wind Program and the Integration of Windmills for the Decentralized Electrification Program," you will go to Essaouira (175 km from Marrakech) to see the project of windmill energy's utilization for rural electrification located in the village of Sidi Kaouki.

E. Rural Electrification: Decentralized Photo-Voltaic Solar Energy Project

Within the framework of the development and extension of the electricity coverage in Morocco's rural areas, especially the areas not connected to the national electric network, the CDER (Centre de Développement des Energies Renouvelables: Renewable Energies Development Center), in cooperation with ALDAR (Association Lamnabha pour le Développement Agricole et Rural: the Lamnabha Association for Agricultural and Rural Development), has implemented a decentralized rural electrification project with photo-voltaic solar systems to benefit four villages. The project cost 604,000 DH and consisted of:

- ◆ Electrified buildings: 64 households, 1 two-class school, teacher's accommodation, a mosque and 8 streetlights
- ◆ Capacity/battery: 120 AMP/Hour
- ◆ Power/module: 50 Wc/60 Wc
- ◆ Equipment/cell: three 13-watt lamps, one 11-watt lamp, one electrical socket
- ◆ Total surge power installed: about 4160 Wc.

On this half-day tour, participants will visit the beneficiary villages of Ouled Ali Ben Ahmed, Laâounate, Lahjar, and Laârbi Bel Hachmi, which are located about 50km from Marrakech on the Marrakech-Safi road, El Bour Circle Rural Commune of Lamnabha, Province of Sidi Youssef Ben Ali.

ABOUT TRAINING COURSES

IAIA pre-conference training courses are presented by IAIA members primarily for IAIA members. The courses are open to all participants but require advance registration and payment.

DATES, TIMES, LOCATION

IAIA'03 pre-meeting training courses #1-5 will be held Saturday and Sunday, 14-15 June 2003. Course #6 will be held Sunday and Monday, 15-16 June 2003. The courses will run from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Palmeraie Golf Palace and Resort.

REGISTRATION, DEADLINES, AND FEES

IAIA's two-day courses cost US\$400. This fee includes course materials, coffee breaks, and lunches. Participants in the training courses must register for the IAIA conference or be assessed an additional US\$50 fee. Course fees must be paid in full before admittance to the training course.

Minimum/maximum class sizes are 10-30 participants. If the course for which you have registered does not meet the minimum class size by 1 April, IAIA HQ will contact you to confirm that you have been assigned to your second-choice course, or that you have been taken off the roster and your fee will be refunded. Course registration after 1 April will be subject to availability, instructor consent, and receipt of payment.

If you must cancel, your course registration fee will be refunded minus a US\$50 administration fee and contingent upon a written notice of cancellation received in the HQ by 1 April. After 1 April, no refunds will be issued.

CHECK-IN

Check-in for the training courses will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on 14, 15 and 16 June at the Palmeraie Golf Palace. Name tags will be distributed at check-in and are required for admission to courses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more detailed descriptions of the courses, including outlines of activities, listings of course materials, learning objectives, and background information on instructors, see Conferences > IAIA'03 > Pre-conference Training Courses on the IAIA web site (www.iaia.org).

1 INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This course introduces the concepts, procedures and methods that support prospective health impact assessment (HIA). Participants will develop a working definition of health and HIA, consider what might be involved in conducting an HIA, and explore the methodological and procedural components.

This course uses a wide range of exercises to engage participants in the process so that they can transfer their knowledge and skills to each other.

Task 1 – Concepts (interactive lecture). Put (HIA) into context in terms of what it is and how it works.

- ◆ Develop a working definition of health and health impact assessment
- ◆ Consider examples of health impacts
- ◆ Gain a contextual base to the work you will undertake on the course

Task 2 – Method (small groups). Explore methodological questions by undertaking a rapid HIA of a development project.

- ◆ Consider what might be involved in conducting a health impact assessment
- ◆ Arrange the problem into logical components
- ◆ Focus on the methodological components

Task 3 – Procedure (small groups). Explore procedural questions associated with health impact assessment.

- ◆ Decide when an HIA is needed
- ◆ Examine what should happen before and after the actual assessment
- ◆ Consider how to assure the quality of a health impact assessment

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Veronica Birley is manager of training and consultancy for martin birley hia. She has previously assisted Martin in presenting training courses, including facilitating small group discussions.

Who should attend: Individuals wanting to find out more about HIA as well as those who plan to train their own colleagues in the basics of HIA. It is appropriate for both developed and developing economies.

Level: Introductory

Duration of course: 2 days (14-15 June)

Language: English

TRAINING COURSES

2 EIA PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The EIA Project Management Course is based on the CSIR manual titled “A Practical Guide to Managing the EIA Process.” The course focuses on practical EIA project management aspects and includes topics such as:

- ◆ Budgeting for an EIA (and dealing with uncertainty)
- ◆ Scheduling the EIA process
- ◆ Contracts between EIA practitioners and the client
- ◆ Dealing with the client throughout the process, whilst remaining “independent”
- ◆ Dealing with the authorities (and their expectations) throughout the process
- ◆ Dealing with I&APs throughout the process and managing their expectations
- ◆ Managing the specialists
- ◆ Report writing and integration of findings into a coherent aid for decision-makers
- ◆ Linkages between the outcomes of the EIA and the Environmental Management Programme (EMP) for the implementation of the project
- ◆ Practical aspects of informing stakeholders, organizing public meetings, ensuring participation in the process, producing and distributing reports, alternative mechanisms for communicating with various communities, etc.

Case studies and actual examples of proposals, budgets, schedules, terms of reference, Scoping Reports and Environmental Impact Reports will be used throughout the course. A detailed hardcopy course manual will be provided to each participant together with the slide presentations that will be used during the course. The course manual includes examples of proposals, background information documents, Table of Contents of Scoping Reports and Environmental Impact Reports, and Terms of Reference for specialists and specialist reviewers.

Stuart Heather-Clark has been involved in EIA and SEA project management for CSIR in South Africa and in various other African countries for more than 6 years. He has been extensively involved in environmental assessment and management capacity building and training (Universities, Technikons, Government Departments, environmental specialists, etc.). Recent courses presented by Stuart have included a 3-day EIA course at the University of Stellenbosch (Masters of Development Planning) and a 5-day EIA Project Management Course in Zambia funded by the World Bank. Stuart is a regular presenter on EIA in courses held at Cape Technikon, Peninsula Technikon, University of Stellenbosch (Masters of Public Admin, Masters of Development Planning), and University of Free State (MSc. Environmental Science).

