

Training Course

Environmental Assessment

An introductory course

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A four Day Course

- ✓ Tailored for your needs and budget
- ✓ Offered on request in your country
- ✓ Based on extensive research
- ✓ Geared to practical implementation
- ✓ Facilitated by professional trainers



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Most African countries require Environmental Assessments (EAs) to be conducted for major projects prior to their approval.

Developers must commission EA studies as part of their planning. Independent consultants usually do the work.

However, many consultants are not EA experts, having originally trained as sociologists, ecologists, hydrologists, archaeologists, land use planners or some other discipline. Similarly, government officials and developers are often unfamiliar with EA: a process that is a *dynamic mixture of disciplines*; a combination of science, art, politics and governance.

Inadequate knowledge of EA often leads to confusion, poor quality work, contradictory expectations, frustration and sometimes, to unnecessary conflicts.

Concepts such as scoping, screening, public participation, impacts and mitigation, the precautionary and preventative principles, the *no net loss rule* and *opportunity costs* need to be well understood.

This course will help emerging EA practitioners, developers, regulators, NGOs and other decision makers to understand EA processes and to appreciate the value of EA as a Sustainable Development tool.



This course provides :

- An introduction to environmental law and International agreements
- An explanation of EA principles and steps in the EA process
- Illustration through African case studies that show good EA practice and the benefits of EA
- Hands-on exposure through role play exercises and conducting a "mini-EA"
- Training materials, literature and CD provided to each participant
- A certificate on successful completion of the course

Who should attend

- ✓ Mid-level Government and Local Authority officials
- ✓ Development agencies
- ✓ Developers / entrepreneurs
- ✓ Emerging EA practitioners
- ✓ NGOs and CBOs