

Public Participation in Environmental Assessment

A course on improving stakeholder engagement and governance in EA processes

Training Course—IAIA 06

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A two Day Training Course

- ✓ Tailored for IAIA'06
- ✓ Based on extensive research
- ✓ Geared to practical implementation
- ✓ Facilitated by professional trainers



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Environmental Assessment (EA) is widely regarded as a front line planning tool since EAs can improve the benefits of projects and reduce unwanted impacts.

The effectiveness of EAs depends very much on the ability of stakeholders (including the public) to participate in order to ensure that development initiatives consider broad-based concerns.

Public Participation also improves governance since development must consider a wide range of issues that include rural livelihoods, community upliftment, national priorities, the need to conserve the natural environment and the need to maintain ecological functioning.

Yet limited access to resource and information, poor understanding of EA processes and legislation, and limited confidence (or even fear) often limit the capacity of individuals, communities and institutions to participate effectively in EA.

This Course is a culmination of two years of research and analysis by SAIEA's Calabash Project to strengthen one of the weakest aspects of EA in southern Africa—public participation: It provides stakeholders with information on their rights to participate, effective methods of participation, how proponents and governments can improve the way they facilitate participation, and how best EA processes can harness stakeholder energy and knowledge in a positive and constructive way.



This course provides :

- Detailed information on Public Participation in EA processes
- Interactive training in public participation with Lectures, Role Playing, Case Studies
- Guidelines and tips on more effective ways of participation
- Training materials, literature and CD provided to each participant
- A certificate on successful completion of the course

Who should attend

- ✓ Developers / proponents
- ✓ EA practitioners
- ✓ Government and Local Authority officials
- ✓ NGOs and CBOs