Who should attend: Individuals who are presently involved in EIA or other developmental processes or relevant fields of work. These include environmental consultants, environmental authorities, and developers who request EIAs. Candidates should have some EIA experience or understanding of the fundamentals of the EIA process.

Level: Medium

Duration of course: 2 Days (14-15 June)

Language: English

3 INTEGRATING EIA, SEA AND SIA FOR POLICIES, PLANS AND PROJECTS

This course provides a holistic approach to assessment that can be used not only for EIA, but for management and implementation of policies, plans, and projects as well. The Integrated Decision Making® approach combines and integrates perspectives from environmental and strategic assessment, social impact assessment, alternative dispute resolution and project planning and implementation processes. The course is designed to transcend legal statutes limited to geographic regions, has universal applicability, and focuses on accepted principles of assessment and project management. This workshop consists of lectures, case study material and class participation. Participants learn to use and integrate perspectives from the respective areas to simplify and make more effective impact assessment tools and concepts.

After completing this workshop the participant will be able to:

- ◆ Apply Integrated Decision Making® principles to local, regional, and global levels of IA
- ◆ Identify and gather project critical data and perform effective stakeholder analysis
- ◆ Conduct a strategic analysis of EIA and SIA projects using proven corporate planning models
- ◆ Create and implement project policy/planning/project maps to develop a strategic plan
- ◆ Create and implement action plans

William H. Jones is an international business performance and planning consultant based in Birmingham, AL (USA). As a former executive of a major utility company, and an executive in an international training and development company, he has served in various corporate leadership positions throughout his career. He is experienced in strategic organizational impact assessment, strategic planning, and conflict resolution. He is presently serving as a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer of IAIA and consulted with the IAIA Board in the development and implementation of IAIA Strategy 2000.

C. Hobson Bryan is a professor in the Department of Geography, University of Alabama (USA). He completed three years as an IAIA Board member and served as President of IAIA in 1999-2000. He is co-author of a text on social impact assessment and has extensive experience in impact assessment consulting and developing environmental assessment policy and training, both nationally and internationally.

Who should attend: Practitioners and officials who have responsibility for EIA/SEA/SIA implementation, whether at policy, planning, or at project levels, and individuals who wish to familiarize themselves with basic assessment principles and their applications. The offering includes both corporate and governmental applications.

Level: Medium

Duration of course: 2 days (14-15 June)

Language: English

4 SEA: CURRENT PRACTICES, FUTURE DEMANDS AND CAPACITY BUILDING NEEDS

This course on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has the triple purpose of (1) introducing key concepts and issues that significantly distinguish SEA from other impact assessment and environmental management tools, (2) review current practices in different countries and respective approaches and (3) focus on capacity-building (technical and institutional) needs to establish SEA systems and practices in developing and developed countries.

The course does not intend to provide one solution, or a recipe, for good practice SEA; instead it will drive participants through the purpose, logic, key functions and activities in SEA. It is based on the multiple and different existing evidence, expressed in different perspectives and approaches to SEA at the international level. It will invite participants to understand the key elements and components of SEA that constitute good practice, exploring needs adapted to each country's decision-making realities, rather than focusing only on one methodology or procedure. Numerous case-examples are used to illustrate full process SEA, or just some key steps or issues within an SEA.

Given the need for great adaptiveness of SEA to decision-making processes, course participants are invited to interchange their experiences with respect to national decision-making procedures and respective needs, or current application, with SEA. Course participants will have learned the purpose, logic and key functions and activities in SEA and also assess needs for capacity-building to implement SEA systems in respective countries.

Maria Rosário Partidário, Ph.D., is an environmental consultant and university lecturer (graduate and MSc courses) who has organized and conducted 22 short training courses on EIA and 18 training courses on SEA. Maria is a leading expert in the crossroad of EIA, policy and planning issues and sustainability. On an international level, she develops training courses and manuals in SEA, EIA, environmental planning, and sustainable tourism. Maria was appointed to the UNEP Expert Group established to oversee preparation of the 1996 EIA Training Resource Manual and was also appointed to the experts' panel overseeing the preparation of the European Union Manual on Strategic Environmental Assessment for the TransEuropean Network. Maria has served as President of IAIA and was awarded the IAIA Individual Award in 2002 for contributions made to the advancement of SEA internationally.

Level: Medium to high on EIA/planning

Duration of course: 2 days (14-15 June)

Language: English. Portuguese /Spanish and French can be facilitated, namely in working groups

5 THE NATURE AND PRACTICE OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

IAIA meetings attract participants from many different backgrounds and disciplines. Many are drawn to one particular area of impact assessment (IA), but lack a broader perspective of the field. This course introduces the nature, purpose and practice of IA and provides a framework of concepts and principles that helps people comparatively new to the field understand the different forms of IA currently being practiced and the relevance of the good practice principles promoted by IAIA. This framework in turn helps participants understand the main themes addressed in the conference, and the nature and role of IAIA as the leading advocate of IA at the international level.

The course focuses on why IA is used as a decision-making aid from the policy level to the project level; who benefits from it, and the broad principles for promoting good practice in IA, and then moves on to cover the various forms of IA, but emphasizing that they all share similar aims and conceptual bases. The second part of the course will focus on the role of IAIA in supporting the IA community, both internationally and at the local level. The course looks briefly at the emerging international context for IA, before turning to the major issues now being addressed by the IA community, such as globalization, biodiversity protection and genetic modification. Then the aims and objectives of IAIA are outlined, and section representatives will talk to the participants, to discuss the aims and activities of their respective sections within IAIA. Finally, the course addresses the major themes covered in the conference sessions, in the context of the material presented earlier in the course.

Richard K. Morgan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Otago, with teaching and research interests in EIA and the scientific study of human impacts on soil and vegetation systems. Richard teaches a post-graduate course on EIA and in 1998 published an international text, *Environmental Impact Assessment: a methodological perspective*. In 1999 Richard established the Centre for Impact Assessment Research and Training (CIART) and in 1998-99 was involved with an NZODA project in Samoa, to develop a workable EIA process in Samoa, review official regulations for EIA, prepare guidelines to assist government officers and others to use EIA properly, and conduct basic training in the use of guidelines. Richard is currently President-Elect of IAIA.

Who should attend: Conference participants requiring a broad understanding of aims, principles, and types of impact assessment as a broad field of inquiry, and a better understanding of the purpose and operations of IAIA.

