

IAIA – From Marrakech to Vancouver and beyond
Follow-Up Marrakech Declaration – Draft Plan of Action (2004-2008)

Goal/Vision

• IAIA effectively participates in building more and better capacity for in country environmental and social assessments and management systems, with a focus on developing countries and regions. By doing so, IAIA significantly contributes to improve the IA practices, as per its mission statement.

Purpose

P1/To/ensure/monitoring and evaluation of the progress made in local and national capacities for environmental and social assessments (ESA) and environmental management (EM), with a focus on the effectiveness of national and appropriately designed local systems to facilitate poverty reduction and economic growth policies and investments.

Purpose (cont.):

P2 To provide a platform for technical discussions among stakeholders to facilitate synergies among ongoing capacity development initiatives in order to more effectively tackle ESA and EM capacity development issues and explore feasible options in order to improve the effectiveness and technical and scientific soundness of capacity development.

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P3 To act as a significant proposing force and facilitator of new and effective ways in order to build ESA and EM capacities and harmonize perceptions, approaches and tools among the major stakeholders worldwide, in particular through the development of new forms of international and regional partnership.

Outputs

Monitoring Capacity

 O1- A constantly updated "state-ofthe-art" of ESA and EM capacity in the developing countries, with an emphasis on:

Monitoring Capacity (cont.)

- Data on delivery of review and consulting services and networks, available expertise and supporting practitioners, decision makers, organizations, universities and civil society
- Legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks and linkages with sectoral policies and EMS

Monitoring Capacity (cont.)

- Benchmarking ESA and EM capacity vs. international harmonization objectives
- Balancing quantitative indicators with the cultural and political features of local/national ESA and EM systems for robustness and sustainability.

Roster of knowledge and training resources

O2- An updated searchable database of expertise within IAIA as well as its partnering and cooperating networks, plus updated, thematically and regionally organized, links to training providers databases and bulletin boards

Knowledge management

O3 - A synthesis publication, periodically updated, incorporating a 'good practice' guide to the enhancement of ESA and EM capacity in developing countries, as well as a catalogue of regionally accessible

A Forum for information sharing and progress monitoring

O4 - An annual meeting, supported by IAIA and partners, of concerned parties (users of capacity building programs, suppliers, financiers)

Awareness building of capacity development benefits

O5 - Provide a synthetic view of training needs assessments and advocate the development of costeffective programs to fulfill these needs

Ensuring quality of ESA services delivered

O6 – Design and promote implementation of quality objectives, guidelines and mechanisms for ESA preparation, review and capacity development.

Mentoring and internships initiatives

 O7 Support mentoring and internships - real and virtual of new ESA and EM champions building on regional and local partnerships