

Special Pre-Conference Meetings



These events take place at Stavanger Forum.

Light lunches are included in the registration fee.

Capacity Linkages for Environmental Assessment in Africa (CLEAA) Network Day

CLEAA is an umbrella-type support organization for a number of African member networks or nodes seeking to strengthen the use of impact assessment in Africa through awareness building, capacity building and technical backstopping. The need for such organization came out of discussions during IAIA'95 in Durban, South Africa, and a simultaneous meeting of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) adopted the idea. Through a number of subsequent meetings, CLEAA was formed and tested over the following 5 years. The program has presently its Secretariat in Dar es Salaam (on a rotating basis) and is linked to the Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA) in Windhoek. CLEAA has been supported by the World Bank, the Netherlands, Norway and IUCN/EARO.

This one-day annual CLEAA meeting is open to all, and the agenda for the meeting is to hear about progress made by the different sub-regional networks under CLEAA, as well as to discuss and agree on action plans for the coming years.

Saturday, 20 May
9:00am – 5:00pm
Free for IAIA06 delegates
\$60 for others

World Bank Group Day

This seminar builds on the excellent exchanges of previous years, and the World Bank Group Day in Stavanger will bring the participants up-to-date on initiatives presented in 2004 and/or 2005. This will include the outcome of the IFC's safeguards updating process, an update of the World Bank's Use of the Country Systems Pilot Program, and will also share the first year's experience of the Revised World Bank Policy on Indigenous Peoples. This will in particular focus on the free, prior and informed consultation features of the policy. The seminar will include an opportunity for discussion of these policies' application in World Bank Group supported projects.

Monday, 22 May
9:00am – 4:00pm
Free for IAIA06 delegates
\$60 for others

Joint HIA-SIA Workshop **Integration: Theory to Practice**

Integration of different types of, or approaches in IA, has for some time been a much discussed topic. HIA and SIA experts experience overlap in their respective work, but also differences in issues, methods and approaches.

Cooperation between experts from different fields is seen as enriching and desirable by IA practitioners as well as decision-makers. Yet often it does not happen at the project level. Why this is so and what the barriers to effective integration are will be the focus of this preconference specialty workshop.

Invited HIA, SIA and other experts will be asked to cooperate on a specific case, bringing

in their respective approaches and expertise. Connecting to the IAIA06 central theme, they will focus on the energy sector as a case example reflecting the intersection and interaction of generic and specific contexts. The workshop agenda will focus on generic issues of integrated impact assessment as encountered and exemplified in specific activities and applications in the practice of HIA and SIA. Particular emphasis will be placed in the area of "Health, Safety, and Environment" (HSE) ... and related topics, such as corporate social performance and community relations ... as a case example reflecting the intersection and interaction of generic and specific contexts

Participants will receive a kick-off paper stating a number of issues to be specifically addressed in the workshop.

In the workshop, participants will experience working jointly on an impact assessment starting from different approaches. This will result in a set of recommendations to be presented in a theme forum. The recommendations will concern matters of content as well as procedural aspects. The workshop is meant to provide input for further development of integrated impact assessment, as well as for future cooperative activities, including draft terms of reference for a joint project extending over the coming year.

The workshop is open to any interested IAIA member/IAIA06 delegate.

Monday, 22 May
9:00am – 5:00pm
IAIA delegates: \$85
\$145 for others

Nordic IA Day

This day will provide an opportunity for the Nordic participants, and others interested in the Nordic countries, to meet and exchange information and learn about the main events in respective countries, and carrying on from the tradition of the Nordic EIA/SEA conferences held every other year since 1988.

A detailed program for the Nordic Day will be issued on the IAIA06 website at a later stage, but it will include invited speakers to present "outside" views on IA assessment in a Nordic context, and a number of common Nordic themes. The recently-completed and ongoing cases under the overall topic "Effectiveness and quality of IA in the Nordic countries" will be presented. Special focus will be on the practical aspects of the application of IA. Ample time will be set aside for discussions.

Participation at the Nordic Day is free to IAIA06 delegates. The seminar is open to practitioners, researchers, students and any other persons interested in research and practice concerning EIA, SEA and planning.

Participants from outside of the Nordic countries are most welcome.

Monday, 22 May
12:00pm – 5:00pm
Free for IAIA06 delegates
\$60 for others