Level: Introductory

Duration of course: 2 days (14-15 June)

Language: English

TRAINING COURSES

6 SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF EIA DOCUMENTS

Systematic reviews of environmental impact assessment (EIA) documents are an important quality control element in the EIA process. Such documents may be termed EAs, EIA reports, or EIS Statements (EISs). The results of the reviews can be used to modify project designs, justify mitigation and monitoring requirements, and support the decision making process; in addition, they can be used to improve the documentation itself. However, while attention has long been directed to the systematic preparation of EIA documents, only minimal emphasis has been given to their systematic review.

Accordingly, the objective of this 2-day course is to summarize the principles, pertinent criteria, and practices that will facilitate the conducting of systematic and reproducible reviews of EAs, EIA reports, and EISs. The topical content includes purposes of reviews, institutional and procedural models, international criteria and checklists for completeness and substantive area reviews, the advantages and disadvantages of single person and team reviews, the review of cumulative effects assessment, and communicating the results of the review process. Case studies and workshop activities are included, with the workshops focused on the review of portions of EISs.

The participants would be expected to learn how to plan and conduct a completeness and technical review of an EIA document; further, they should become aware of available review checklists that can provide the basis for a systematic review process.

Larry Canter is a Professor Emeritus from the University of Oklahoma (USA) and now teaches EIA-related short courses and consulting on the preparation and review of impact studies and the development of EIA policies, procedures, methods, and tools. He has written six books related to EIA and is the author or co-author of numerous book chapters, refereed papers and research reports related to impact studies. He has written EAs and EISs on projects including power plants, gas pipelines, flood control dams, railroads and marine endangered species protection measures. Further, he has conducted reviews of EAs and EISs ranging from project-level studies to programmatic studies. He received his Ph.D. in environmental health engineering from the University of Texas and was a faculty member of the University of Oklahoma for 31 years; during 1992 he was the Sun Company Chair of Ground Water Hydrology, George Lynn Cross Research Professor, and Director, Environmental and Ground Water Institute.

Level: Introductory to Medium

Duration of course: 2 days (15-16 June)

Language: English

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 2,500 and reside in over 100 countries. IAIA activities are carried out locally and regionally through its extensive network of Affiliates and Branches.

IAIA's Vision: IAIA is the leading global authority on best practice in the use of impact assessment for informed decision making regarding policies, programs, plans, and projects.

IAIA's Mission: IAIA provides an international forum for advancing innovation and communication of best practice in all forms of impact assessment 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.

ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF TERRITORY PLANNING, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

The **Ministry of Territory Planning, Water and Environment** is entrusted with the mission of working out and implementing the Moroccan government's policy in terms of land planning, water and environment management.

Its task is to organize, give rise to, promote, coordinate and follow up, along with the concerned ministerial departments and subject to the competence devolved to the other departments and organisms by virtue of the legislation and regulations in force, the government's actions as regards environmental management. To this end, the Ministry's activities include, but are not limited to

- ◆ contributing to the protection of natural resources to avoid any form of waste or degradation liable to jeopardize sustainable development
- ◆ setting up the appropriate instruments of continuous monitoring of the state of the environment
- ◆ carrying out impact assessments and giving advice on the development projects having consequences on the environment
- ◆ preventing and fighting all forms of pollution and nuisances likely to harm the population's health
- ◆ improving the living environment and conditions of populations within human settlements, be they rural or urban
- ◆ integrating the environmental dimension into the development programs, especially those concerned with education, training, research and information
- ◆ developing all activities concerned with regional and international cooperation in terms of environmental management
- ◆ promoting cooperation with non-governmental international organizations, with national associative institutions and with local communities

SOCIAL EVENTS & SPOUSE ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL EVENTS

Enjoy starry Moroccan nights with breezes rustling the palms. Experience local dining, beaches, shopping, music, art and architecture, the outdoors and more.

Treat your spouse and get to know your colleagues in a fun, relaxed atmosphere!



IAIA Opening Reception

Renew your friendships from last year, meet new colleagues, and unwind after your journey. Enjoy beverages and snacks on the grounds of the stunning Palmeraie Golf Palace and Resort.

Note: this event is tentative based on availability of sponsors. Confirmation will be posted online as available.

Date Monday, June 16 ♦ **Time** 7:00 p.m.

IAIA Gala Dinner at Soirée Chez Ali

At a typical Moroccan party in a wonderful surrounding, you will savor a delicious dinner while experiencing Moroccan folklore through unique entertainment including musicians and singers, belly dancers, a camel caravan, Arabian horses, and (of course) a magic carpet.

Hosted by the Ministry of Territory Planning, Water and Environment.

Date Thursday, June 19 ♦ **Time** 8:30 p.m.

Dinner in a Ryad

Attend a society party in a Moroccan palace offering a sumptuous dinner, with entertainment provided by an orchestra playing oriental music. Located in the new Jamaa el Fna in an alley in the Medina.

Reserve a minimum of 48 hours in advance with Habti Voyage Travel.

Price US\$40

Palmeraie Golf Palace & Resort

For casual get-togethers after a long day of sessions, or activities for spouses or family, the PGP has an 18-hole golf course, mini golf, billiards, clay tennis courts, bowling, squash, horseback riding, fitness center, full service spa, 5 swimming pools and more. Resort staff will be happy to help plan activities!

Tours > > > > >

Participants at the congress can discover the city of Marrakech, its surroundings and other Moroccan cities.

Included in the price: transportation by bus, housing in hotels with continental breakfast, guided tours of the cities and monuments, TVA, taxes and services.

Tours are conducted in English and French. Meals are included; beverages may be extra.

Tours have a minimum of 5 participants and are exclusive to IAIA delegates.

Participants may register at any time, up to a minimum of 48 hours prior to your preferred departure date. Habti Voyage Travel Agency will have a desk at the conference.

Participants must pay 50% of the fee for cancelling 24 hours prior to departure. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after the settled departure time.

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Accompanying Persons

All family members of registered delegates are welcome to visit the exhibitions and register for technical visits as well as all social events and tours.

POST-CONFERENCE TOURS & SPOUSE ACTIVITIES



Visit Marrakech

Option #1. Founded by the Al-moravides and well known for the length of its ramparts – 19 kilometers – the visit of the city starts by Saadiens Tombs, a 16th century mausoleum holding several members of the Saadienne Dynasty.

