



# IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND HUMAN WELL-BEING

29TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT**  
23-29 MAY 2009 • GIMPA GREENHILL • ACCRA, GHANA

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL  
FOR THEME FORUMS, SESSIONS, AND SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

## CONFERENCE THEME

How do you promote human well-being and protection of ecosystems when evaluating proposed development Policies, Plans, Programs, and Projects (PPPPs)?

Human well-being depends on ecosystem services, and a healthy environment is essential for improving development and human well-being. Impact assessment aims at ensuring a healthy environment, ultimately leading to improved human well-being.

This conference will assess the relevance of human well-being in impact assessments. IAIAog will involve you in discussions with experts from around the globe focusing on how impact assessment assures:

- Healthy environment
- Human well-being
- Sustainable development
- Protected ecosystems
- Quality of life

## CONFERENCE TOPICS

IAIAog participants are encouraged to highlight how the various instruments of impact assessment can assist developers, industry, decision-makers, development cooperation providers and the public with ensuring and promoting human well-being by integrating environmental, social, economic, and other concerns in the fields of:

- Climate change and human well-being
- Environment and human well-being
- Globalization and human well-being
- Environmental assessment administration in Africa
- Extractive industry
- Tourism
- Land use planning
- Coastal zone management
- Environmental governance in Africa
- Sustainable production and consumption
- Environmental compliance and enforcement
- Environmental liability and funding

**IAIAog**  
Accra, Ghana



*Adinkra Symbol of Unity  
and Human Relations*

*This symbol reminds everyone to give  
a helping hand to strengthen the  
community in which he or she lives.*

**HOSTED BY**

Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Environment (MLGRDE)  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
International Association for Impact Assessment-Ghana (IAIA-Ghana)

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## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

### DEADLINES

- 10 September 2008: Proposals for theme forums, sessions, and special meetings
- 28 February 2009: Registration deadline for organizers and presenters.

### LANGUAGE

- English

### HOW TO SEND

**Theme forums and sessions:** Follow the instructions at [www.iaia.org](http://www.iaia.org) > Conferences > IAIA09.

**Special meetings:** Contact IAIA HQ for information.

### ACCEPTANCE & REGISTRATION

Organizers will receive an immediate confirmation of receipt with successful online submission. The Program Committee will notify session organizers of acceptance status by 15 September 2008.

The organizer of a proposed theme forum or session is required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 28 February 2009. Organizers not able to comply with this requirement will be dropped from the program.

**REMEMBER:** Early registration will also save you money! IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for program participants.

## PROGRAM

In addition to conference session, workshops, and training courses, you will also be able to choose technical visits and sightseeing tours, including Lake Volta/Akosombo Dam, deepwater Tema Port, a cocoa processing factory, gold mines, national parks, and more.

Preliminary program and registration materials will be available on the web site and from IAIA HQ in October 2008.

Paper and poster submission will also open in October.

## WELCOME TO ACCRA, GHANA

Accra is the capital of the Republic of Ghana. Located on the Atlantic coast, Accra was originally built around a port, and its architecture ranges from large and elegant 19th Century colonial buildings to modern high rise buildings. Accra is also home to an impressive National Theatre and the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, where independence was declared in 1957.

The University of Ghana, with its distinctive buildings set among elegant tree-lined gardens, is close to the conference venue, just 14km north of Accra. Accra is also known for Makola, the famous large and busy open air market. Three forts and castles, including the famous Christianborg Castle, which is currently the seat of government, all lie within Accra.

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## HOST ORGANIZATIONS



Environmental Protection Agency



Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development, and Environment

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## VISITING GHANA

Close to the center of the earth where the Equator and the Greenwich Meridian meet, Ghana is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the south and three French-speaking African countries: Burkina Faso (north), La Cote d'Ivoire (west), and Togo (east).

Ghana is the first sub-Saharan independent African country and has beautiful beaches and former slave forts along the coast; Lake Volta, the largest man-made lake by surface area in the world; and the only forest canopy walkway tour in Africa at the Kakum National Park.

Come and experience these and other attractions and the remnants of the euphoria of the 50th Independence Celebrations, African Cup of Nations Tournament, AU Summit, and the UNCTAD Conference.

## ABOUT IAIA

For nearly 30 years, the **International Association for Impact Assessment** has been holding annual conference events that bring together impact assessment professionals and environmental decision makers from government, academia, industry, and donor agencies for networking and professional exchange. IAIA promotes best practice in impact assessment and has members from over 120 nations.

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