

Capacity Building Stipend Announcement

Opportunity to Receive Training/Travel Stipend (Financial Support)

The International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) is pleased to announce that stipends are available for a limited number of participants from selected developing countries/countries in transition to attend IAIA06. The financial support is available from grants provided by the Norwegian Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Swedish International Development Agency and other potential sponsors.

Who would qualify for the stipends?

Applicants who meet the following criteria will be given the highest consideration:

Experience/Background

- [a] Impact assessment professionals with 5-10 years professional experience in impact assessment.
- [b] Impact assessment professionals working in a leadership position in government, agency, or consultancy.
- [c] The sponsorship from Norway and Sweden gives selection preference to citizens of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern European countries in transition, where these two countries have ongoing involvement. Other donors may have other areas of preference.

Aptitude for Learning & Leading

- [d] Applicants who demonstrate their capacity to present a meaningful paper/poster related to the themes of IAIA06, based on their professional experience
- [e] Applicants who justify their interest in pre-conference training course(s) and conference participation, based on their current job responsibilities
- [f] Applicants who are willing to and in a position to train/mentor other in-country impact assessment professionals.

Interest and Involvement in Impact Assessment

- [g] Applicants who have an interest in networking either to encourage establishment of a local network or to support/expand the activities of an established impact assessment network.
- [h] Applicants who are willing to promote impact assessment to in-country decision makers for better understanding and implementation.

How to apply

Complete applications must be received by **31 January**.

To apply, submit the following to IAIA HQ (green@iaia.org). Include *your name* and *Capacity Grant Application* in the subject line.

- One-page verifiable biosketch/CV/resume.
- Copy of the abstract of the paper/poster to be presented at IAIA06 (you must also submit the actual (official) abstract on-line at www.iaia.org > Conferences > IAIA06 Main Page > Abstract submission); be sure the information you provide is complete. A useful template for a poster presentation can be found following a link in the URL mentioned above.
- Statement of how and/or in what ways you meet the criteria [a–h] noted above.
- Statement of what you hope to learn from your attendance at IAIA06.
- Letter of approval to participate from your immediate supervisor.
- Indicate what, if any, funds you or your organization would provide to cover part of the cost associated with your participation. IAIA has limited funds and wishes to spread the benefits to a maximum number of candidates. Consequently, qualified candidates able to cover part of the expenses from other sources may receive preference over those who require full funding.

Successful applicants may receive all (or part) of the following:

- Payment of IAIA06 conference registration fee.
- Payment of IAIA06 pre-conference training course fee.
- Payment of IAIA06 technical visit.
- A stipend to effectively cover (a) most direct economy airfare, (b) lodging for the duration of the conference, (c) a modest daily allowance to cover meals and miscellaneous expenses.
- A three-year membership in IAIA.
- Payment for travel insurance.
- Payment for visa fee (note: the travel costs for acquiring a passport/visa to participate will not be reimbursed without prior approval from the sponsors).
- Other opportunities to network with IAIA06 capacity grant recipients and other IAIA members.

Other requirements

- Applicants would be expected to be present in Stavanger on Saturday, 20 May, for a briefing and orientation meeting organized by the sponsors will be held during the conference.
- Applicants will be expected to remain in Stavanger through the closing plenary and perhaps longer, depending on the applicant's choice of technical visit.
- Applicants will be expected to attend and participate in all scheduled events.
- Applicants must submit a trip report to their immediate supervisor (copied to IAIA HQ); the Certificate of Achievement and the IAIA membership for the second and third year will be withheld until this report is received.
- Applicants shall submit comments and evaluations of the value of their conference participation to IAIA as requested.