Following a tour of El Bahia Palace, known for its architecture and gardens where many Moroccan artists display their art, see the Dar si Said Museum showing renowned Islamic art as well as jewelry, carpets, and arms. Finally, visit the “souks” and the “medina” (a World Heritage Site) to shop and admire Moroccan crafts, the Medersa Ben Youssef (16th-century Koranic school) and the famous Jamaa El Fna town square. ♦ **Price** US\$25

Option #2. Although Marrakech is famous for its rose-red walls made from the pink sand of the region, the city is also well known for its beautiful flower gardens and green spaces with their wide variety of tree species. A visit to Jardins de Majorelle is a perfect opportunity to discover and admire the wonderful marriage of colors and perfumes of flowers, fountains and alleys. These gardens, just renovated by Yves Saint Laurent, also have an Islamic art museum. Finally, an invitation to a Moroccan palace, with the opportunity to savor tea and Moroccan pastries, will offer you a tremendous demonstration of the art of painting and makeup using henna and an exposition of traditional Moroccan womens' customs and carpets. ♦ **Price** US\$20

Asni Ourigane. From a height of 1150 meters, you will discover the beauty of the lush valley of Asni, near Jbel Toubkal, the highest mountain of North Africa. Two rivers join to form the Asit Reraia Valley, planted with olive trees. Near the river, a traditional Berber village offers several curiosities, such as the “saline village” and pedestrian walks. A road trip in a 4x4 vehicle, a visit to the weekly souk, the ruins of Tin Mal, and lunch are included. ♦ **Price** US\$50

Ourika. Located near Toubkal, 45 kilometers from Marrakech, is the Ourika Valley, the most beautiful and lush valley of the Atlas, with its groves of walnut and fig trees and picturesque villages. At Sitte Fatma, a popular camping spot, have lunch and see the seven waterfalls. Also included is a visit to an experimental botanical garden and potters' village. ♦ **Price** US\$30

Essaouira. Founded in 1760 by the Sultan Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Essaouira is a city you will fall in love with. A Frenchman, Theodore Cornut, designed the architecture of the city that gave Essaouira a European character with a Moroccan influence. The ramparts divide the old city in several picturesque areas: two Kasbahs, one Medina. Situated near the Atlantic Ocean, Essaouira, a pleasant swimming station, offers a temperate climate, and a beautiful beach with fine sand. You will discover many areas of woodcrafts while walking in the streets of this city and will enjoy a lunch based on a village specialty: fish. ♦ **Price** US\$45



Marrakech > Casablanca > Rabat

Day 1: Depart at 8:00 a.m. for Casablanca via Settat. Guided tour in Casablanca: the avenue of the corniche, visit of the mosque Hassan II, the place of the United Nations, the place Mohamed V, lunch in a restaurant. Afternoon: going to Rabat. Dinner and housing in 4-star hotel.

Day 2: After breakfast, visit of the city: the Méchouar (royal palace), the Kasbah of Chellah, the Hassan Tower, the Kasbah of Oudayas and the mausoleum of Mohamed V. Return to Marrakech for lunch in a Moroccan restaurant.

♦ **Price** US\$155

Marrakech > Fès > Beni Mellal

Day 1: Depart Marrakech via Casablanca and Rabat. Lunch on the way. Arrive at Fès and check into a 4-star hotel. During the afternoon, visit Fès El Bali, the Medersa of Karouines, the different arts and crafts showcase, the Méchouar of the Royal Palace, the Mellah, Fes El Jedid, the museum, Bad Boujloud and the ruins of Merinides where you will enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the Medina. Dinner and evening at the hotel.

Day 2: From Beni Mellah visit Ain Asserdoum, crossing the Atlas mountains via Ifrane, Azrou, and Khenifra. Lunch at a restaurant. During the afternoon, continuation in Marrakech. ♦ **Price** US\$190

Marrakech > Ouarzazate > Gorges of Todgha

Day 1: Depart from Marrakech early in the morning for Tizi N'tichZa, the highest road passage in Morocco (2260 m). Discover the most beautiful landscape of the Atlas Mountains, and then go to Ouarzazate. Here you will visit the kasbah of Tourirt and have lunch. During the afternoon, visit the Valley of the Roses and spend a night in the Gorges of Todgha, located between two cliffs.

Day 2: After breakfast, drive from Ouarzazate to Ait Ben Haddou, one of the most famous Ksar of the Moroccan south, where you will have lunch and then return to Marrakech. ♦ **Price** US\$155

Marrakech > Essaouira > Agadir

Day 1: Depart Marrakech for Essaouira (175 kilometers), previously an ancient Portuguese fortress. Visit the city and the area of the arts and crafts. Enjoy lunch in a restaurant where and savor the specialty of Essaouira: the fish. Afternoon, depart for Agadir and spend the night in a hotel.

Day 2: Visit the city after breakfast and return to Marrakech via Chichaoua after lunch. ♦ **Price** US\$190

Marrakech > Ouarzazate > Zagora

Day 1: Travel Marrakech-Tinghir-Gorges de Todgha. After breakfast, depart for Ouarzazate via the pass of Tizi Ntichka where the contrast is really amazing between the North side (relatively humid) and the South side (pretty dry) of Mount Atlas. At Ouarzazate, visit the internationally famous movie studio and visit the Kasbah of Taourit. Lunch in a restaurant at Ouarzazate. Afternoon, depart to Zagora, passing by the Draâ Valley. Once there, ride camels for 1-1/2 hours to a bivouac, where nomads will be waiting with mint tea and a Moroccan tajine. Night under a Touareg tent.

Day 2: Very early in the morning, contemplate a beautiful sunrise while enjoying breakfast. Return to Zagora with the camels and then to Marrakech via the Kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou. ♦ **Price** US\$165

Dunes of Merzouga

Day 1: Travel Marrakech-Tinghir-Gorges de Todgha. After breakfast, depart for Ouarzazate via the pass of Tizi Ntichka where the contrast is really amazing between the North side (relatively humid) and the South side (pretty dry) of Mount Atlas. Lunch at Ouarzazate, and depart for the Gorges of Todgha by kelâa M'Gouna, continuing on to the Valley of Roses. Tour the Gorges followed by dinner and night and Yasmina Hotel.

Day 2: After breakfast, depart for Merzouga via Rissani, continuing to the Dunes of Merzouga, which have an amazing color at sunset. Dinner and night in a nomad tent.

