



After the completion of the six detailed EIA/PP case studies Calabash is now developing a **Handbook of Environmental Assessment and Public Participation** which will be based on the findings of the case study work. This handbook will be available early in 2005. As part of that work, Calabash organized a 2 day workshop in Windhoek on November 30/December 1, 2004 to develop the framework for the handbook. Participants who were at this workshop included key individuals who were at the core of the respective environmental assessments and public participation efforts.

Calabash is also drawing from the case study work to develop a set of template **Terms of Reference for Public Participation**

Programmes that can be used for a point environmental assessment, linear environmental assessment and a strategic environmental assessment.

An "**Opportunities for Civil Society Participation**" handbook for the SADC region is also in the works which will identify the rights communities have to participate as conferred by regional, national and international laws, policies and conventions.

SAIEA hosted a research student from the University of Cambridge, Mr Theo Hacking in Windhoek. Having worked in the mining and natural resources industries for more than ten years, Theo Hacking returned to the university at the beginning of 2003 to undertake research in his area of interest, namely mining and sustainable development (SD). The objective of his research is to establish how the assessment of mining projects should be undertaken so as to be most effective at directing the planning and decision-making process towards sustainable development.

New registrations on our expert data base:

Awatif Omer - **Sudan**
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Welcome!

SEA: SAIEA is providing a one-day training course on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to the Southern African Power Pool on 8th February at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The course is going to be presented by Bryony Walmsley of SAIEA's South African office and will provide delegates with an introduction to SEA, the key elements of SEA, how it fits into the overall planning process and how it differs from, and provides a compliment to, the environmental impact assessment process. The course will draw on a number of case studies to illustrate the effectiveness of SEA in decision-making.

A workshop co-hosted by the Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development will take place in Halong Bay, Vietnam from January 24/25, 2005. It is planned to share experiences and assess the current status as well as future prospects for strategic environmental assessment (SEA) in international development cooperation.

SAIEA SA has moved to a new location in Cape Town.

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All the above activities are underway and SAIEA welcomes your feedback!