

AAPF ACTIVITY COMPLETION BRIEF (9 March 2013)



Participation in the Annual Conference of the
International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA)

27 May – 1 June 2012



Results

Fifty-seven participants from 21 countries attended the IAIA Conference through AusAID Capacity Building Stipends:

- 49 per cent of participants were women; and
- 59 per cent of participants were from government, 24 per cent from industry, 10 per cent from NGOs and 7 per cent from universities.

Participation by country and gender:

Country	M	F	Total
Benin	1	0	1
Botswana	2	0	2
Burkina Faso	1	0	1
Cameroon	0	2	2
Cote d'Ivoire	1	0	1
Ethiopia	2	0	2
Ghana	4	2	6
Kenya	0	3	3
Liberia	0	1	1
Madagascar	0	2	2
Malawi	2	0	2
Mozambique	3	3	6
Niger	1	0	1
Nigeria	4	3	7
Rwanda	1	0	1
Senegal	0	2	2
South Africa	0	3	3
Tanzania	3	1	4
Uganda	0	3	3
Zambia	3	2	5
Zimbabwe	1	1	2
Total	29	28	57

Feedback from participants: When interviewed six months after the conference, feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Not only did all respondents believe they had acquired new information and/or techniques directly applicable to their work situation as a result of conference events, but 64 per cent reported that they were applying the knowledge.

Moutari Maharman, from Niger, “adapted the EIA review sheet gained from the IAIA training course to my country situation as I found the sheet very useful”.

Lillian Kalenge, from Zambia, drew on the advice from other African colleagues she met at the conference to help resolve an issue she was facing.

Inyingi Sabina Brown from Nigeria noted that, as a result of the training, she facilitated a process whereby “it is now a requirement for project proponents to ensure that their EIA (environmental impact assessment) documents contain information indicating the effects of their operations in relation to other facilities and the environment”.

Background: The International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) brings together researchers, practitioners and users of impact assessment from all parts of the world and from many disciplines and professions.

Through donor funding, IAIA’s Capacity Building Stipend Program enables impact assessment professionals from developing countries to attend international IAIA conferences where they participate in focused training activities, discussion sessions, research presentations and various professional networking opportunities.

Activity description: AusAID contributed AUD277 978 to the IAIA Capacity Building Stipend Program for the 32nd Annual Conference of the IAIA in Porto, Portugal, from 27 May to 1 June, 2012. The AusAID stipends (approximately AUD5 000 per participant) covered participant travel, accommodation, per diems, IAIA membership and attendance.

IAIA selected participants based on the following criteria provided by AusAID:

- African nationals employed in Africa who were:
 - working for government, industry, academia or NGOs/civil society; and
 - working with or in the extractive industries sector in the field of impact assessment or related areas.

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