Day 3: Depart from Marrakech via Tinghir-Boumalne de Dadès with lunch on the way. Return to Marrakech in the afternoon via Ouarzazate, over the pass of Tizi Ntichka. ♦ **Price** US\$280

INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE DELEGATES

LOCATION AND DATES

IAIA '03 will take place from 17-20 June 2003 at the Palmeraie Golf Palace & Resort (PGP) in Marrakech, Morocco, with adjunct events planned before, during, and after the conference. Activities will include training courses, special sessions, workshops, paper and poster sessions, informational and administrative meetings, technical visits and social events. Conference activities will take place at the PGP unless otherwise noted. The address is Les Jardines de la Palmeraie - Circuit de la Palmeraie, B.P. 1488, Marrakech, Morocco. www.pgp.co.ma.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

All conference participants, including delegates, session chairs, invited speakers, organizers, exhibitors, and paper and poster presenters, are required to register for the conference at the full or student registration fee. IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and/or travel expenses for program participants.

Full and student registration fees entitle delegates to attendance at all sessions, coffee breaks, opening reception, participants list, delegate packet, abstracts volume, conference proceedings (as available), and special events, unless an additional fee is noted. Lunches will be provided if sponsors are secured.

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.

IAIA members: If it is more convenient for you to pay your annual membership dues at the same time you register for the conference, please check the membership renewal box on the registration form. IAIA will credit your account as having paid an annual 12-month membership fee which will begin on your regular membership anniversary date. Otherwise, you will receive an invoice for membership dues on your regular membership anniversary date.

Non-members: The non-member rate includes a one-year membership to IAIA, including a subscription to *Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal*.

LANGUAGE USED

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Translation services will be provided as practical, but most sessions will be held in English unless otherwise stated.

PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICIES

Registration fees should accompany the registration form. Registration fees must be received in US dollars (US\$). Fees are accepted by check or money order made payable to "IAIA" in US\$ drawn on a US bank. MasterCard and Visa are also accepted. No registration will be processed without payment unless arrangements are made with IAIA HQ a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the conference (1 June). Registration confirmations and receipts will be issued by mail. Official receipts for on-site registrants will be issued by mail after the conference.

IAIA will refund registration fees upon written request received before 1 April 2003. A US\$50 processing fee will be retained. After 1 April, no refunds will be issued for cancellations or no-shows. Substitutions may be made in writing without penalty. Refunds will be issued after the conference.

FINAL PROGRAM

The final program will be distributed upon check-in or registration on-site at the PGP. The preliminary program contains the *tentative* schedule; be sure to check the final program to confirm details of activities in which you plan to participate. IAIA plans to have the final program available on the web site approximately two weeks prior to the conference.

BUSINESS SERVICE AND PRESENTATION EQUIPMENT

Please arrive prepared! Presenters are responsible for supplying their own session or poster materials. Because of the high rental costs which would necessarily be passed on to all delegates in the form of higher registration fees, IAIA does not provide copying, printing, computers or other business services on-site. Business services are available to delegates at the Palmeraie for a fee.

Overhead transparency projectors and screens will be provided in each concurrent session meeting room at no charge to presenters. Presenters are responsible for arranging and paying in advance for any other equipment needed for their presentations, again due to high rental costs which IAIA prefers not to pass on to all delegates in the form of higher registration fees. Contact IAIA HQ for price information and to order equipment before 1 April.

NAME BADGES AND ADMISSION TICKETS

All conference participants, including speakers and exhibitors, must receive a name badge at check-in. The badge is your official pass and must be worn to obtain entry to activities. Tickets may be required for some events and will be distributed at the registration desk.

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

IAIA conferences are generally business casual; however, business dress will be appropriate for the opening reception and gala dinner.

DELEGATE PACKET INSERTS

If you would like to distribute materials in delegate packets, contact IAIA HQ for rates and information by 1 April.

EXHIBITS, BOOTHS AND DISPLAY MATERIALS

Space is still available for booths and exhibits; contact IAIA HQ by 1 May for rates and information.

A table will be provided for IAIA members to display information, distribute conference papers, or announce/distribute non-commercial items.

SPONSORS

Sponsoring IAIA events is a great way for companies and organizations to reach an international, interdisciplinary market and to enhance and demonstrate their commitment to the environment. Contact IAIA HQ by 1 April for information on opportunities and benefits of being a sponsor.

IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

1 March Early Bird Registration Ends

1 April Abstracts Due

1 April Regular Registration Ends

1 April Training Course Registration Deadline

1 April Audio-Visual Equipment Requests

1 April Booth & Exhibit Reservations

1 April PGP Hotel Reservations

15 April Deadline for Presenter Registration

1 May Raffle Donation Forms

1 May Request to Include Material in Delegate Packets

FAQs/GENERAL INFORMATION

I'm a presenter/speaker/organizer/session leader. Do I have to pay registration fees?

Yes. Conference fees pay for the venue and all related services as well as fund IAIA's operating expenses throughout the year, since member dues do not cover the per-member cost of products and services such as the journal, newsletter, listservs, website, special publications and more. IAIA seeks to keep costs to a minimum and affordable to as many people as possible; although conference costs are rising substantially, IAIA fees have been raised only minimally. We appreciate everyone's professional contributions, but since more than 60% of all delegates are also presenters, to keep IAIA operational, the dollars of each and every participant are needed, too.

I'm a student/from a developing country/my company doesn't support me. Is financial assistance available, or can you waive my fees?

No. IAIA is a non-profit association which relies on conference fees and member dues to pay for conference expenses and provide services. IAIA actively seeks funding throughout the year, and publishes announcements if and when any funding to underwrite delegate expenses becomes available.

Why isn't more audio-visual equipment provided, especially computer projectors?

Because the conference rate for every delegate would need to be raised by at least US\$50 to pay the rental fees. IAIA has considered a number of alternatives, but has yet to find a viable option other than seeking sponsors to cover the cost of audio-visual equipment.

What is the process for placement of my presentation on the program?

To ensure that every abstract is accounted for, and to decrease the workload on the volunteer organizing committee, abstracts are sent to one point of contact, HQ. HQ screens your abstract for compliance with submission instructions and overall suitability for the conference. HQ sends you either a rejection notice or a preliminary acceptance, as quickly as possible so that you can begin to make travel and financial plans. Next, your registration form and fees (or abstract fee) are required. Upon receipt and processing of your registration and fees, HQ assigns your abstract an ID number and forwards it to the Program Committee, which carries out a thorough review and assigns your abstract to an appropriate session leader. The session leader also reviews your abstract and confirms its suitability with the program committee, then contacts you to confirm your place on the program and provide further information and instructions about your session, and to work with you, if necessary, to fine-tune your presentation.

What is the reason for this "abstract fee"?

