

Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA)

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IAIA 04

EA and Public Participation

Project (Calabash)

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Progress

The future

SAIEA

is an indigenous non-profit organization that promotes sustainable development in southern Africa through improved and more effective use of Environmental Impact Assessment

EA and Public Participation

EA can be viewed as a litmus
test for **governance reform** due
to public participation aspect

EA core element of good

governance (transparency,

access to information, coherence, participation,
human rights, accountability)

Overall Project

Local community and govt EA capacity for PP

Improve civil society involvement in decision making (local focus)

Develop “grassroots” environmental assessors

2 years

Some Results

Situation Assessment

Project Advisory Team

Project Strategy Workshop (Windhoek)

Web node with EAPP material compiled

Community and govt EA/PP Process handbook

Trainers kit for grassroots and govt assessors

Test materials then refine

Project report –EA as a governance tool

Stakeholder Public Participation Barometer

SADC EA and PP principles

Better policy and practice for EA in SADC

Networking and Collaboration Key

- **ICMM and Public Participation**
- **Pact Kenya – Community Impact Assessment
Network for Eastern Africa (CIANEA)**
- **UNEP Integrated Assessment**
- **IAIA Biodiversity Capacity Building**
- **Others??**

African saying on democracy:

**Until lions have their
historians, tales of the hunt
shall always glorify the hunter.**

Question for discussion:

What needs to be done to move EA and PP forward in SADC as well as at the community level?

Thank you very much from the
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