

Making Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Count in the Planning and Environmental Assessment Process.

Our goal is to equip participants with the knowledge, understanding and technical skills to commission or do social impact assessment (SIA) at the community and project level for a variety of development and policy proposals for both developed and developing countries. To achieve this goal, we use a combination of instructor presentations and group activity around a practical case study to achieve the following objectives:

- Understand the history and framework for doing a social impact assessment within the context of the planning/decision process for a proposed project or policy;
- Be able to implement “scoping” and to identify “stakeholders” within the SIA-EIA process as commonly used by government and private sector agencies as well as national and international donor organizations;
- Understand how to identify and gather data for the description and measurement of key social impact assessment variables;
- Understand measures utilized to enhance and mitigate significant social impacts within a variety of assessment processes and settings;
- And finally, to understand the participatory elements of the SIA process and the relationship between SIA and public involvement.

Target Audience

The two day course on social impact assessment (SIA) is designed for planners; government agency personnel; development workers for domestic and international donor organizations, extension and community development workers; as well as faculty and students in town and regional planning, environmental studies, engineering, the social sciences; and any person wanting to learn about or do social impact assessment either as a stand alone activity or part of environmental or other types of assessments.

Participant Background

The course is designed for persons who have no prior experience with SIA and those with some experience but who wish to update their SIA skills against common international practice.

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Detailed outline at: www.socialimpactassessment.net/IAIA2007SeoulSIACourse.htm

Language: English

Min/Max: 10-30

Duration: 2 days

Short Title for the Registration Form: Social Impact Assessment in Planning & the EA Process