The requirement of registration fees, or at minimum, payment of an abstract fee, helps to guarantee the presence of presenters listed in the final program. In its testing phase, the policy reduced the number of last-minute drops and no-show presenters by over 50%, thus increasing the quality of the program for all delegates.

When will the papers/proceedings be published?

Whether to publish full papers and/or proceedings is the option of the volunteer organizing committee and is dependent on the resources available to them. The committee will provide information on submission of full papers and the possibility of publication as it becomes available. An abstracts volume is produced by IAIA and distributed to all delegates.

HOST CITY

Known as the "Red City" because of its rose-red walls made with the pink sand of the region, Marrakech is the capital of the South (with South meaning the Atlas Mountains and the desert that lies beyond). It is said to be more African than any other city in the North of Morocco, and it is a breathtakingly beautiful city with its pink buildings set against the snow-capped mountain range. It was founded in the 11th century by the Amoravides. Coming from the South of Morocco, these fierce warriors of the faith made their capital in the lush valley at the foot of the Atlas Mountains. Since then, Marrakech has always been part of the Moroccan Empire, and the great rival of the Northern capitol of Fès. Today, Marrakech is famous for the National Festival of Popular Arts which usually takes place in June and lasts for two weeks. Traditionally, the festival is a showcase for Moroccan arts and folk culture.

ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION

Private cabs and busses provide transportation from the Marrakech airport to the hotel. The PGP is approximately 15 minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from the city center. The PGP has a 20-person shuttle bus from the resort to the city and back 5 times per day.

Participants landing at Mohamed V airport in Casablanca are advised to take the train from the airport.

Several airline companies have regular flights directly serving Marrakech and Casablanca (Royal Air Maroc, for example).

PASSPORTS/VISAS

Please check with the Moroccan embassy in your country for visa requirements. For more information, visit www.maec.gov.ma. Nationals from countries not listed are subject to the normal visa procedure. Germany, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Congo (Republique Populaire), South Korea, Cote d'Ivoire, Denmark, Spain & Andorra, U.A.E., U.S.A., Finland, France & Monaco, Great Britain, Greece, Guinea (Conakry), Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, New Zealand, Oman, Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Senegal, Singapore (without visa for 30 days), Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela.

CURRENCY, BANKING AND TAXES

No tax is required to enter Morocco. The national currency is the Dirham (DH). The exchange rate in January 2002 is approximately 1 DH = .10 US\$. Currency exchange is available at banks and their subsidiaries, and major hotels.

POPULATION AND LANGUAGE

The official language is Arabic, but Marrakech inhabitants often understand and/or speak French, English and Spanish.

TIPPING

There is no particular practice. In restaurants, waiters may be tipped up to 10% of the bill. In cafes, 1-2 DH per person is sufficient. 5-10 DH for porters is standard. When in doubt, a tip is always appreciated.

ELECTRICITY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The electricity in Morocco is 220 volts, 50 cycles AC. Wall outlets take the 2-pin plug typically found in continental Europe.

CLIMATE

Climate varies widely throughout Morocco due to the effects of the ocean and mountains. Marrakech averages a high of 33C/92F and a low of 17C/62F in June.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodation for IAIA delegates has been arranged at a deeply discounted price (over 50% off) at the conference venue, the Palmeraie Golf Palace and Resort.

Be sure to take advantage of the convenience and amenities of this 5-star resort. With a majority of IAIA delegates staying there, networking opportunities will be greatly enhanced.

To receive the IAIA conference rate and for the fastest and most accurate services, please use the hotel reservation form provided. A list of alternative accommodations is available from HQ.

SAFETY

As in all major cities, practice common-sense safety precautions. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or valuables. Be aware of your surroundings; go out in groups whenever possible and keep track of your belongings, in particular at airports, public transportation stations, and crowded areas such as the medina.

SOME WEB SITES OF INTEREST

- ◆ IAIA: www.iaia.org
- ◆ Palmeraie Golf Palace & Resort: www.pgp.co.ma
- ◆ Passports and Visas/Morocco: <http://www.travel-guide.com/data/mar/mar040.asp>
- ◆ Morocco: www.Morocco.com
- ◆ Morocco: www.maroc.net/station/practical/marrakech.htm
- ◆ Morocco: <http://i-cias.com/morocco/>
- ◆ Morocco: <http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/countries/morocco/>
- ◆ Morocco: <http://www.smithsonianmag.si.edu/smithsonian/issues02/aug02/desert.html>

IAIA '03 HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

IAIA has reserved a block of rooms

at the 5-star **Palmeraie Golf Palace & Resort** at the following rates:

Single room/night: 1180 DH

Double room/night: 1310 DH

(10 DH = ± 1 Euro / 1 US\$)

These rates include buffet breakfast for one person per single room, or two persons per double room, and are per room/night inclusive of current legal VAT. Costs of accommodation and any additional incidental costs (minibar, etc.) are to be paid directly to the Hotel in accordance with the Hotel's payment conditions.

Please **complete** this reservation form **clearly**;
return by fax to the Hotel at + 212 44 30 90 00 before 1 April 2003 .

Sender: _____	I would like to make a reservation for the following persons:
Company: _____	Mr. _____
_____	_____
Name: _____	_____
Street: _____	_____
P-Code/City: _____	_____
Country: _____	
Phone/Fax: _____	

Palmeraie Golf Palace & Resort*****



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ROOM RESERVATION

☐ Single room ☐ Double room

From June _____ to June _____

Credit card number

Expiry date

Name printed on card

Card holder signature

Date authorized

In case of cancellation, 50% will be charged to your card.

☐ Arrival before 6:00 p.m.

☐ Arrival after 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation requested ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ I/we want to use the airport shuttle.

My/our flight arrives at _____(time)

on _____(date)

This deeply discounted offer is available on a limited basis only to IAIA delegates!

Remember to reserve before 1 April to ensure your reservation before the block is filled!



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IAIA '03 REGISTRATION FORM

DELEGATE INFORMATION

[] Mr [] Ms [] Dr Title _____ IAIA Member ID# _____ Date _____

First Name _____ Last (FAMILY) Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone + _____ Fax + _____ E-mail _____

I plan to stay at _____ Hotel. (This information is used to estimate room blocks in future years and will not be released.)

