

# The Process of Social Impact Assessment in Renewable Energy Projects

**7th – 11th November 2022**

**Johannesburg, South Africa**

**Application deadline – 20 September 2022**

**Course fee; USD\$ 1000**

Fee includes course materials, accommodation, and some meals



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# THE PROCESS OF SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS



**Renewable energy projects invariably have ecological and social footprints that can be manifold and affect for example physical structures, land used for agriculture or grazing, forest lands and water ways for fisheries, vulnerability and mobility. Project impacts can cause loss or changes in;**

- the natural resource base
- livelihoods
- cultural heritage and access
- resettlement

Social Impact Assessment (SIA) is an instrument that is part of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process that is required by international and national institutes/governments.



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SIA is used to acquire an acute baseline of data and knowledge impact that a planned project may have. Impact assessments as the SIA process require the use of methods for data collection and communication which provide the basis for understanding project impacts and importantly how the impacts may be avoided and minimized.

Local communities living within the project footprint area are usually subject to relocation which requires not only detailed documentation of households but also compensation and livelihood restoration: neither of which can be handled adequately without baseline data.

Changes and loss of cultural heritage, access to resource bases, and ecosystem services are key cross-cutting aspects that require well thought out methodologies.



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The course provides the essential processes, methods/ approaches and mitigation and enhancement measures that are elemental to assuring representativeness, fairness and sustainable well-being of affected communities. The course draws from both African and international examples.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course will introduce the participants to procedures that should be followed in order to comply with today's requirements for a sound social impact assessment process, including strategic priorities and national guidelines, and to provide tools for planning renewable energy projects in the best possible way on a national, regional, and local level.

## COURSE CONTENTS

- Background and development of SIA
- Impact assessment methodologies
- Baseline data and mitigation measures
- Stakeholder consultation process & rights
- Resettlement and livelihood development
- Gender, health issues, services etc
- The role of NGO's and monitoring
- Environmental and technical issues
- Indigenous peoples and vulnerable groups
- Institutional strengthening and capacity building
- Financial and budget issues
- Monitoring, supervision and governance
- Corporate Social responsibility

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## SPECIFICS FOR THE COURSE

### TARGET GROUP

The course is aimed at power companies, ministries, authorities, NGO's, relevant private enterprises, and others working with development of water resources requiring structured knowledge of the SIA process.

Executives of power companies, ministries, water resource and energy agencies and relevant private sector enterprises with management responsibility or influence on project planning will benefit from this course.

The course will also be of value to engineers working in water resources planning and multipurpose projects.

### COURSE DATES

Participants are expected to arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa on Sunday 6th November, and leave no earlier than Saturday 12th November.

Information on travel, detailed course programme and other relevant information will be sent to all selected participants in due course.

### GENERAL

All lecturers and resource persons are well-known specialists within their field, and they have extensive international and regional experience.

Attending the courses is an opportunity to discuss and learn about current energy sector issues related to renewables together with professionals from the continent and abroad.

Participants are encouraged to bring along information that can be shared about pending energy and social issues of your interest.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of about 5 years of working experience is required.
- Applicants should hold an applicable degree or possess relevant background knowledge.
- Proficiency in English is compulsory for all the courses.

Notice of admission will be given shortly after the application closing date.

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Information on travel, detailed course programme and other relevant information will be sent to all participants in due course.

Participants are expected to arrive at the venue of the course the day prior to the course start and leave no earlier than the day after end of the course.

### COURSE FEE

The course fee includes lectures, materials, accommodation, and some meals.

International travel expenses are not included. There is a reduced fee for ICH members.

A limited number of sponsored seats are available for participants from countries prioritized by NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation).

Those who would like a guaranteed seat on the course should secure their own funding.

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