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird Regular Late/Onsite
by 1 March by 1 April after 1 April

- [] **IAIA Member**\$400 \$450 \$550
[] Renew my yearly IAIA membership\$80
[] **Non-member**\$500 \$550 \$650
[] **IAIA Student* Member**\$250\$325\$350
[] Renew my yearly IAIA membership\$50
[] **Student* non-member**\$300 \$375 \$400
[] **Abstract Processing Fee only****\$60

* provide proof of current enrollment
** full fees are due by 15 April

Registration Fee: \$ _____

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING COURSES

- | | Choice: | 1st | 2nd | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|----------------|
| [] 1. Intro to HIA | (14-15 June) | [] | [] | \$400 \$ _____ |
| [] 2. EIA Project Management | (14-15 June) | [] | [] | \$400 \$ _____ |
| [] 3. Integrating EIA, SEA, SIA | (14-15 June) | [] | [] | \$400 \$ _____ |
| [] 4. SEA: Current Practices | (14-15 June) | [] | [] | \$400 \$ _____ |
| [] 5. Nature and Practice of IA | (14-15 June) | [] | [] | \$400 \$ _____ |
| [] 6. Review of EIA Documents | (15-16 June) | [] | [] | \$400 \$ _____ |

TECHNICAL VISITS (16 June)

- I am interested in: Choice: 1st 2nd
- | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|----------|
| [] A. Marrakech Water Treatment | [] | [] | \$ _____ |
| [] B. Jbilette Arboretum | [] | [] | \$ _____ |
| [] C. Frass-Tifrouine Dryland Development | [] | [] | \$ _____ |
| [] D. Essaouira Windmills | [] | [] | \$ _____ |
| [] E. Solar Energy Project | [] | [] | \$ _____ |

See the IAIA web site for availability, updated descriptions, and prices.
If prices are not yet listed, you may still indicate preference and pay later.

How did you hear about IAIA'03? _____
(W)

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

- [] I plan to attend the Capacity Building in Sub-Saharan Africa
Workshop (15 June)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- [] Opening Reception (16 June) # Persons: _____
[] Gala Dinner (19 June) # Persons: _____

SPONSORSHIP



- [] I/my company is interested in sponsoring an IAIA conference
activity. Please contact me.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

- [] **Check or money order** in US\$ drawn on a U.S. bank and
payable to "IAIA" enclosed.
[] **Invoice my company.** Purchase order

[] **I will pay on-site** with cash or traveler's check (US\$ or Dirhams)
[] **I am being sponsored.**
Sponsoring organization: _____
Contact person: _____
Contact person's phone #: _____
Contact person's e-mail: _____

- [] **Charge to []**  []  Expires: ____/____/____ (mm/yy)
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Print name on card _____
Authorized signature _____

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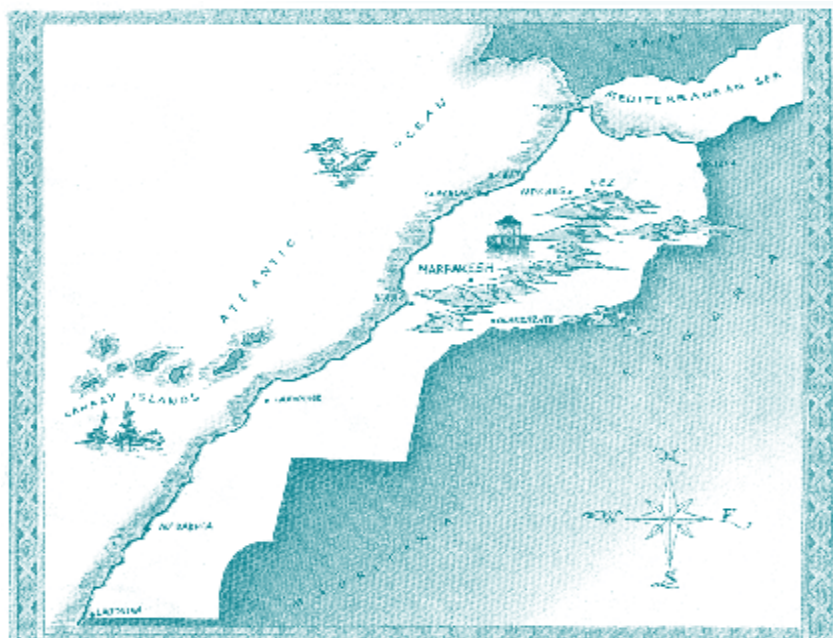
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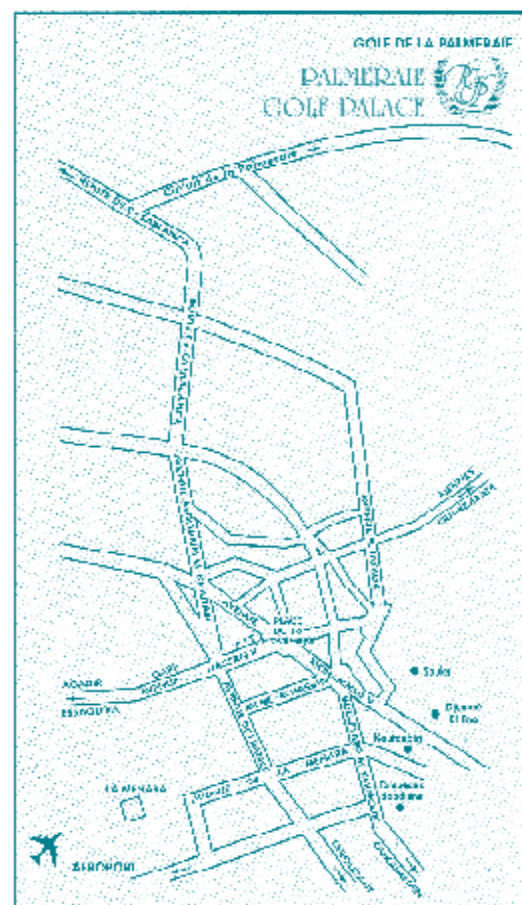


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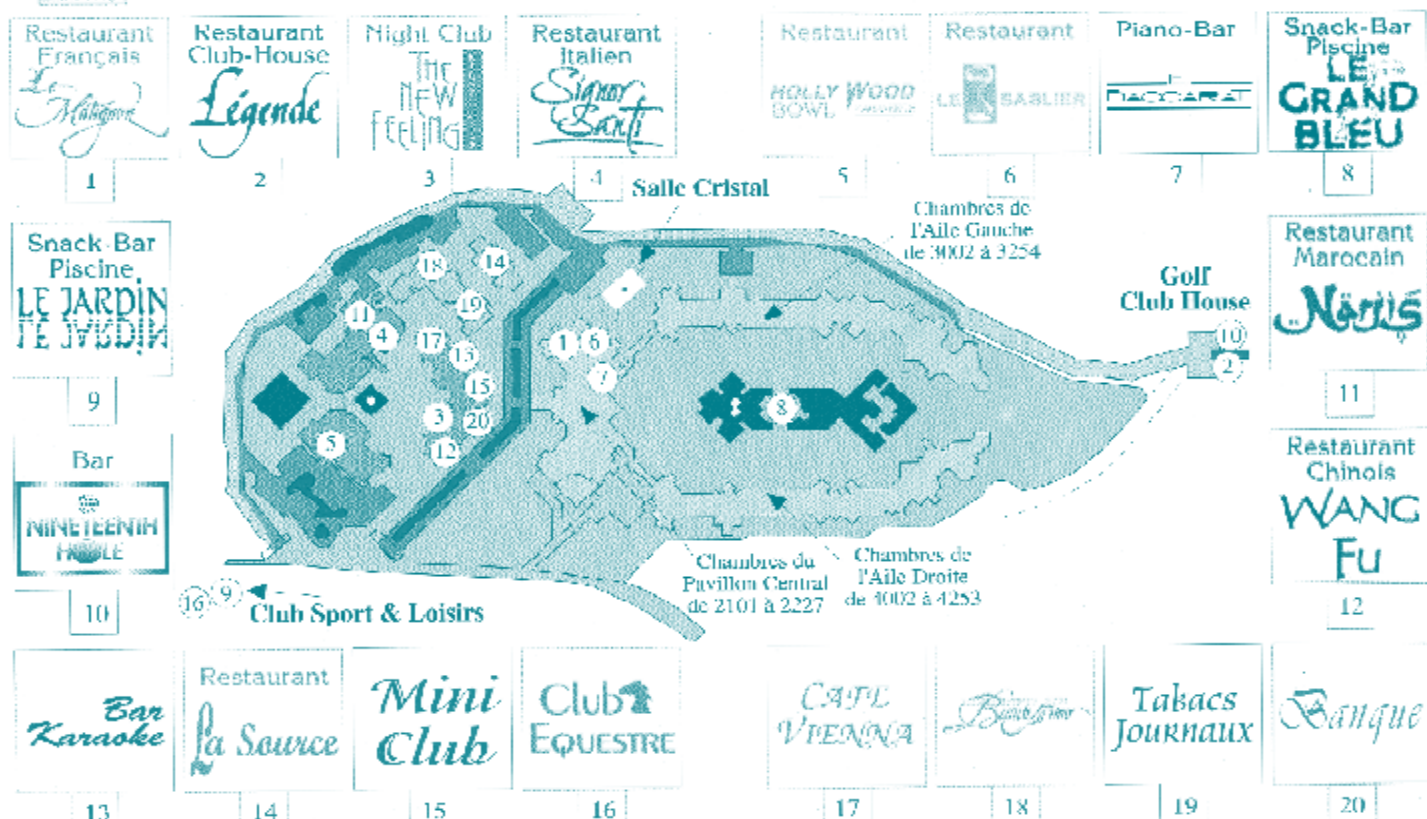
Check the suggested web sites for additional maps and information.



Marrakech



Palmeraie Golf Palace & Resort





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Who Should Attend IAIA'03

Corporate, industry, and foundation
leaders
Policy makers and decision makers
Practitioners and users of IA
Consultants
Government agency staff
Legislators
Educators, trainers, and students
All others with an interest in impact
assessment

Here's What IAIA'02 Delegates Said

"IAIA is the highlight of my professional year."
*"Technical visits, plenaries and sessions planned
with true professionalism."*
"Exceeded my expectations."
"Congratulations on an outstanding meeting."
"I learned so much."
"Excellent! I'll see you in Morocco!"

Top 5 Reasons to Attend IAIA'03

Network! Network! Network!

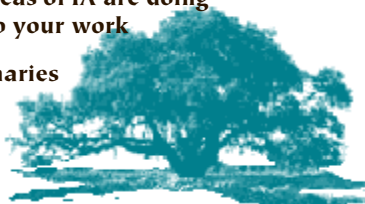
- with your peers
- with those who conduct IAs
- with those who evaluate IAs
- with those who require IAs

Learn what's new in your area of IA

Discover what other areas of IA are doing
that could be applied to your work

Attend stimulating plenaries
and sessions

Present your work
and receive feedback



New for 2003, or back by popular demand!

Proposed sessions and workshops ...

- ♦ SEA - Theory and Practice
- ♦ EIA & Decision-making
- ♦ Public Participation
- ♦ Monitoring Evaluating HIA
- ♦ Research Forum
- ♦ IA & International Finance
- ♦ Integrating IA with Life Cycle Analysis
- ♦ IA Follow-Up: Learning by Doing
- ♦ EA in Countries in Transition
- ♦ HIA Sessions & Workshops
- ♦ Panel Session with the Editors
- ♦ SEA in Development Cooperation
- ♦ Disaster Response and IA
- ♦ IA for Small-Scale Development Activities
- ♦ Social Impact Assessment
- ♦ Impact Assessment of Trade
- ♦ Environmental Law
- ♦ Indigenous Peoples
- ♦ Linking IA and Management Tools
- ♦ Implementing Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements
- ♦ CBD Secretariat-Ramsar Bureau Joint Session
- ♦ EIA Capacity Building in Africa
- ♦ Environmental Management Systems

PLUS an expanded exhibition area!

**... don't miss this year's one and only international, interdisciplinary
conference dedicated to advancing the art and science of impact assessment!**

IAIA'03 At-A-Glance

Saturday, 14 June

Training Courses All Day

Sunday, 15 June

Training Courses All Day
Practitioners' Forum Plenary All Day
Capacity Building in Sub-Saharan Africa All Day

Monday, 16 June

Training Course All Day
Technical Visits All Day
Practitioners' Forum Plenary All Day
Opening Reception Evening

Tuesday, 17 June

Plenaries, Concurrent Sessions All Day
Practitioners' Forum Afternoon
Poster Session and Exhibitions Evening

Wednesday, 18 June

Plenaries, IAIA AGM, Concurrent Sessions All Day
Practitioners' Forum Afternoon
IAIA Committee Meetings Afternoon

Thursday, 19 June

Plenaries, Concurrent Session All Day
Francophone Secretariat AGM Mid-Day
Practitioners' Forum Afternoon
IAIA Section Meetings Afternoon
Gala Dinner Evening

Friday, 20 June

Closing Plenary Morning
Awards Ceremony Morning
IAIA Council Meeting Afternoon